



# 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



## *New Website Launched*

As many of you already know, our new and improved website launched on Wednesday, May 24, 2023. We collaborated with Marketing Essentials out of New Bremen, OH to bring our website more up to date and to offer the community resources at the tip of their finger. The new website allows community members better access to not only Agape Ministries, Inc., but also is an invaluable tool for those in need of assistance information all in one spot. Have you checked it out yet?

## *That's a Wrap!*

The school year has come to an end for the 2022-2023 school year and the students couldn't be more excited. Agape Ministries Weekend Power Packs were served to 3,173 students at a cost of \$32,270.00.

This program was implemented to provide food to students who have limited access to food and who have been identified as at risk of hunger on the weekends. Could you imagine the fear and emptiness of not knowing if you were going to get to eat this weekend? This could be due to students who hide out of sight due to their home situations, parents who work on the weekends and are not home to make sure the students get a proper meal or students whose parents simply can't afford to buy the needed groceries to put a meal on the table for their family. The weekend power pack program helps alleviate a child's hunger and allows them to arrive at school on Monday morning fed, focused, and ready to learn.



## *Congratulations to our Graduates!*

These employees have been great assets to Agape Ministries:

- Amelia: St. Marys graduate, 2 year Agape associate. Future plans , nursing, Wright State University.
- Maddox: St. Marys graduate, 2 year Agape associate. Seeking fulltime employment.
- Lizzie: Miami University graduate with a bachelor's degree in Arts, new Agape associate.
- Kaitlin: New Knoxville graduate and valedictorian, 2 year Agape associate. Future plans, Paralegal Studies, University of Toledo.
- Brooke: BGSU graduate with a bachelor's degree in Inclusive Early Childhood Education, 3 year Agape associate. Future plans, first grade teacher at Parkway Elementary School.





### *It's Grilling Season...*

For the months of June and July we are stocking the food pantry with all things grilling. What does this mean? It means we are on the hunt for salad dressings, marinades, spices, relishes, pickles, rubs, mayonnaise, ketchup, barbeque sauce, mustard, etc. to give to our clients who visit our food pantry.

Should you find yourself in the grocery store picking up some items to have a cookout, please consider picking up some extras to donate to the Agape Food Pantry.



### *Agape Thrift Store News*

Summer is in full force and the Thrift Store has been putting out some great summer items including outdoor patio furniture for those backyard get togethers, swim suits, sandals, camping & fishing gear and so much more. Have you stopped in lately to see all the fun and unique items we have to offer? We post many of them on our [FaceBook](#) page. Hurry, or they might fly out the door before you get a chance to buy them!

**"may the thrift store odds forever be in your favor"**

But don't get too upset if you miss out on the great deal you saw on [FaceBook](#) because we are constantly putting new items out on the floor.

The Agape Thrift Store is getting ready to put out Independence Day items so be on the lookout for them to hit our store floor.

***Both the Thrift Store and Client Services will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2023. We will reopen on July 5, 2023 at 9:00 am.***



### *May Shout Outs*

- Thank you Loc Performance for holding a food drive and collecting 2,000 lbs that you donated to us! We also greatly appreciate your volunteer hours of helping us sort and put away your generous donation.
- Thank you Career Pathways of Tri Star Career Compact for splitting a donation between Agape Ministries, Inc. and the Hand Up Village in Celina. Without you we wouldn't be able to help our community members in need.
- Thank you to our community for enjoying a wonderful meal at Buffalo Wild Wings and helping support our Food Pantry while you were eating! Fifteen% of all the sales on May 1st came to us.
- 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.



### *May Stats*

- Agape Food Pantry served 451 people in 166 households.
- Weekend Power Pack Bags were disbursed to 357 students.
- Senior Boxes were delivered to 13 people.
- Clothing vouchers were issued to 5 people.
- Household vouchers were issued to 2 people.
- Financial Aid was disbursed for 5 people.



*Lizzie*

Meet Lizzie, a local college graduate who just came on board with us at the Client Services Building as a Pantry Assistant/Driver in May.

Lizzie majored in Psychology with a minor in Political Science and is getting ready to study for her Master's Degree in Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine.

Lizzie enjoys swimming, traveling, grilling out and hiking to keep her busy when not studying or working.