



Community Connect Day Volunteers

A heartfelt thank you to JM Green & Associates, CPA's and H&R Block, who chose Agape Ministries as their Community Connect Day volunteer site. Their hard work, generosity, and commitment to serving others made a meaningful impact on our ministry and the families we serve.

The volunteer team assembled 200 school supply kits that will be distributed to local children throughout the month of July. These kits will help ensure students begin the new school year with the tools they need to learn and succeed. Their efforts will directly benefit families across our service area.

In addition to packing school supplies, volunteers also sorted and inspected donated board games and puzzles for our Thrift Store. The sale of these items helps generate funding for our food pantry and client assistance programs, allowing us to continue serving neighbors in need.

When Generosity Multiplies

When people think about food pantries, they often picture each organization serving only its own community. But behind the scenes, food pantries work together to ensure good food never goes to waste.

When Agape receives an abundance of fresh or perishable food that won't last until our next pantry distribution, we share it with fellow food pantries, soup kitchens, and outreach ministries. Every donation shared means another family receives a nutritious meal, another pantry keeps its shelves stocked, and another community experiences the love of Christ in action.

Your generosity makes this possible. Because of your support, we're able to care for our neighbors while also helping others whenever God blesses us with more than we can use. Together, we're feeding hope, strengthening communities, and proving that compassion multiplies when it's shared.



I Love Summertime

Do you remember the excitement of summer as a child? Vacation Bible School, church camp, summer reading programs, and community activities filled our days with fun, learning, and friendship.

Today, many families are feeling the strain of rising costs and tighter budgets. Thankfully, local churches, libraries, and community organizations continue to offer a variety of affordable—and often free—activities for children throughout the summer.

If you haven't already, explore the programs available in your community. Whether it's Vacation Bible School, a summer reading challenge, youth activities, or day camp, these opportunities provide children with wholesome fun, meaningful experiences, and memories that can last a lifetime.





Agape Food Pantry News

Summer gardens are in full bloom, and many gardeners find themselves with more fresh produce than they can use. If your garden is overflowing with tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers, peppers, green beans, sweet corn, or other fresh vegetables, consider sharing your abundance with Agape Food Pantry.

Fresh produce is one of the most requested items at the food pantry. While canned and shelf-stable foods are important, nothing compares to the nutritional value and flavor of fresh fruits and vegetables. Your donation helps provide healthy food options that many families may not otherwise be able to afford.

Many of our clients look forward to produce season each year. Fresh fruits and vegetables allow families to prepare nutritious meals, introduce children to healthy foods, and enjoy flavors that simply can't be found in a can or box. Your garden harvest can bring both nourishment and encouragement to a family going through a difficult season.

Every pound of produce donated helps us serve local families with dignity and care. Whether you have a single bag of vegetables or several boxes from a large garden, your generosity makes a meaningful impact on the lives of your neighbors.

Fresh produce donations may be dropped off during regular business hours. Thank you for helping us turn your garden's bounty into a blessing for others and for helping us build a healthier, stronger community.



Agape Thrift Store News

Summer is in full swing, and the Thrift Store is packed with seasonal treasures to help you make the most of these warm, sunny days. Whether you're planning family vacations, camping trips, backyard barbecues, or afternoons at the park, you'll find plenty of affordable items to make your summer more enjoyable. From coolers and outdoor chairs to picnic supplies, games, home décor, and household essentials, there is always something new waiting to be discovered.

Shopping at Agape Thrift Store is a great way to find quality items at affordable prices while supporting programs that help local families in need. With new donations arriving daily, our inventory is constantly changing, making every visit a unique shopping experience.

"If you ever text me to go thrifting, and I say no?

Call the police. That's not me.

I would never say that!

If wedding bells are in your future, be sure to browse our wedding section. From elegant decorations and centerpieces to serving pieces, candles, and unique accents, you'll find budget-friendly options to help create a beautiful celebration without the high price tag.

Although summer may seem like it just began, back-to-school season will be here before we know it. Throughout July, you'll begin seeing school supplies, backpacks, lunch boxes, and other classroom essentials arriving on our sales floor, helping families prepare for the new school year while stretching their budgets.

"Stay in the loop! Our **Facebook page** is where you'll find exciting updates and exclusive featured items you won't want to miss."

June Shout Outs

- A heartfelt thank you to St. Isidore Family of Parishes for helping keep our food pantry stocked with ground beef and sausage. Your continued support provides nutritious protein options for the families we serve and is greatly appreciated.
- Thank you to Holy Redeemer for donating 253 pounds of food to our pantry. Your generosity helps ensure that local families have access to the groceries they need during challenging times.
- We are grateful to Caring Friends for donating popsicles for our Kids Summer Feeding Bags. This thoughtful treat brings a little extra joy to the children participating in our summer program.
- A special thank you to the Wayne Street Church Vacation Bible School students and leaders for collecting 166 pounds of food for our pantry. Your hard work and servant hearts are making a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors.
- 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.



June Stats

- Agape Food Pantry served **428** people in **173** households.
- Agape Summer Feeding Bags were disbursed to **97** students.
- Senior Boxes were delivered to **13** people.
- Clothing vouchers were issued to **0** people.
- Household vouchers were issued to **1** people.
- Financial Aid was disbursed for **3** people.