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Take Charge Of Your Finances

Looking to gain control over your finances and build a more stable future? WOCAP offers a Financial Management program designed to help individuals and families do just that! Through this program, participants will learn practical skills like budgeting, saving, and understanding the habits that impact financial well-being.

Together, the group will explore how to break unhelpful financial patterns, build personal wealth, and better understand the roots of both wealth and poverty. This is a great opportunity to invest in yourself and your future. If you're ready to start making smarter money moves, this program could be a perfect fit!

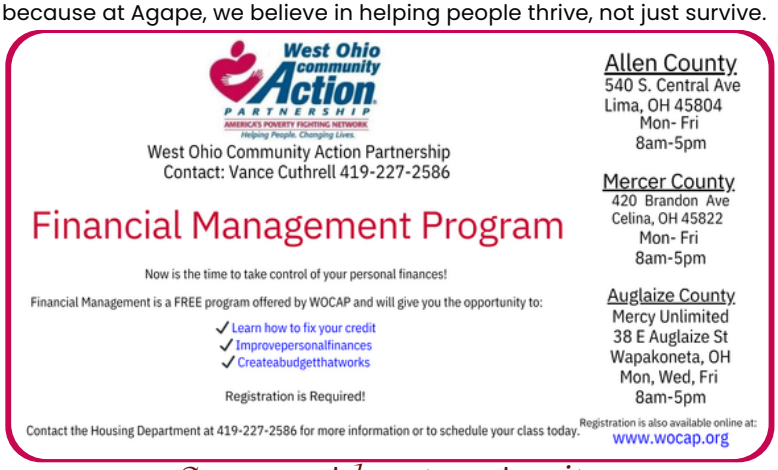
For more details or to get connected, visit www.wocap.org or reach out to Agape and we'll help point you in the right direction.

Agape Ministries- More Than Just A Food Pantry

At Agape Ministries, Inc., we're more than just a place to pick up groceries — we're a full-circle hunger relief and support hub for our community.

Yes, we provide essential food assistance, but our mission goes far beyond that. Behind the scenes, we're constantly working to source food, fundraise, coordinate volunteers, and manage the vital logistics that keep everything running — from transportation and storage to food safety and governance.

Every program is designed with dignity and compassion at its core — because at Agape, we believe in helping people thrive, not just survive.



Summer Adventure Awaits

Feeling those summertime blues? Struggling to keep the kids entertained during break? We've got the cure — and it's just a short drive away!

Ohio is bursting with unforgettable summer escapes, many of them free or low-cost. From festivals and fairs to quirky roadside attractions, there's no shortage of excitement right in your backyard. Go back in time at the Annie Oakley Festival, catch a ride in an amphibious car at the Celina Lake Festival or spend a day of old-fashioned fun at the Shelby County Fair.

And that's just the beginning! Head over to Ohiotraveler.com for a hand-picked list of must-see spots across Northwest Ohio. Whether you're looking for thrills, culture, or a little local charm, you'll find something for the whole family to enjoy.
What are you waiting for? Pack the sunscreen, load up the car, and let the summer adventures begin!

Agape Food Pantry News

Got Extra Produce? Share the Harvest!

Did your garden grow more than you can eat this year? Don't let that extra bounty go to waste! The Agape Food Pantry would be grateful to receive any fresh fruits or vegetables you'd like to share. Your surplus can help nourish local families in need and bring healthy options to their tables. Thank you for helping us grow kindness in our community!

Drop off donations during regular business hours, and help us spread the sizzle of summer!

Employee Spotlight

Wesley

Say hello to Wesley, one of our incredible back door donation team members at the Agape Thrift Store!

Wesley has been with us for just over a year, and in that time, he's made a lasting impression with his friendly attitude and eagerness to help. He especially enjoys meeting the many generous people who drop off donations and loves offering guidance to newcomers who are finding their way around St. Marys.

A senior at Memorial High School, Wesley has spent his high school years sharing his voice as part of the All-Ohio State Youth Choir—a true testament to his passion and talent.
Next fall, Wesley will take the next big step in his journey as he heads to The Culinary Institute of America in New York to pursue his dream of a culinary career.

Agape Thrift Store News

As we say goodbye to June, our Independence Day items are going fast at the Thrift Store — grab them before they're gone!

Summer is in full swing, and it's the perfect time to enjoy the sunshine. Check out our ever-changing selection of bikes, bagged chairs, coolers, and picnic-friendly plastic tableware to make the most of your outdoor adventures.

Planning a wedding? You're in luck — our wedding section is still blooming with beautiful bargains! From elegant décor to charming centerpieces, we've got everything you need to celebrate your big day in style without the big price tag.

"I Don't Always Go Thrifting - OK - Yes I Do"

While kids are soaking up their summer break, parents and teachers have their eyes on the upcoming school year. Our back-to-school supplies — including budget-friendly backpacks — will be hitting the floor soon, so keep us in mind as you prepare.

And don't forget to follow us on Facebook for details on our big "End of Season" summer clothing sale coming later this month — it's the perfect chance to score major deals before the school bell rings!

Watch our Facebook page for updates and featured items!

June Shout Outs

- A heartfelt thank you to the St. Marys FFA class for their generous donation of 123 pounds of food and snacks for our Weekend Power Pack Bags Program. **Students helping students!**
- Calvary Christian Fellowship has graciously donated over 120 pounds of food for our clients in need, which will be distributed through our food pantry.
- St. Pauls - St. Marys continues to generously provide toilet paper donations for our food pantry clients totalling over 1,000 rolls to date this year. We appreciate your ongoing support.
- We were fortunate to receive an anonymous donation of 40 pounds of hamburger this month for our clients in need. Thank you!
- We are truly thankful for the generous contributions from our community members to our food pantry and thrift store. Your kindness allows us to consistently deliver essential programs and nutritious meals to those in need. Let's come together to nurture a community filled with positivity, warmth, and abundant compassion. Together, our collective efforts can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

June Stats

- Agape Food Pantry served **351** people in **143** households.
- Agape Summer Feeding Bags were disbursed to **103** students.
- Senior Boxes were delivered to **14** people.
- Clothing vouchers were issued to **2** people.
- Household vouchers were issued to **0** people.
- Financial Aid was disbursed for **1** people.