

September 2021

Food For Thought

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SEPTEMBER HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH

September is Hunger Awareness Month! This year we will be focusing on our amazing NIBBLES program, which provides out of schooltime food for students at three partner schools: Lost Pines Elementary, Red Rock Elementary, and Bastrop Intermediate. As kids are getting ready to go to school, whether at home or at school, hunger is often the biggest concern for students and their families. Our program takes away the worry about what students will eat over the weekend. Our current funding only allows us to serve 141 children. We want to grow the number of students we serve with this program, but we need your help. You can help us plant the seeds of our program expansion through your generous donations. Please consider sponsoring a weekend bag for a child or if you are able, sponsor a child for the school year. For every \$10 donated you will be feeding a child in need for one weekend. The NIBBLES program will begin its distribution on September 16th. If you would like to volunteer with the NIBBLES project please contact Jody Wright at jwright@bastropfoodpantry.org



OUR IMPACT

Volunteer Hours for the reporting month July 2021

Client Service Report Month Ending July 25th FY2021

Volunteer Hours: **153.45 hrs**

	# of Clients	Pounds of Food
NIBBLES	4	840
Brown Bag	95	2281
Commodities	73	2044
Emergency Asst.	103	16821
Fresh Foods for Families	0	0
Open Arms	3	57
Disaster Asst.	0	0
Pantry Express	1	111
Special Asst. Program	6	225
Senior Activity	0	0
Whole Grains	293	5964
TOTAL SERVED	578	28343



9/21 Gina Morgan
9/25 Ann Moore
9/25 Cara Jill Grinnell
9/28 Diana Kennett

IMPORTANT DATES

9/2 PANTRY EXPRESS 4:00 - 7:00 pm
9/13 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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WELCOME JODY WRIGHT TO OUR BCEFP FAMILY

We are happy to announce the Jody Wright has joined the Bastrop County Emergency Food & Support Center team as the newly hired Volunteer Coordinator. Below Jody has written a short bio about who she is and what she hopes to accomplish in her new role.

Jody, tell us who you are: Before anything else, I am a follower of Jesus Christ which sets the pattern for how I live my life. I attempt to follow the example as given by my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ but, honestly, I am an on-going work in progress.

After that, I am a mom to an adult daughter and a grandmother to a precious 6-year-old girl. I am blessed to live in Elgin out in the country, and next door to my daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter where they have a small farm on 8 acres. (Actually, it's more like a zoo with all kinds of animals - including two emus!)

Jody, what will you bring to the Food Pantry table? As an admin person for a women's shelter, I was privileged to train and work closely with a staff of wonderful volunteers without whom my job would have have been so much more challenging. It definitely taught me the invaluable presence of the volunteers and I definitely appreciated the time they took from their own personal lives selflessly giving to and heling others. So, I was really glad when the opportunity came around for me to become a volunteer for BCEFP and be able to give of my time and my heart to my community. I have learned a lot about our wonderful organization while volunteering and I'm excited that I now get to be on staff and spend my time working to help meet the needs of our community. This fulfills a passion to be in a profession that truly cares about individuals and is all about helping and

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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**IMMEDIATEVOLUNTEER
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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serving those who are struggling and need the love and support of others.

Jody: What I hope to accomplish: To establish and maintain positive rapport with all volunteers and take steps necessary to ensure they always feel valued and appreciated, and to ensure they are successful in meeting the needs of our clients and community by being fully equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary in performing their roles. And for them to be happy and content while volunteering their time to us.

To develop an ample team of volunteers enabling us to successfully meet the needs of our clients and community.

To organize and maintain pertinent data, files, reports and appropriate administrative requirements necessary for the volunteer program to operate efficiently and in accordance with policies and procedures of BCEFP.

To be a source of support and encouragement to my fellow team members and be able to assist them when needed.

We are happy to have Jodie join our team and we are excited about what is to come, drop by desk and say Howdy!

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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