



# 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



## *A Christmas Gathering For All*

In just a blink of an eye, a vast amount of fortunate families will be gathered around a scrumptious Christmas table, brimming with laughter, love, and enchanting presents. They are blessed to not have to fret over expenses and can joyfully indulge in holiday shopping. But, let's take a moment to remember those who may not have this luxury. Can you lend a hand and contribute to our mission? With your help, Agape Ministries, Inc can spread the Christmas cheer and bring joy to those less fortunate. You can bring in, mail or simply scan the QR Code to the left to make a donation to our cause this Holiday Season. God Bless you all.

## *We're Over the Moon With Gratitude!*

A heartfelt thanks to our generous community who continues to give their time, money, and resources to support us and the people we serve. You are the hero in our story and we couldn't do it without you.

Your unwavering support has helped us to achieve our mission of making a positive impact on the lives of those in need. Your kindness and generosity have enabled us to provide essential services to those who are less fortunate, and to create a brighter future for everyone. We're truly grateful for all that you do, and we hope that you will continue to stand with us as we work towards building a better world. Together, we can make a difference and create a more compassionate and caring society. Thank you for being a part of our journey.



Thank you  
for your support!

## *How We Make The Pieces Fall Into Place*

Getting all the pieces to line up in just the right way sometimes can prove to be difficult. We partner with over a dozen agencies to be able to get our clients much needed food, resources and other items they are in need of.

Our partnerships with these agencies are essential to ensure that we are able to provide a wide range of services to our clients. The West Ohio Food Bank, Kroger, Walmart, and Aldi for instance, helps us to provide nutritious food to our clients, while the ACCA assists us in providing support to the elderly in our community. The United Way and St. Marys Community Foundation is instrumental in helping us to raise funds to support our programs to help us meet the needs of our clients.

At Agape Ministries, we work with area agencies to distribute food and other resources to those in need by referrals to and from these agencies, while WOCAP and Job and Family Services offer financial assistance to those who are facing financial difficulties. The Homeless Coalition provides temporary housing for individuals and families who may be facing homelessness, and Job & Family Services offers employment and training programs to help people gain the skills they need to succeed in the workforce.

We are grateful for all of our partners and their support, and we could not do what we do without them.





## Soup's On at Agape

January is the official month of slurping your way through steamy bowls of soup, and we're bubbling with excitement to bring that cozy feeling to our community through the Agape Food Pantry.

There's no denying that soup is the ultimate comfort food, especially during the chilly winter months. And what better way to warm our hearts than to share this delicious meal with those in need?

Next time you're out snagging life's necessities, why not grab a few extra goodies to help us spread the love? During the first week of January, we'll be dishing out these tasty treats, so let's make this month an unforgettable one!



## Agape Thrift Store News

Christmas is in full swing at the Agape Ministries, Inc Thrift Store! Our Christmas Open House on November 4th was an absolute blast, with wreaths, trees, and festive decorations selling faster than we could say "Jingle Bells!" To our amazing shoppers, new and old, we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for making it such a jolly and triumphant event!

We have everything you need from tree trimmings to table runners, lights, lanterns, wall décor, Christmas cards, clothing and presents that will hit the store floor on December 1st to meet your shopping needs this holiday season. Stop in and browse our store to find that unique one of a kind gift.



Our Thrift Store is not only a great place to find Christmas decorations and gifts, but it also supports a great cause. By shopping with us, you are helping to fund Agape Ministries, Inc's programs, which provide assistance to those in need in our community. We believe that everyone deserves a little extra love and support during the holiday season, and we are proud to be able to provide that to our community members in need. So, come on in, grab a shopping cart or basket, and let us help make your holiday season a little brighter and more meaningful.

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

## November Shout Outs

- Let's give a roaring round of applause to Tri Star Career Compact for their fantastic food drive! Your food drive rocked the house over 9,000 food items this year and we're tickled pink with gratitude for your amazing kindness and generosity. Their support of our cause is simply amazing!
- We also want to extend our deepest gratitude to our local churches and their wonderful congregations. Throughout the year, they've rallied behind us by organizing food, warm winter coat, and hygiene drives. Your continuous efforts are priceless!
- Huge shoutout to Wright State University Lake Campus for their donation and we're tickled pink with gratitude for your amazing kindness and generosity.
- We can't forget to thank the St. Marys Student Council for their jaw-dropping food drive. You all brought in 2,524 lbs of food & over \$900 this year, and we are over the moon about it!
- Big cheers to Minster schools! Your thoughtful act made a real impact on our community and every little bit counts. You're all shining stars!
- Finally, we want to give a huge shoutout to all the big-hearted students at Holy Rosary School who donated a whopping 970 lbs of food. Your generosity is what keeps our essential programs up and running. Together, we can create a brighter, more caring community.



## Employee Spotlight



### Abbey

Introducing Abbey: Our Exceptional Supervisor of the Thrift Store Sorting Room. Over the past three years, Abbey has proven to be an indispensable member of our team, ensuring the seamless operation of our clothing donation process behind the scenes. She takes immense pride in actively contributing to her community.

When Abbey is not dedicatedly working at Agape, she treasures moments spent with her loved ones, her adored dog Lola, and indulging in her passions for cooking and baking.

## November Stats

- Agape Food Pantry served **558** people in **194** households.
- Agape Weekend Power Pack Bags were disbursed to **385** students.
- Senior Boxes were delivered to **18** people.
- Clothing vouchers were issued to **2** people.
- Household vouchers were issued to **0** people.
- Financial Aid was disbursed for **7** people.