



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

As the holiday season swiftly approaches, countless fortunate families will soon gather around tables laden with delicious feasts, their homes filled with laughter, love, and magical gifts. They enjoy the privilege of celebrating without financial worries, delighting in the joy of holiday shopping. However, let's pause to consider those who may not share in this abundance. Will you join us in making a difference? With your support, Agape Ministries, Inc can extend the warmth of Christmas and bring happiness to those in need. You can contribute by bringing in, mailing, or simply scanning the QR Code on the left to donate to our cause this festive season. May God bless you all.

We Wouldn't Exist Without You!

We extend our deepest gratitude to our incredible community, whose unwavering dedication of time, financial contributions, and resources empowers us to uplift those we serve. You are the true champions of our narrative, and your involvement is indispensable.

Your steadfast support propels us forward in our mission to transform lives and foster hope for those in need. Your compassion and generosity have been the cornerstone of our ability to deliver vital services to the underserved and to illuminate a path toward a brighter future for all. We are profoundly thankful for your continued partnership, and we invite you to journey with us as we strive to create a more just and empathetic world. Together, we can forge a meaningful impact and nurture a society rooted in kindness and care. Thank you for being an integral part of our story.



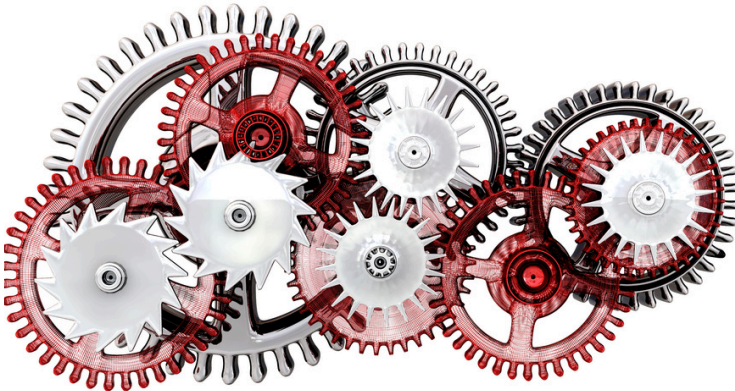
The Gears Behind The Motor

Aligning all the gears perfectly can sometimes be a challenge. That's why we collaborate with over a dozen agencies to ensure our clients receive the essential food, resources, and items they need.

These partnerships are crucial for us to deliver a comprehensive range of services. For example, the West Ohio Food Bank, The Bishop's Storehouse, Kroger, Walmart, and Aldi enable us to provide nutritious meals, while the ACCA supports our efforts to care for the elderly in our community. The United Way and St. Marys Community Foundation play a vital role in fundraising to sustain our programs and meet our clients' needs.

At Agape Ministries, we coordinate with local agencies to distribute food and resources through referrals, while WOCAP and Job and Family Services offer financial aid to those in economic distress. The Homeless Coalition provides temporary shelter for those facing homelessness, and Job & Family Services offer employment and training programs to equip individuals with the skills needed for workforce success.

We deeply appreciate our partners and their unwavering support, as we couldn't achieve our mission without them.





Soup's On at Agape

January is the perfect time to savor the warmth of steaming soup, and we're thrilled to share that cozy experience with our community through the Agape Food Pantry.

Soup is undeniably the ultimate comfort food, especially when winter's chill sets in. What better way to warm our hearts than by sharing this delightful meal with those who need it most?

As you shop for your essentials, consider picking up a few extra items to help us spread the love. During the first week of January, we'll be serving up these delicious treats, so let's make this month truly memorable!



Kent & Jonna

Meet Kent and Jonna, an inspiring volunteer duo from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They cherish the inviting, family-like environment we cultivate at Agape and are particularly captivated by the meticulous organization of our food pantry and our dedication to reducing waste.

In their leisure time, Kent and Jonna enjoy the thrill of riding their electric bikes, leisurely strolls, and uncovering hidden gems across Ohio. At Agape Thrift Store, they are drawn to the vibrant crafts and household sections, where they find endless inspiration.



Agape Thrift Store News

The holiday spirit is alive and thriving at the Agape Ministries, Inc Thrift Store! Our Christmas Open House on November 4th was a spectacular success, with wreaths, trees, and festive decorations flying off the shelves faster than you can say "Jingle Bells!" To our cherished shoppers, both familiar faces and newcomers, we owe it all to you. Thank you for making it such a merry and victorious celebration!

We've got everything on your wish list, from tree trimmings to table runners, twinkling lights, charming lanterns, wall décor, Christmas cards, cozy clothing, and delightful presents, all set to grace our store on December 1st. Visit us and explore our collection to discover that one-of-a-kind gift that will make your holiday season truly special.



Step into our Thrift Store, where every purchase is a gift that keeps on giving! Discover a treasure trove of Christmas decorations and gifts while making a meaningful impact. Your shopping experience helps fund Agape Ministries, Inc's vital programs, offering much-needed support to our community's most vulnerable. We believe in spreading love and joy during the holiday season, and with your help, we can brighten the lives of those in need. Visit us, fill your cart with joy, and let's make this holiday season truly special together.

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

November Shout Outs

- Let's give a thunderous round of applause to Tri Star Career Compact for their incredible food drive! Your efforts brought in over 19,000 food items this year, and we are truly grateful for your kindness and generosity. Your support for our cause is simply outstanding!
- We would also like to express our heartfelt appreciation to our local churches and their amazing congregations. Throughout the year, they have united in support by organizing food, warm winter coat, and hygiene drives. Your ongoing dedication is invaluable!
- A big thank you goes to the St. Marys Student Council for their astonishing food drive. You all contributed 2,911 lbs of food and nearly \$2,000 this year, and we couldn't be more thrilled!
- Let's hear it for Holy Redeemer Church! Your thoughtful contributions have made a significant difference in our community, and every little bit truly matters. You are all shining stars!
- A heartfelt round of applause to Danone and Kuck Farms for their generous turkey donations this year, nourishing our clients with their incredible support!
- Lastly, we want to extend a huge shoutout to our generous community members. Your kindness is what keeps our vital programs running. Together, we can build a brighter, more compassionate community.



November Stats

- Agape Food Pantry served **489** people in **173** households.
- Agape Weekend Power Pack Bags were disbursed to **513** students.
- Senior Boxes were delivered to **15** people.
- Clothing vouchers were issued to **0** people.
- Household vouchers were issued to **0** people.
- Financial Aid was disbursed for **5** people.