

May 2021

# Food For Thought

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## BASTROP COUNTY EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

### NIBBLES Program

The Nutrition in Backpacks before Little One's Exit School (NIBBLES) provides weekend meals and snacks during the school year for 168 children from low-income families at Lost Pines Elementary, Red Rock Elementary, Emile Elementary, and Bastrop Intermediate schools. The schools provide in-school time food, but families have little to no options for the weekends, until now. The Food Pantry purchases the food and coordinates with local volunteers to put the 5lbs of food bags together and deliver them weekly to the schools every Friday. The students receive enough food and snacks for the entire weekend. The Pantry to continue to serve the 1 in 4 Bastrop County youth who experience food insecurity.

NIBBLES program is three years old and brings joy and security to many sweet little faces at BISD each week.

This school year so far NIBBLES has distributed more than 34,000 pounds of food. Every week a team of volunteers prep and prepare a bag of food that can travel home with a student on the bus. NIBBLES volunteers are a very important part of the program. Thank you to the team of volunteers from Bastrop First Church and Jody Wright, Don Hall, Jim Laird, Jordanna Graber,

## OUR IMPACT

Volunteer Hours for the reporting month April 2021

Client Service Report Month Ending April 25th FY2021

Volunteer Hours: **284 hrs**

	# of Clients	Pounds of Food
NIBBLES	12	2515
Brown Bag	101	2431
Commodities	75	2475
Emergency Asst.	79	10597.42
Fresh Foods for Families	0	0
Open Arms	4	68
Disaster Asst.	0	0
Pantry Express	2	298
Special Asst. Program	129	4596
Senior Activity	0	0
Whole Grains	287	5935
<b>TOTAL SERVED</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>28915.42</b>



5/12 Duane Rowe

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 5/6 PANTRY EXPRESS 4:00 - 7:00 pm
- 5/10 Homeless Distribution Day 1:30 - 3:30 pm
- 5/31 Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

**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.

### \*\*\*\*LOOKING FORWARD TO A VERY IMPORTANT TRAINING\*\*\*\*

Volunteers that work directly with clients will need to complete the CTFB Civil Rights Training on line at <https://www.centraltexasfoodbank.org/agencies> then scroll to Resource and Under Training you will see the Civil Rights Training. Please complete the training, there are quizzes involved, and email your certification to me so I can put it in your Volunteer file here at BCEP.

**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** – *May 4, 2021, at 10am*

**Food Safety Training** – *May 4, 2021, at 10:30am*

**TRAINING  
CLASSES**

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and Mary Reinhardt. Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry can make NIBBLES possible because of our charitable funding from the City of Bastrop and donation from the community and organization

## VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS



**#1 2020 Top VOLUNTEER**

**LISA GOSSETT**  
315 Volunteer Hours




**#2 TOP 2020 VOLUNTEER**

**Jim Laird**  
294 Volunteer Hours





**#3 TOP 2020 VOLUNTEER**

**Barbara Adkins**  
256 Volunteer Hours




## Wish List

- Bingo gifts (unisex)
  - Syrup
  - Jelly Plastic Containers
  - Dried Beans (All types)
  - Stuffing
  - 64 oz. Juices
  - Canned Tuna
  - Soups – Broth & Cream-based
  - Hamburger Helper (Tuna and Chicken)
  - Coffee
  - Hygiene Items, i.e., bath soap, toilet paper, deodorant
  - Laundry Soap
  - Canned green beans
  - Canned corn
  - Mac n cheese
  - Dry cereals
  - Small bags sugar
  - Small bags flour
  - Cooking oil (vegetable)
  - Cream of Mushroom Soup
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**IMMEDIATE VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE ARE:**

**STOCKING HELP VOLUNTEERS:** Opportunity to help stock and rotate stock in our Supply Room. Volunteers would be lifting 50-100 lbs of food items to be stored and rotated on a regular basis. Most of this is done on Thursdays from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

**DONATION CENTER:** a steady stream of volunteers is required 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.

**GROUP VOLUNTEERS:** There are many opportunities for church groups, civic clubs, work groups, to volunteer.

Please apply with Tresha Silva or visit our website at [www.https://BastropFoodPantry.org](https://BastropFoodPantry.org) to get a Volunteer Application.



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Our staff is amazing! We are so excited to welcome our new stock clerk, Dusty Silva. She currently lives in Giddings, Texas. She brings her years of food industry experience as a server, stocker, and manager to the Food Pantry. Dusty has 3 children and 6 grandchildren with one more on the way. In her free time, she loves to spend time with her family, cook, bake, and sew. Join us in welcoming, Dusty!

## ACTIVATE. EDUCATE. VOLUNTEER. DONATE.



1. Sign into Amazon Smile at <http://smile.amazon.com> (you have to do this on a computer, it doesn't let you connect your Amazon account from a cell phone).
2. Sign in and select the Pantry as your nonprofit organization!
3. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to BCEFP! And it adds up fast!!

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

- ✓ 1. Sign in (and out) each time you volunteer here at the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry
- ✓ 2. Wear a badge and gloves at all times when at the Pantry. **MASK ARE REQUIRED**
- ✓ 3. Please let Tresha know, either via phone or email, if you are unable to fulfill your shift

Your volunteer hours count in more ways than you know.  
Volunteer hours help to provide matching dollars for grants.



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