



# 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



## *Warm Winter Coat Program Collection*

Cooler weather will be upon us soon and with that comes Agape Ministries, Inc Warm Winter Coat Program. We will be collecting new and gently used (in new condition) all sizes of winter coats, hats and gloves starting September 15th. through October 31st. These coats, hats and gloves will be distributed to our clients in need through the food pantry starting October 19th through February 29th.

Barrels will be located at many area churches to drop your items at or you can bring them to Agape Ministries, Inc. Client Services Building.

## *Picking an Insurance Plan Have You Confused?*

Mark Davis has teamed up with Agape this year to share his expertise free of charge to our clients and community members trying to navigate through Medicare and Medicaid plans every Tuesday during our food pantry hours.

Mark educates seniors about supplemental insurance and drug plans for their Medicare needs and insurance plans for low income Medicaid persons. He listens to clients needs, verifies their doctors, prescription drugs and preferred hospitals to see if they are in network or not. He compares different plans available to see which one is the best fit for the client and helps sign them up. Have any questions? Stop in and talk with Mark on Tuesdays from noon until 4:30 pm.



*Mark Davis  
Medicare/Medicaid Pro*

## *How Do We Source Food For The Pantry?*

With seeing a 48% increase in clients since this time last year we have done a lot of praying and a lot of networking to serve our clients. We have a network of other food pantries we barter with along with buying food from local grocery stores: Kroger, Aldi, Pantry Pride, etc. along with being partnered with West Ohio Food Bank where it costs us as little as free or as much as retail grocery prices.

Community, friends, family, neighbors, school organizations, churches and businesses - our truly most valuable resource! Personal sporadic donations, food drives, hygiene drives, diaper drives, toilet paper drives and more. We would not be able to sustain without ALL of our community and those who work and live here. We have a very generous community!





### *It's Pizza Month at Agape*

For the month of September we are stocking the food pantry with all things pizza related. What does this mean? It means we are on the hunt for pizza sauce, canned mushrooms, olives, peppers, parmesan cheese, freezer pizzas, etc. to give to our clients who visit our food pantry. This is a great meal for our clients to bring the whole household together to share some great laughs and memories.

Should you find yourself in the grocery store picking up some items for your home, Please consider picking up some extras on your next grocery trip to donate to the Agape Food Pantry.

### *Employee Spotlight*



*Noah*

Meet Noah, Thrift Store Back Door Donation Worker, who has been with us for the past 5 years.

Noah is a Wright State University Lake Campus graduate who majored in Psychology and is furthering his studies at Wright State University Dayton in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

Noah enjoys spending time with his family and friends.

Noah's favorite thing about working for Agape Ministries, Inc is: "my coworkers and the people we serve here. It really is all about the people."



### *Agape Thrift Store News*

It's time to get the kids ready to go back to school! Before shopping elsewhere, be sure to bring your school lists to the thrift store first for binders, folders, locker shelves, backpacks, and other school supplies at affordable prices. We also have workbooks for the little ones to get back to practicing the basics before school starts. Our assortment of available items changes daily so you never know what you might find!

Our summer clothing clearance sale is wrapping up at the end of this week, and then we will begin switching our racks over to school clothes and fall styles. We'll be hanging jeans, jackets, and sweaters to help you gear up for cooler weather.

### *"family vacations are better with frequent stops at thrift shops"*

We also plan to feature a rack of clothing for junior girls, handpicked by our own teen associates to complete some trendy looks!

Coolers, lawn chairs, and other summertime needs will still be featured through Labor Day weekend, but we will be putting out our fall décor and silk flowers before the end of August so you can get a head start on your decorating!

Watch our Facebook page for updates!

### *July Shout Outs*

- Thank you Trinity Lutheran Church-Moulton for having your Angel Tree for School Supplies this year and collecting enough to sponsor 15 children.
- Thank you St. Marys Rotary Club for sponsoring 36 children to receive School Supply Kits this year along with your donation of backpacks to put them in.
- Thank you Holy Redeemer Church and St. Peter's Church-N.B. for your generous food donations this month.
- **At the food pantry, we see first hand the issue of hunger in western Auglaize county and the compassion our community has to help others. We thank every business, family and individual who donates time, food or money to the food pantry or items to be sold at the thrift store to help ensure our clients have access to programs and nutritious food when they need it most.**



### *July Stats*

- Agape Food Pantry served 419 people in 156 households.
- Agape Summer Feeding Bags were disbursed to 109 students.
- Senior Boxes were delivered to 12 people.
- Clothing vouchers were issued to 9 people.
- Household vouchers were issued to 3 people.
- Financial Aid was disbursed for 5 people.