

September 2020

# Food For Thought

"Lend a hand to help feed your fellow man"



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## FACTS ABOUT HUNGER IN AMERICA

- Every community in America has families that struggle with hunger. This Hunger Action Month, learn more about hunger in America.
- Each year, millions of people in America face hunger. The coronavirus pandemic has caused even more families to struggle. We estimate that 54 million people may be food insecure in 2020, including 18 million children.
  - The pandemic has caused more families to seek help from food banks in the Feeding America network. Food banks estimate that 4 in 10 people visiting a food bank now need assistance as a result of COVID-19.
  - Experiencing hunger during childhood can have a life-long impact on your mental and physical health and educational achievement.
  - Many of the families that Feeding America food banks serve

ACTIVATE. EDUCATE. VOLUNTEER. DONATE.



Please support the BCEFP through AmazonSmile! Please sign into Amazon Smile at <http://smile.amazon.com>. Sign in and select the Pantry as your nonprofit organization! Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to BCEFP!

Please don't forget to sign in and out each time you volunteer at the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry & Support Center Inc. We would like for you to **PRINT your first and last names on the Volunteer Log Sheet**. **Your volunteer hours count in more ways than you know.**

- ✓ Volunteer hours help to provide matching dollars for grants.
- ✓ Volunteer hours helps the agency plan accordingly to meet the needs of our clients.
- ✓ Volunteer hours show how vested the community is in the agency mission.

Thanks!



**REMEMBER:** Volunteer names for the Donation Center do not show up on the monthly calendar. **Activate. Educate. Volunteer. Donate.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Please make sure you have a volunteer badge and gloves on at all times and closed-toed shoes are required when at the Pantry.

**TRAINING** Scanner Training – any volunteer working in the Whole Grains Program will need to participate in a short Scanner Training please contact Tresha Silva at [director@bastropfoodpantry.org](mailto:director@bastropfoodpantry.org) to set up a date to train.

**CLASSES** Volunteer Orientation – September 1, 2020 at 6pm Food Safety Training: TBA Donation Center Refresher Training: TBA

### OUR IMPACT

Our Impact: : May 25, 2020 - June 25, 2020  
Client Service Report Month Ending July 25 FY20

**Volunteer Hours: 168 hrs**

	# of Clients	Pounds	Members in Household
NIBBLES	0	0	0
Brown Bag	95	4392	144
Commodities	76	2475	109
Emergency Asst.	121	14855	375
Fresh Foods for Families	0	0	0
Open Arms	4	80	9
Disaster Asst.	13	561	19
Pantry Express	0	0	0
Special Asst. Program	0	0	0
Senior Activity	0	0	0
Whole Grains	355	5514	540
<b>TOTAL SERVED</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>27877</b>	<b>1196</b>

### IMMEDIATE HELP NEEDED

**DONATION CENTER:** a steady stream of volunteers to team up on a regular basis to work in the sorting, dating, packing boxes and moving them to the Front Pantry for distribution. Approximately 6-8 people are needed on Tuesday and Thursday, mornings and afternoons.

**"SHARE A SMILE":** "Share a warm smile and a kind word" to the clients during Whole Grains Distribution on Monday, Wednesdays, and/or Fridays of each week of the month.

### Wish List

- Bingo gifts (unisex)
- Syrup
- Jelly
- Dried Beans (All types)
- Stuffing
- 64 oz. Juices
- Canned Tuna or Chicken
- Soups – Broth & Cream-based
- Hamburger Helper (Tuna and Chicken)
- Hygiene Items, i.e., bath soap, toilet paper, deodorant
- Laundry Soap
- Canned green beans
- Canned corn
- Dry pinto beans
- Tuna
- Mac n cheese
- Peanut butter
- Dry cereals
- Small bags sugar
- Small bags flour
- Cooking oil (vegetable)
- Coffee

### HAPPY BIRTH DAY

9/24 Rita Alonzo

### Important Dates

09/03/20 PANTRY EXPRESS 4:00 – 7:00 pm  
BCEFP CLOSED SEPTEMBER 7, 2020

### We're Searching for Volunteers

We know everyone, but if you or someone you know could give an hour or two in the donation center, we would greatly appreciate it!

We are looking for volunteers that can assist with administrative tasks like filing, Excel, answering phones, etc. Please apply with Tresha Silva if interested in volunteering.

- If you have any students that need community service hours for school clubs or to fulfill a legal obligation, please come to the Pantry now and get an application. Get the process started so you are ready to volunteer during the spring and summer school breaks!
- If you or any group you know may be interested in volunteering, go to [www.bastropfoodpantry.org](http://www.bastropfoodpantry.org) or stop by 806 Fayette Street Bastrop, TX 78602, for a volunteer application.

Find us on Facebook **Bastrop County Food Pantry**

The mission of the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry & Support Center is to serve Bastrop County residents going through periods of transition by providing emergency food assistance, education and support.

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work part-time or full-time jobs. However, low wages, underemployment, and necessary expenses like rent prevent families from meeting their basic needs.

- Federal nutrition programs, like SNAP and WIC, feed millions every year. Yet, many who struggle with hunger are unlikely to qualify for these programs because they are employed or have incomes slightly above the poverty-line.

In honor of Hunger Awareness Month we **invite you to join us in the effort to end hunger in our community — especially for our youth.**

Please visit our website at  
**[www.bastropfoodpantry.org](http://www.bastropfoodpantry.org)**  
for more information and how you can take action against hunger!