

October 2021

Food For Thought

"Lend a hand to help feed your fellow man"



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Our neighbors need our help! The Elgin community got hit hard by the pandemic last year and the historic winter storms this year. The need for essential services like food, water, and shelter continues to grow. In the last year, the Food Pantry went above and beyond and partnered with local

organizations to provide Elgin residents in crisis with food and support services, rent and utility assistance, and special food bags for the homeless of Elgin. No one should ever go to bed hungry.

We need your help to meet the growing hunger needs of your Elginite neighbors. Be a part of the solution to combat hunger and its root causes by attending our Elgin Empty Bowl event **on Saturday, November 13th at the SPJST Lodge, 702 Highway 95 S, Elgin, Texas from 11am to 1:30pm**. This year's Elgin Empty Bowl will be a coming home as we will once again gather together to share a meal once again. But to do this, we need your help. We need volunteers to help before the event and during the event. Let me know if you want to be a part of this exciting event. You can call me at 512-303-0033 Ext 104 or email me at Jwright@bastropfoodpantry.org.

OUR IMPACT

Volunteer Hours for the reporting month August 2021

Client Service Report Month Ending August 25th FY2021

Volunteer Hours: 267.49 hrs

	# of Clients	Pounds of Food
NIBBLES	0	0
Brown Bag	97	2221
Commodities	69	1932
Emergency Asst.	131	16432
Fresh Foods for Families	50	1790
Open Arms	3	51
Disaster Asst.	0	0
Pantry Express	3	437
Special Asst. Program	9	270
Senior Activity	0	0
Whole Grains	318	7574
TOTAL SERVED	680	30707



10/14 - Deb Woods
10/14 - Jim Laird
10/22 - Riley Dunn
10/26 - Sue Iha
10/30 - Jennie Freeman

IMPORTANT DATES

10/7 PANTRY EXPRESS 4:00 - 7:00 pm
10/11 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 OF THE MONTH CHARLOTTE GILMAN

Charlotte began volunteering with us in October of 2020. She previously volunteered with Micah 6 Ministries in Austin for about 20 years in their food bank helping with stocking and intake, as well as other tasks. When the pandemic shutdown hit she looked for other local opportunities in which to become involved. She chose BCEFP as her area of ministry in which to volunteer and has been a vital team member in our Donation Center as well as assisting in the Inventory area. Charlotte is retired as an ESL teacher with the UT International Law department and lives in the Cedar Creek area. We are so blessed to have her on our team serving our community alongside BCEFP!

Please join me in congratulating Charlotte as our September Volunteer of the Month!!



Wish List

- Syrup
- Jelly in 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
- Canned green beans
- Canned corn
- Mac n cheese
- Dry cereals
- Small bags sugar
- Small bags flour
- Cooking oil (vegetable)
- Cranberry Sauce
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Laundry Soap



**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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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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