

December 2020

Food For Thought

"Lend a hand to help feed your fellow man"



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VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

Here at the BCEFP our Volunteers work different days and different shifts in order to fulfill our mission. Some Volunteers are up front and get seen every week by staff, clients, other volunteers and community members, others are way behind the scenes. We will be highlighting a volunteer each month to help us all get to know each other better.

This month we are highlighting our Monday Whole Grain Distribution Team:



Kathy Kirk, Jill Grinnell, Susan Eastburn

Jill is one of our newest Volunteers and has fit right in with Susan, Kathy and Staff during our Monday Whole Grains Distribution. She is always eager to learn and help with any task that maybe asked. Jill lives in Bastrop, she and her family moved here from Snyder, Tx almost two and a half years ago. Jill is married and is raising two boys and finds time to volunteer here at the BCEFP every Monday with our whole grains distribution team. Thank

OUR IMPACT

Volunteer Hours for the reporting month October 2020

Client Service Report Month Ending October 25th FY2020

Volunteer Hours: **424.12 hrs**

	# of Clients	Pounds	Members in Household
NIBBLES	12	2413	0
Brown Bag	113	2846	157
Commodities	74	2348	107
Emergency Asst.	139	15415.84	405
Fresh Foods for Families	0	0	0
Open Arms	4	72	10
Disaster Asst.	0	0	0
Pantry Express	0	0	0
Special Asst. Program	0	0	0
Senior Activity	0	0	0
Whole Grains	355	7663	511
TOTAL SERVED	697	30757.84	1190

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



In light of the up-coming holidays we will be assembling family holiday boxes, so we are stocking up on French fried onions, stuffing, gravy packets, cranberry sauce, & canned pie filling.



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| 12/2 Hayden Hinds | 12/30 Billie Lindsey |
| 12/24 Robin Schneider | 12/31 Tom Hazleton |
| 12/25 Cheryl Nelson | 12/31 Duffy Smith |
| 12/26 Carolyn Jackson | 12/31 Darrell Vinklarek |
| 12/29 Andy Stringer | |

Important Dates

- 12/3/20 PANTRY EXPRESS 4:00 – 7:00 pm
- 12/14/20 Homeless Distribution Day
- 12/24-25 Closed for December 24 and 25
- 12/28 Closed for December 28

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
- ✓ 3. Please let Catherine 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.



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

Scanner Training – 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 Catherine at Catherinehaus@bastropfoodpantry.org to set up a date to train.

Volunteer Orientation – TBA and will be via Zoom **Food Safety Training:** TBA



IMMEDIATE VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE ARE:

SHORT TERM 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-12:00pm.

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 Catherine Hausenfluke, Tresha Silva or visit our website at www.https://BastropFoodPantry.org to get a Volunteer Application.

The mission of the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry & Support Center is to serve Bastrop County residents going through periods of transition by providing emergency food assistance, education and support.

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you for taking your time to help feed our seniors here in Bastrop.

Susan started volunteering here at the Food Pantry about 15 years ago. She and her husband came from New Jersey to Texas for their respective jobs and lived in San Antonio before transferring to the Austin area. They currently are retired and live in Cedar Creek. Susan is always glad to share the weekend's football victories and losses, especially the Pittsburgh Steelers, with our Pantry clients. She greets our Whole Grain Distribution clients with a smile, a joke and a warm hug (but not during COVID restrictions). Thank you Susan!

Kathy Kirk retired to Bastrop from Corpus Christi in 2013 years and started volunteering at the Food Pantry in 2017. She chose the Food Pantry because meeting people's basic needs is very important to her. Kathy's hobbies include working with stained glass. Kathy is a very health conscious volunteer and practices Yoga a few times a week.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW VOLUNTEERS:

Janice Brown, just moved here from California with her husband. Janice is a licensed social worker and will be working with our homeless people every 2nd Monday and on Fridays in whole grain distribution.

Charlotte Gilman is a long time Bastropian. Charlotte is retired from the University of Texas and has been volunteering at a small food pantry in Austin until the pandemic forced her to stop volunteering there. We welcome Charlotte in our donation center to help with dating inventory.

*****LOOKING FORWARD VERY IMPORTANT TRAINING*****

The first week in January all Volunteers will receive an envelope in the mail with the MANDATORY, Limited Civil Rights Training. You will receive 2 copies, one for you to keep and the other for you to return to the BCEFP in the envelope provided. This training is required for ALL Volunteers by the Central Texas Food Bank. 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 BCEFP.