



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



Collaborating with the Snap-Ed Program to Enhance Food Pantry Offerings

One of our local OSU Extension's Snap-Ed Program Assistants, Sarah Amelung, visits our Food Pantry regularly to provide clients with new and innovative ways to use the food we distribute here in our food pantry. Sarah does an outstanding job of incorporating pantry staples into nutritious and delicious recipes, which she prepares on-site in front of the clients. This allows them to witness the ease of preparing them and taste the final product. This month, Sarah creatively used Chex Cereal to create a delectable snack, perfect for the upcoming holidays.

What's All The Buzz About

We wanted to take a moment to update you on the latest developments at Agape Ministries, Inc. We are excited to share that we received a generous endowment last year from a beloved member of our local community. This incredible donation is a one-time gift that will not be replenished, which led us to carefully consider the most impactful way to use it. After thoughtful deliberation, our board unanimously decided to construct a brand new 80x40 storage building. This facility will play a vital role in addressing the space constraints of our Thrift Store, enabling us to efficiently handle the growing number of donations. We are thrilled to embark on this project and immensely grateful for the opportunity to enhance our operations.



Launch of Holiday Programs

We can't help but feel the anticipation for the upcoming Thanksgiving festivities and the magic of Christmas. Here at Agape Ministries, Inc, our hearts are filled with a deep commitment to providing warmth and comfort to those who are less fortunate. We are working tirelessly to ensure that every child in need receives a Warm Winter Coat, a symbol of love and protection during the cold months ahead.

We are also excited to announce the launch of our Slumber Fun Program starting in mid-November and continuing until Christmas, this program will go beyond providing basic necessities. This year, our clients will receive a complete set of soft and snug pajamas, warm socks, comfortable underwear, a comforting blanket, and a special toy that will bring a smile to their faces.

We believe that everyone deserves the joy of receiving much-needed presents under their Christmas tree. That's why we are dedicated to making this holiday season a truly special one for our clients. Together, let's spread love, warmth, and the spirit of giving to those who need it most.





Christmas Fare at Agape

As Christmas 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, jello/pudding, egg noodles, and other items.

While you browse through the grocery store, gathering ingredients for your own Christmas meal, 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 November. Your generosity will have a profound impact on those in our community who are facing hardships.



Agape Thrift Store News

Prepare for the Winter Season in Style with Our Latest Coat Collection.

As the temperature drops and the leaves turn, it's time to put away the summer clothes and start wearing cozy fall outfits. However, don't forget that winter is just around the corner. Stay snug and fashionable with our amazing collection of warm coats. Come visit our store to see what's available on the floor.

With Thanksgiving and Christmas just around the corner, don't forget to check out our ever-changing selection of seasonal clothing. From dresses to suits, we have something for every holiday occasion with family, friends and coworkers.

"take a moment to appreciate the surge of serotonin; courtesy of your local thrift store."

Now that the Halloween parades and trick or treating are over, it's time to shift our focus to our spectacular Christmas open house on November 4, 2023, from 9am to 3pm. You absolutely can't afford to miss out on this incredible event! Our entire team will be working tirelessly to bring you the most exquisite and festive holiday items of the season. Get a head start on your Christmas decorating and find the perfect gifts for your loved ones. We'll be continuously unveiling new items on the sales floor throughout the day, so there's always something exciting to discover.

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

October Shout Outs

- We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to Preferred Insurance Center for hosting a remarkable "Quotes4Causes" event and selecting Agape Ministries, Inc as the recipient.
- During the month of September we challenged area companies to hold a "Can the CEO" food drive to help support our pantry. Thank you Setex for your delivery!
- A big thank you to 3Rivers - Saint Marys for generously volunteering your time to assist us in preparing and packaging our delicious breakfast sandwiches and our Weekend Power Pack Bags for the students.
- We are delighted to announce that our local Cub Scouts Troop 3044 has successfully gathered an impressive 1,782 lbs of food for Agape. Their unwavering commitment to creating a positive impact in our community has left us truly grateful. Together, we are making a tangible difference.
- We are immensely grateful for the selfless contributions of compassionate individuals to our food pantry and thrift store. Together, we can ensure uninterrupted access to essential programs and provide nourishing meals to those in need. Let's create a brighter, more compassionate community.



October Stats

- Agape Food Pantry served **395** people in **139** households.
- Agape Weekend Power Pack Bags were disbursed to **463** students.
- Senior Boxes were delivered to **14** people.
- Clothing vouchers were issued to **7** people.
- Household vouchers were issued to **0** people.
- Financial Aid was disbursed for **5** people.

Employee Spotlight



Patti

Introducing our esteemed Director of Client Services, Patti, who has been with Agape Ministries, Inc for the past 5 years. She is passionate about spending quality time with her 5 beloved grandkids, indulging in crafting, engaging in regular exercise, and actively seeking ways to enhance her overall well-being. Furthermore, she derives immense joy from being able to make a difference in the lives of individuals within the community where she was raised.