

June 2021

Food For Thought

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BASTROP COUNTY EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

<https://forms.gle/dyKK4PF6P7x1xAkm8> <--- Survey link

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Tresha Silva Executive Director



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When is the right time to open the Food Pantry

- Now
- Later in the summer

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OUR IMPACT

Volunteer Hours for the reporting month April 2021

Client Service Report Month Ending April 25th FY2021

Volunteer Hours: **207 hrs**

	# of Clients	Pounds of Food
NIBBLES	20	4200
Brown Bag	95	2160
Commodities	72	2541
Emergency Asst.	84	14033
Fresh Foods for Families	0	0
Open Arms	4	68
Disaster Asst.	0	0
Pantry Express	2	298
Special Asst. Program	3	192
Senior Activity	0	0
Whole Grains	276	6023
TOTAL SERVED	556	29515



- 6/3 Taylor Andry
- 6/13 Barbra Adkins
- 6/20 Jordana Graber
- 6/21 Dusty Silva
- 6/25 Dick Smith

IMPORTANT DATES

- 6/6 PANTRY EXPRESS 4:00 - 7:00 pm
- 6/14 Homeless Distribution Day 1:30 - 3:30 pm

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

****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 to set up a date to train.

Volunteer Orientation – TBA

Food Safety Training – TBA

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VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

A staff member nominated Mike Horton, "Mr. Mike", to be May's volunteer of the month. It's also, his birthday (HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY!). Mr. Mike, he lends a hand were ever he is needed. He does general maintenance repairs for the Food Pantry, delivers food to homebound seniors, picks up food donations, and even helped tear down the old shed and finish off the NIBBLES building. Staff say, "Mr. Mike is a gem." And "Mr. Mike is awesome! He always goes above and beyond when it comes to the Food Pantry" And "Mr. Mike is a true, caring person who goes out of his way to help. We are blessed to have him." Thank you, Mr. Mike for everything that you do for the Food Pantry.



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



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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We are highlighting Sandra.

Sandra came to the Food Pantry in 2018 after working ten years at a Food Pantry in Waller, Texas. She currently manages the Brown Bag, senior program and our participants love working with her.

Sandra said, "I feel so blessed to be able to serve our clients in the Brown Bag Program and look forward to each day serving them." In her spare time she enjoys gardening and spending time with her four grandchildren.

Thank you Mrs. Sandra for be a difference maker!

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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