



WELCOME TO AGAPE THRIFT STORE & FOOD PANTRY



Thrift Store Hours

M-F: 9-5pm
Sat: 9-3pm
Sun: Closed

Donation Drop Off Hours

M-F: 9-4:30pm
Sat: 9-2:30pm
Sun: Closed

Food Pantry Hours

Tue: 12:00-4:30pm
Thu: 12:00-4:30pm



School Supplies

School supplies were done a bit different this year and our community did not let us down. You gave us great feedback on our decision to offer our community the opportunity to sponsor a child for \$15. Supplies were ordered from a bulk supply distributor and the kits were put together with the help of some awesome volunteers. These kits will help ensure that Agape's school age clients will have the main supplies they need for the upcoming school year. These kits will be distributed during the month of July through our Food Pantry.

It's Oral Health Month at Agape

For the month of August we are stocking the food pantry with all things dental hygiene related. What does this mean? It means we are on the hunt for toothbrushes, mouth wash, dental floss, etc. to give to our clients who visit our food pantry. SNAP benefits do not cover these items and they are items our clients are in desperate need of. Should you find yourself in the grocery store picking up some items to have a cookout, Please consider picking up some extras on your next grocery trip to donate to the Agape Food Pantry. Or, simply check out our Amazon List and you can ship it directly to us.



A Look Back In Time

On October 19, 1975 "Agape Pantry" was started with a \$25 donation in the basement of The Presbyterian Church. In 1979 the Maumee Valley Presbytery donated \$1,200 for Agape Pantry to pay 1 year of rent at \$100 a month on a building on South Front Street (pictured left).

In order to support the mission of providing food and clothing to the community, revenue needed to be generated to purchase needed food and items for various programs. Clothing was already being donated. The concept of an Agape Thrift Store began to take shape.

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The Thrift Store has become the primary support of Agape Ministries along with additional funding from grants, foundations, corporations, United Way, individual donors, government grants, churches and many other contributors.

All funding and proceeds are utilized to support Agape Ministries programs. These funds purchase additional perishable and non-perishable food items for the food pantry, Weekend Power Pack Bags and Summer Feeding Program for the area schools, and items for the various programs that Agape Ministries, Inc. provides throughout the year including: Warm Winter Coat Program, Easter Baskets for the kids, Good Friday Food Box Giveaway, Christmas Slumber Fun Program and many other various programs. It also provides for the overhead and operation of the organization.

Employee Spotlight



Paula

Paula Marsh has announced her retirement! She has been with Agape Ministries for over 15 years, first serving on the Board of Directors, and then becoming a cashier & pricer in 2008.

For the last 7 years, Paula has specialized in the sorting and stocking of all reading materials & other publications, along with office supplies, music, & DVD's. This is an important part of our operation due to the volume of donations we receive and the time it takes to process these very specific items.

We will miss Paula's expertise and dedication to Agape, and we wish her the best!



Agape Thrift Store News

June has come to an end and we are wrapping up our sales on Independence Day items here at the Thrift Store.

Summer is in full force and there is still plenty of warm weather left to enjoy, so shop the Thrift Store for your last minute needs! We still have bikes and bagged chairs, coolers and plastic tableware to help you bask in the sunshine as long as you can.

"thrifting is more than just shopping; it's an everyday adventure"

Although June has come to an end, we still have a full feature of wedding supplies to help save money on this expensive endeavor. Select wedding supplies are 50% off through July 22nd, so stop by and check out our selection.

Although the children are only thinking of enjoying their summer break, parents and teachers are starting to gear up for the new school year to start. Back to school items will be featured soon on the Thrift Store floor including affordable backpacks and school supplies.

Be sure to check our FaceBook page at the end of the month for details of our "End Of Season" sale on summer clothing.

June Shout Outs

- Thank you St. Paul Bible School - St. Marys for your donation of 176 Mac-n-Cheese cups for the Weekend Power Pack Bags.
- Thank you New Knoxville Vacation Bible School for your donation of 444 food items to fill our food pantry.
- Thank you Classic Delight for donating over 30,000 subs and many other food items over the last few months. You have helped us feed many communities with your generosity.
- Thank you: First Church of New Knoxville, Mr. & Mrs. Green, K of C, Holy Rosary Church, & Grace Church for sponsoring a total of 129 children for our School Supply Kits this year.
- Thank you to all who donated privately and to those of you who donated items to our Thrift Store to be sold. We appreciate your generosity and help in funding the much needed programs we offer our community members in need.



June Stats

- Agape Food Pantry served 429 people in 156 households.
- Agape Summer Feeding Bags were disbursed to 111 students.
- Senior Boxes were delivered to 11 people.
- Clothing vouchers were issued to 5 people.
- Household vouchers were issued to 2 people.
- Financial Aid was disbursed for 6 people.