# 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



A total of 2,097 households and over 5,571 individuals have benefited from the Choice Food Pantry, leading to the distribution of 115,192 meals, averaging 20.67 meals per person. Here's a breakdown of our programs:

- Summer Feeding Program: 401 students served at a cost of \$3,213.60
- Weekend Power Pack Program: 3,704 students nourished at \$39,895.68
- Senior Boxes: 185 senior citizens provided with meals at \$13,785.00
- Emergency Clothing Voucher: 15 individuals clothed at an expense of approximately \$634.21
- One Warm Coat Program: 297 winter bundles given out
- Slumber Fun Program: 112 children received Christmas packages

Financial Aid Distributed: 37 households received about \$7,666.65 from the Helping Hands Fund, including \$4,392.99 for utilities, \$1,428.13 for housing, \$1,438.03 for household goods/miscellaneous, \$207.50 for transportation, and \$200.00 for medical assistance.



#### What Happens With Your Donations

By donating items to our thrift store, you become a vital force in our mission to deliver essential support to those in need, while also enabling us to extend our reach to even more individuals and families. As a dedicated 501(c)(3) nonprofit, Agape Ministries, Inc. proudly allocates 92% of every purchase to fuel our life-changing initiatives, acting as a beacon of hope through our client service programs. We are committed to providing essential items at affordable prices, including clothing, bedding, household goods, and toys. Our donors have confidence in our ability to maximize the value of nonessential and vintage collectibles, further strengthening our assistance programs. Discover the wide array of programs we offer to support those by visiting our website https://agapeministriesinc.com/client-services/ that are funded by your donations.



Someone is Turning 50 This Year!

In 1979, Agape Ministries, Inc. embarked on a remarkable journey, ready to create a lasting impact in our community. With deep appreciation, we celebrate the generous \$1,200 contribution from the Maumee Valley Presbytery, which empowered us to secure a yearlong lease on S. Front Street. This strategic decision allowed us to establish a vital presence with our food pantry and thrift store, becoming a beacon of hope and support for those in need. This defining moment heralded a new chapter for Agape Ministries, Inc., as we set forth on a mission to uplift and empower our community.

Can you believe Agape Ministries, Inc. is approaching its 50th anniversary of community service this October? We couldn't be more thrilled!



Agape Food Pantry News

Spring is here, April showers are starting, and grilling season is just around the corner. Dust off those grills and stock up on fuel for some delicious, mouthwatering arilled treats.

We kindly invite you to think about picking up a few extra grilling condiments, such as pickles, lettuce, onions, relish, ketchup, mustard, pasta salad mixes, and more, to support our cause. We will begin distributing these items in our food pantry during the first week of June. Your generosity will truly make a difference for those in our community who are facing challenges.



"AJ"

Introducing AJ, a proud graduate of Memorial High School, class of 2025, and a dedicated backdoor donation worker at the Thrift Store. AJ's goal for the future is to secure full-time employment.

He appreciates the flexibility in scheduling his shifts at Agape, along with the fair compensation he receives.

Outside of work and school, AJ loves spending time with friends, playing basketball, and enjoying moments with his girlfriend.



Agape Thrift Store News

As the sun beams brighter and the days stretch longer, our Thrift Store is overflowing with a charming variety of outdoor toys and games that are sure to bring joy and excitement. Whether you're in search of a fun game of catch or an exhilarating backyard adventure, we have something for everyone.

For those special events, such as prom, be sure to check out our collection of sophisticated formal wear and accessories that will help you shine on your memorable night.

With Mother's Day approaching on May 11th, it's the perfect time to express your gratitude for the wonderful moms in your life. Discover our range of heartfelt gifts designed to make her day truly special. From thoughtful little treasures to meaningful keepsakes, we have everything you need to celebrate mom in style.

Don't forget to take advantage of our special discounts throughout the month, making it even easier to find the perfect gift or treat yourself to something nice. Every purchase supports our mission and helps us continue to serve our community.

# "Thrifting Rare Finds & Good Times"

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



## April Shout Outs

- A heartfelt thank you to Trinity Moulton Church for dedicating their Good Friday morning to assist us in distributing our Good Friday food boxes.
- We extend our deepest appreciation to the Minster and the St. Marys Knights of Columbus volunteers for their generous support on Saturday morning as they helped assemble our Good Friday food boxes in preparation for distribution.
- A big shout-out to Holy Rosary School for their remarkable effort in collecting and delivering over 650 pounds of diapers and wipes for our clients in need.
- · We are immensely grateful for the aenerous contributions from community members who have selflessly supported our food pantry and thrift store. Your kindness enables us to provide consistent access to essential programs and nourishing meals for those in need. Let's unite to create a community filled with positivity, warmth, and compassion. Together, we can truly make a significant difference in the lives of those we serve. Every donation, regardless of size, brings us closer to our mission of alleviating hunger and supporting those who are facing challenging times. With the combined efforts of local organizations and individuals, we are reminded of the incredible strength of community spirit.



### April Stats

- Agape Food Pantry served 401 people in 157 households.
- Agape Weekend Power Pack Bags were disbursed to 596 students.
- Senior Boxes were delivered to 17 people.
- Clothing vouchers were issued to 1 people.
- Household vouchers were issued to 1 people.
- Financial Aid was disbursed for 2 people.