WELCOME TO AGAPE THRIFT STORE & FOOD PANTRY





Thrift Store Hours M-F: 9-5pm Sat: 9-3pm

Sun: Closed

<u>Donation Drop Off Hours</u>

M-F: 9-4:30pm Sat: 9-2:30pm Sun: Closed

Food Pantry Hours
Tue: 12:00-4:30pm
Thu: 12:00-4:30pm

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Mark Your Calendars!

Join us for an extraordinary drive-thru box distribution event at our Client Services location, where we are committed to providing essential food items to those in need. We believe that everyone deserves access to nutritious meals, especially during the holiday season. That's why we're welcoming everyone with open arms—no proof of residency or photo ID required! To maximize our reach and impact, we kindly ask that each vehicle receives just one food box. This way, we can extend our support to as many families as possible and make a meaningful difference in our community. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to receive a Good Friday Food Distribution Box, packed with essentials to brighten your holiday. We know times can be challenging, and we're here to lend a helping hand. Save the date for April 18th and join us from 9am to 11am for a drive-thru experience like no other. Our enthusiastic team will be ready to greet you with a smile and ensure a smooth and efficient distribution process.



Resources At Your Fingertips

Are you in need of resources but unsure where to start? Simply open your browser and visit www.allen211.org to find local resources available to you. You can easily search by zip code to pinpoint specific assistance in your area. The Allen-211, in partnership with The Hartford, United Way and the Area Agency on Aging, has created a comprehensive resource center that is accessible to everyone at no cost. This valuable tool is designed to connect individuals and families with a wide range of services, from housing and utilities assistance to healthcare and senior services. Whether you're seeking help with job training, childcare, or mental health support, 211.org is a reliable starting point to navigate the resources available in your community.

In addition to the online platform, you can also dial 211 to speak directly with trained professionals who are ready to listen and guide you through the process.



Businesses Helping Businesses

At times, it's essential to express gratitude to your communities for their generous support in helping you serve better. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to H.A. Dorsten, Inc. from Minster for reaching out to us last fall to offer assistance with winter projects. As many know, no matter how well-organized you may be, it often feels like there's never enough space for everything you wish to accomplish. H.A. Dorsten, Inc. addressed this challenge by transforming our vision into reality with the creation of four rolling shelving and cabinet units.

We are incredibly grateful for how wonderfully this project turned out; these units will greatly aid our volunteers in sorting and storage. Their craftsmanship has not only enhanced our storage capabilities but also streamlined our operations, allowing us to serve our community more effectively. This kind of support truly embodies the spirit of giving and collaboration that sustains our mission.



Agape Food Pantry News

As the chilly temperatures begin to fade, we eagerly anticipate the arrival of spring. In addition to welcoming the season, we are also getting ready for Easter here at Agape Ministries, Inc.

We kindly ask you to consider picking up some Easter meal items on your next grocery trip and dropping them off at the food pantry. Your contributions will help us provide festive meals to families in need, ensuring everyone can celebrate this joyful occasion with a sense of abundance and togetherness. Whether it's canned goods, fresh produce, or sweet treats, every donation makes a difference.



Introducing Tori, our dedicated thrift store backdoor donation worker who has been with Agape Ministries, Inc. for 2 years now. What she loves most about her role is the wonderful people she encounters at the donation center. Her go-to shopping spot is the jewelry department.

Tori relishes quality time with her family and enjoys activities like roller skating and ice skating. In her leisure time, she loves embarking on adventures with friends, road-tripping to explore new stores.

A fun tidbit about Tori: she is the proud owner of a pet ball python named Aloe.



Agape Thrift Store News

As we wave goodbye to February's festivities, we eagerly look forward to the vibrant celebrations that March has in store. From the charm of St. Patrick's Day to the reverence of Palm Sunday and Good Friday, our calendar is brimming with joyous occasions. And let's not overlook the delightful celebration of Easter and the eagerly anticipated First Day of Spring!

At the Thrift Store, we're preparing for this seasonal transition by filling our shelves with a delightful selection of Easter and St. Patrick's Day decorations and apparel. Embrace the essence of renewal and refreshment by seizing our incredible deals on clothing and footwear as we gear up for the lively days ahead. Don't miss the chance to enhance your wardrobe and home decor with our irresistible offers. Join us in welcoming spring with style!



Transform your family's Easter celebration into a fashion statement with our exquisite collection of chic and festive apparel. Whether you're seeking charming outfits for the little ones or sophisticated styles for adults, our selection has it all. Seize the opportunity to discover the ideal Easter ensemble for your loved ones today!

Watch our <u>Facebook page</u> for updates and featured items!



February Shout Outs

- NEW BREMEN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL students gathered 100 lbs of canned goods for the food pantry, and they were thrilled to deliver it themselves.
- HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH successfully collected over 100 lbs of food for donation to the food pantry. We greatly appreciate your ongoing contributions to support our community members in need of food assistance.
- OTTERBEIN St. MARYS organized a food drive, resulting in an impressive collection of 200 lbs of food for our food pantry. Your dedicated efforts are truly valued.
- We are incredibly thankful for the generous support from our community members who have selflessly contributed to our food pantry and thrift store. Your kindness allows us to provide consistent access to essential programs and nourishing meals for those in need. Let's come together to foster a community filled with positivity, warmth, and boundless compassion. Together, we can truly make a meaningful impact on the lives of those we serve. Every donation, no matter the size, brings us one step closer to achieving our mission of alleviating hunger and supporting those facing difficult times. With the collective efforts of local organizations and individuals alike, we are reminded of the incredible power of community spirit.



February Stats

- Agape Food Pantry served 352 people in 144 households.
- Agape Weekend Power Pack Bags were disbursed to 396 students.
- Senior Boxes were delivered to 18 people.
- Clothing vouchers were issued to 0 people.
- Household vouchers were issued to 0 people.
- Financial Aid was disbursed for **0** people.