



# 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

## *Assistance When You Need It*

Are you worried about how to keep your loved ones safe and warm during the harsh winter weather while also struggling to afford your electricity and heating bills? We fully understand the importance of staying comfortable and protected during the colder months. The HEAP Winter Crisis Program – a lifeline designed to provide assistance to those in need from November 1 to March 31 can help you.

By applying for the HEAP Winter Crisis Program, administered by WOCAP, you can access a wide range of comprehensive support services specially tailored to meet your unique heating requirements. Whether you need financial aid to help cover the costs of heating your home, repair and maintenance assistance to ensure your heating system operates efficiently, or guidance on energy-saving techniques, we are here to lend a helping hand.

Don't let the winter cold negatively impact your well-being. Take advantage of the HEAP Winter Crisis Program today by calling (419) 516-0063 to schedule an appointment and secure the support you need.

Furthermore, we want to remind you that Job and Family Services can offer additional financial assistance through a PRC Grant specifically for shelter and utility needs when there are children in the household. If you find yourself in this situation, simply reach out to them at (567) 242-2700 to speak with a dedicated case manager who can help assess your situation and provide guidance.

Remember, your comfort and well-being during the winter months are our top priorities. Don't hesitate to take action and reach out for the support you deserve.



## *Let The Festivities Begin*

As the cool autumn breeze sweeps in, we find ourselves immersed in the excitement of Halloween and the anticipation of winter's arrival. The changing leaves and crisp air signal the start of a festive season, and here at Agape Ministries, we are dedicated to making it a truly special time for our valued clients.

While our clients are currently receiving Halloween costumes during their food pantry visit, we want to ensure they are prepared for the colder months ahead. That's why we are also hard at work collecting items for our Warm Winter Coat Program. These cozy coats will not only provide warmth and protection from the elements, but they will also serve as a symbol of care and compassion from our community. We are proud to announce that these coats will be distributed to our clients in the last week of October, just in time for the dropping temperatures.

But that's not all! We have even more exciting news to share. We are thrilled to announce that we are now accepting new blankets and pajamas for our Slumber Fun Program. As the days grow shorter and the nights get colder, we believe it's important to create moments of comfort and joy for children in need. These delightful items will bring a sense of coziness and security to their lives, allowing them to experience the magic of a warm and peaceful night's sleep. To make this Christmas celebration truly special, we kindly request sizes ranging from newborn to adult medium in both boys and girls. Every donation, no matter how small, will make a difference in the lives of these children, bringing smiles to their faces and warmth to their hearts.

Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity. Together, we can make this holiday season a truly magical one for those in need.



### Thanksgiving Fair at Agape

As Thanksgiving approaches, we are preparing to provide our clients at the Agape Food Pantry with holiday meal items. We are in need of essential baking ingredients such as flour, oil, sugar, salt, pepper, powdered sugar, and more. Additionally, we are seeking pie crusts, pie filling, gelatin, jiffy mix, egg noodles, gravy, and other items.

While you browse through the grocery store, gathering ingredients for your own Thanksgiving feast, we kindly request that you consider picking up a few extra items to support our cause. We will start giving these items out the last week in October. Your generosity will have a profound impact on those in our community who are facing hardships.



Carrie

Introducing Carrie, our talented Jewelry Coordinator, who has been an invaluable member of our team for 6 years. Carrie's unwavering passion for her work at Agape Ministries, Inc stems from the incredible satisfaction she feels in making a difference in the lives of our clients. She truly loves what she does!

When Carrie isn't dazzling us with her jewelry skills, you can find her enjoying quality time with her loved ones, whipping up delicious meals in the kitchen, or scouting for the latest fashion trends at unbeatable prices at Agape Thrift Store.



### Agape Thrift Store News

With football season in full swing and Homecoming just around the corner, now is the perfect time to update your wardrobe. Our wide range of dresses, shoes, and suits are designed to cater to all your needs for dancing the night away at a Homecoming celebration.

But that's not all. With Halloween just a few weeks away, our store is a must-visit destination for all your costume needs. Explore our amazing selection of Halloween costumes and let your imagination run wild. And don't forget to pick up some spooky decorations to transform your home into a haunted haven for your Halloween party.

*"i do not run from my problems...i go to the thrift store and shop like a normal adult"*

While our Agape Gold Rush Event for September may have come to an end, that doesn't mean the excitement is over. Come and discover the stunning gold feature pieces that we have on display in our cases. From delicate necklaces to elegant bracelets, each piece is a work of art that will add a touch of luxury to your look.

So don't let the colder weather discourage you. Visit our store and let us help you embrace the beauty and excitement of the season. We're here to make sure you're ready for all the upcoming festivities, from football games to Homecoming dances and Halloween parties.

Watch our [Facebook page](#) for updates and featured items!

### September Shout Outs

- A big thank you to Rotary - New Bremen for generously volunteering your time to assist us in preparing and packaging our delicious breakfast sandwiches.
- Thank you, Traci E., for generously volunteering your time to assist us with our Weekend Power Pack Kids Bags. We truly appreciate your ongoing dedication and support.
- We would like to extend a heartfelt appreciation to Capabilities for their ongoing contribution of time in assisting us with packing our Weekend Power Pack Kids Bags.
- **In the heart of the food pantry, we witness firsthand the pressing issue of hunger in western Auglaize County, along with the immense compassion our community possesses to uplift and support one another. We extend our sincerest gratitude to every generous business, family, and individual who selflessly donates their time, food, or monetary contributions to the food pantry or contributes items to be sold at the thrift store. This collective effort ensures that our clients have uninterrupted access to vital programs and nourishing meals precisely when they need them the most.**



### September Stats

- Agape Food Pantry served **403** people in **138** households.
- Agape Weekend Power Pack Bags were disbursed to **343** students.
- Senior Boxes were delivered to **14** people.
- Clothing vouchers were issued to **5** people.
- Household vouchers were issued to **3** people.
- Financial Aid was disbursed for **5** people.