



“If everything is donated, why are some items priced higher?”

That’s a fair question. While our items are generously donated, the mission they support is not free. Every purchase at Agape Thrift Store helps fund food assistance, outreach, and vital client services for families in need. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, 97% of proceeds go directly back into our programs.

We work hard to keep everyday essentials affordable, while thoughtfully pricing unique items like handbags, jewelry, and antiques to reflect their value and maximize the help they provide. Sometimes a purse is more than a purse—it helps provide groceries, utility assistance, and hope for someone facing a difficult season.

Thank you for supporting a community built on generosity, compassion, and faith.



Will You Sponsor A Child?

School’s almost out, summer is almost here, and we’re getting ready to kick off one of our favorite programs at Agape – our “Sponsor a Child” School Supply Drive! For just \$15, you can help a local student start the school year with confidence by sponsoring a backpack filled with essential school supplies. These supply kits will be available through our food pantry in July, giving families the chance to use Ohio’s tax-free shopping week to pick up any extra items they may need.

This year, our goal is to equip 200 children with the tools they need for a successful school year – and we’d love for you to be part of it! Every donation, big or small, helps make a difference for local kids and families in our community. Donations can be made online through our website or mailed to: Agape Ministries, Inc., 1220 E. Spring Street, St. Marys, OH 45885. Please note “School Supply Kits” in the memo line.

Let’s make back-to-school season exciting, hopeful, and stress-free for as many families as possible!



🎵 School’s Out For Summer 🎵

As another school year comes to a close, thousands of local students are heading into summer with excitement and full hearts thanks to the support of our community. During the 2025–2026 school year, Agape Ministries provided Weekend Power Packs to 4,498 students at a cost of \$48,234.68.

This program was created to provide food to students with limited access to meals who are at risk of going hungry on the weekends. Imagine the fear and emptiness of not knowing if you’ll have something to eat. Some students face difficult home situations, have parents working weekends, or come from families struggling to afford groceries. The Weekend Power Pack Program helps ease that burden, ensuring children return to school on Monday morning fed, focused, and ready to learn.



Agape Food Pantry News

Spring is in full swing, and we're excited to continue grilling season through the month of July for the families we serve through our food pantry. Summer is a time when many families look forward to gathering together for cookouts, picnics, and simple meals shared outside with loved ones. Unfortunately, for many in our community, rising grocery costs and tighter household budgets can make those moments difficult to enjoy.

As you shop, please consider picking up a few extra cookout favorites such as ketchup, mustard, pickles, relish, onions, lettuce, pasta salad mixes, baked beans, chips, hamburger and hot dog toppings, and other grilling essentials. These small additions may seem simple, but they help create meals that feel special and bring a sense of normalcy and joy to families who may be struggling.

During the summer months, many children are home from school and no longer receiving regular school meals, which can place an added strain on already stretched food budgets. By donating grilling and picnic-style foods, you are helping parents provide fun, seasonal meals their children can look forward to and enjoy together as a family.

Many of these items are not commonly donated through regular food drives, making your support even more valuable during this season. Whether it's one bottle of ketchup or several bags of cookout supplies, every contribution helps us stock our pantry shelves and better serve local families.

We will continue distributing these items throughout June and July in our food pantry. Every donation, no matter the size, makes a meaningful impact and reminds our neighbors that they are cared for and supported by a compassionate community. Thank you for continuing to stand beside us and help bring nourishment, dignity, and hope to those in need.



Agape Thrift Store News

Prom dresses have been danced in, graduation caps have been tossed, and another school year has come to a close. Now it's time to slow down a little, soak up the sunshine, and welcome all the fun that summer brings.

At Agape Thrift Store, we love helping our community make the most of the season without breaking the budget. Whether you're planning backyard cookouts, family get-togethers, a camping adventure or quiet evenings at home, you'll find treasures around every corner. From serving platters and drink pitchers to grilling tools, table covers, and kitchen essentials, we've got plenty of items to help make summer entertaining easy and enjoyable.

And of course, not every summer day is sunny. For those rainy afternoons spent indoors, stop in and browse our collection of board games, puzzles, books, and family-friendly activities that bring everyone together for a little extra fun.

No matter what your summer looks like, we invite you to stop by, explore, and see what new treasures are waiting for you. Thank you for shopping, donating, and supporting Agape Thrift Store – every purchase helps us continue serving our community in meaningful ways.

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 Happy Father's Day!

May Shout Outs

- A huge shoutout to the students of Memorial High School DECA for hosting a food drive that brought in over 100 pounds of food along with \$65 in cash donations to support our pantry families. Your generosity and leadership are making a real difference in our community!
- We are incredibly grateful to our community members who teamed up with Kids Coalition Against Hunger City of Bright to pack and donate more than 250 pounds of rice meals to our food pantry. Your compassion and willingness to serve will help provide nourishment to so many local families.
- Thank you to everyone who participated in the annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive! Thanks to the kindness of our neighbors and local mail carriers, over 750 pounds of nonperishable food was collected and donated to our pantry this year. Your support helps us continue feeding those in need throughout our community.
- Every act of generosity reflects God's love and helps us provide meals, programs, and essential resources through our food pantry and thrift store. Together, through faith and compassion, we continue building a community of hope, service, and love.



May Stats

- Agape Food Pantry served **327** people in **140** households.
- Agape Weekend Power Pack Bags were disbursed to **282** students.
- Senior Boxes were delivered to **13** people.
- Clothing vouchers were issued to **0** people.
- Household vouchers were issued to **0** people.
- Financial Aid was disbursed for **2** people.