

July 2021

Food For Thought

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BASTROP COUNTY EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

Volunteer Phase One—White Page

SUMMARY

The Food Pantry is beginning phase one of the transition back to pre-pandemic distribution and policies beginning July 1, 2021. During this Phase there are a few important things to note.

1. Masks are required when in the building regardless of vaccination status.
2. Clients will be allowed into the building and will once again get to choose their food (NO PREPACKING), but there will be a limit to how many people are allowed inside at a time.
3. Fresh Food for Families is returning, with the first distribution being held July 16 at 10am
4. We will be serving clients every 30-days and will be adding a by appointment day at the end of the summer.

DETAIL BY PROGRAM

Brown Bag/ Whole Grains/Commodity Boxes/Open Arms

- Clients may elect to do a curbside distribution rather than enter the building.
- Client choice returns (no more prepacking)

OUR IMPACT

Volunteer Hours for the reporting month May 2021

Client Service Report Month Ending May 25th FY2021

Volunteer Hours: 250 hrs

	# of Clients	Pounds of Food
NIBBLES	12	2520
Brown Bag	92	2288
Commodities	72	2160
Emergency Asst.	94	15011
Fresh Foods for Families	0	0
Open Arms	1	18
Disaster Asst.	0	0
Pantry Express	1	220
Special Asst. Program	3	180
Senior Activity	0	0
Whole Grains	26 6	6495
TOTAL SERVED	541	28892



7/1 Debbie Baker
7/5 Terry Woods
7/19 Karen Kahan

IMPORTANT DATES

7/1 PANTRY EXPRESS 4:00 - 7:00 pm
7/12 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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- Health screenings
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/screening/paper-version.pdf>
- Spend less than 15 minutes per client to limit exposure
- Only two clients in the building at a time
- Transportation and senior activities will be addressed in phase 2

Emergency Food Assistance

- Client choice returns
- Thursdays will be by appointment only (NO WALK UPS) starting in August/September
- Clients may choose a curbside option for services
- Front door will remain locked and doorbell system kept in place. Clients take a number.
- Waiting Room will have two clusters of four chairs that are as far apart as space allows.
- Limiting Persons in Pantry
 - Two (4 person) families ONLY in waiting room at a time
 - Large families will be encouraged to use curbside or appointment only.
 - Ages three and up MUST wear a mask for the health and safety of the staff and volunteers.

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 to get a Volunteer Application.

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We are highlighting Kirista

Meet Kirista Avery, our Data Entry Clerk. Her hard work and dedication is an asset to the Food Pantry.

"I'm thankful to have been giving the chance to work alongside my coworkers and volunteers, to help fight hunger in Bastrop County. 1 in 4 children in Bastrop County face some type of food insecurity and I'm happy to be part of the solution." - Kirista Avery

Thank you Ms. Kirista 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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