

# Food For Thought

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## BASTROP COUNTY FOOD PANTRY RECEIVES A BOX TRUCK

Recently we received a box truck to help us pick up donations and our products from the Central Texas Food Bank. We will now be able to pick up 4000 more pounds of food for the Pantry. Thank you to the Carl C. Anderson Sr. and Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation, the Central Texas Food Bank, and some amazing individual donors. The truck picks up every Tuesday morning and volunteers are needed to help unload it back here at the BCEFP.



### OUR IMPACT

Our Impact: : August 26, 2020 - September 25, 2020

Client Service Report Month Ending September 25 FY20

Volunteer Hours: **250.35 hrs**

	# of Clients	Pounds	Members in Household
NIBBLES	12	2355.55	0
Brown Bag	102	4034	151
Commodities	77	2464	110
Emergency Asst.	128	15892.06	380
Fresh Foods for Families	0	0	0
Open Arms	4	68	9
Disaster Asst.	4	220.44	6
Pantry Express	4	535	9
Special Asst. Program	0	0	0
Senior Activity	0	0	0
Whole Grains	377	7584	591
<b>TOTAL SERVED</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>33153.05</b>	<b>1256</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

- Syrup
- Jelly Plastic Containers
- Stuffing
- 64 oz. Juices
- Canned Tuna
- Soups - Broth & Cream-based
- Hamburger Helper (Tuna and Chicken)
- Canned green beans
- Canned corn
- Mac n cheese
- Dry cereals
- Small bags sugar
- Small bags flour
- Cooking oil (vegetable)
- Coffee

In light of the up-coming holidays we will be assembling family holiday boxes, so we are stocking up on french fried onions, stuffing, gravy packets, cranberry sauce, & canned pie filling.



11/3 Susan Eastburn 11/27 Rick Bartlett  
11/5 Esther Gonzales-Garry

### Important Dates

11/5/20 PANTRY EXPRESS 4:00 - 7:00 pm  
11/14/20 Elgin Empty Bowl  
11/26-27 Closed for Thanksgiving

### 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!

### OUR COMMUNITY AND STAFF THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION!

- ✓ Remember to sign in and out each time you volunteer here at the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry
- ✓ Your volunteer hours count in more ways than you know.
- ✓ Volunteer hours help to provide matching dollars for grants.
- ✓ Volunteer hours help the agency plan accordingly to meet the needs of our clients.
- ✓ Volunteers show how vested the community is in the agency mission.



### 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 CLASSES

**ALL VOLUNTEER CLASSES WILL BE VIA ZOOM DURING THE BASTROP COUNTY COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS.**

**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.

**Volunteer Orientation** - TBA and will be via Zoom **Food Safety Training:** TBA **Donation Center Refresher Training:** TBA



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!

### ADMINISTRATIVE VOLUNTEERS:

a few volunteers that can assist with tasks like filing, Excel, answering phones, and other clerical tasks.

**SHORT TERM VOLUNTEERS:** 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!

**GROUP VOLUNTEERS:** There are many opportunities for church groups, civic clubs, work groups, to volunteer. Please apply with Catherine Hausenfluke, Tresha Silva or visit our website [www.BastropFoodPantry.org](http://www.BastropFoodPantry.org) to get a Volunteer Application.



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**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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## **ELGIN EMPTY BOWL PROJECT**

### **NOVEMBER 14TH 2020**

Instead of the usual full-house indoor event and soup sampling, it's going outside at the SPJST Lodge parking lot, 702 Highway 95 South.

It will be an all drive-through event where ticketed participants will each receive a "goodie bag" containing a hand-decorated pottery bowl—an Empty Bowl tradition—plus discount coupons from local restaurants and merchants. All "seasoned" with the satisfaction of knowing that participants have helped put food on the table of the burgeoning number of Elginites in economic crisis and urgent need.

Event proceeds will be shared among the three foods initiatives serving the Elgin community: the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry, the Elgin Community Cupboard and the Food Pantry of the First Baptist Church of Elgin. Cupboards are bare: each of these organizations are struggling to meet overwhelming demand; your support would be a blessing.

Further information and tickets (\$20 per person) at <http://bit.ly/2T0pwp5ElginEmptyBowl> and at the event as well.