



Did You Know?

You can support Agape Ministries right from your paycheck!

Agape Ministries partners with the United Way of Auglaize County, giving local employees an easy way to make a difference through payroll giving. You can choose to have a small amount donated from each paycheck directly to Agape.

It's a simple way to support the work we do in our community—without having to remember to make a donation every week or month. Even a few dollars from each paycheck can add up and make a BIG difference! Your ongoing support helps Agape continue providing food and other essential services to individuals and families throughout our community.

Want to make a difference all year long? Consider choosing Agape Ministries through your United Way workplace giving!

Help Us Spread The Word!

Agape Ministries is proud to introduce Survivor Club, a program designed to help local high school junior and senior students build the confidence and real-world skills they'll need as they prepare for life beyond the classroom.

Survivor Club gives students an opportunity to learn about important topics that aren't always covered in a traditional classroom. It's a chance for students to gain knowledge they can carry with them into college, the workforce, independent living, and beyond.

We're asking parents, grandparents, teachers, community members, and friends to encourage the juniors and seniors in their lives to sign up and participate! Know a St. Marys Memorial junior or senior? Encourage them to sign up for Survivor Club in the high school office today! First class is Sept. 22nd. at 3:00pm and will be held on Tuesdays only during the first quarter.

High school won't last forever.

Be ready for what's next.

SURVIVOR CLUB

Survivor Club helps St. Marys juniors and seniors build real-life skills in a fun, hands-on way led by local volunteers.

- 🔥 Cooking, budgeting, and car basics
- 💪 Fitness, wellness, and confidence
- 🎨 Life skills, hobbies, and more

St. Marys High School
(Room 109 – Food Lab)
Tuesdays & Thursdays after school



Join Survivor Club Today

Supporting Our Seniors

Agape Ministries is proud to partner with the Auglaize County Council on Aging to provide monthly Senior Food Boxes to homebound seniors in our community. Each box is packed with nutritious shelf-stable foods, toiletries, hygiene items, and household cleaning supplies and delivered directly to seniors' homes during the first week of each month. If you know a homebound senior who could benefit from this service, please contact the Auglaize County Council on Aging at 419-394-4217.

Seniors who are not homebound and are able to get out are encouraged to visit the Agape Food Pantry, where they can receive shelf-stable foods as well as perishable items such as meat, dairy, and fresh produce, along with hygiene and cleaning supplies. We are thankful for our community's continued support, which allows us to make sure seniors have access to the food and essential items they need.





Agape Food Pantry News

As the leaves begin to change and the temperatures start to dip, there's something especially comforting about gathering around the table with a warm, hearty bowl of chili. This October, Agape Ministries is once again bringing that comfort to the families and individuals we serve through our Chili Kit Program!

Our Chili Kits are designed to provide everything needed to turn simple pantry staples into a delicious, filling meal the whole family can enjoy. From the first stir of the pot to the last scoop of chili, these kits are more than just food—they're an opportunity to provide warmth, comfort, and a little extra kindness to our pantry clients during the cooler months.

We are collecting many of the ingredients that make a great pot of chili, including tomato juice, chili starter, chili seasoning packets, shredded cheddar cheese, and other chili favorites. Donations of individual items are welcome and can be combined with other donations to create complete kits for our clients.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

The next time you're grocery shopping, consider adding a few chili essentials to your cart for Agape. One extra can, one seasoning packet, or one package of crackers may seem like a small gift, but when our community comes together, those small gifts become complete meals for local families.

You can also help by sharing our Chili Kit collection with your church, workplace, family, friends, or community group. Every donation helps us stock our shelves and provide our clients with meals that are not only nourishing, but also feel a little more like home.

This October, let's stir up comfort, fill some bowls, and warm some hearts! Thank you for continuing to make it possible for Agape Ministries to put food in people's mouths and dignity in their hearts.



Agape Thrift Store News

Whether you're cheering on your hometown team, showing your OSU pride, or getting ready for NFL Sundays, we have plenty of ways to celebrate the season. Check out our selection of team apparel, jerseys, hats, jewelry, and accessories to create your perfect game-day look. And remember—when you thrift, you never know what great find might be waiting for you!

As the temperatures cool down, our sales floor is warming up with all things fall! Cozy sweaters, flannels, jackets, and other seasonal clothing are ready to help you get prepared for sweater weather.

Fall is also making its way into our home décor, with pumpkins, harvest decorations, wreaths, and other autumn treasures arriving throughout the season. Whether you're decorating your front porch or adding a little fall charm inside your home, we have plenty to inspire you.

Hunters, we haven't forgotten about you! Hunting and outdoor apparel is now making its way onto the sales floor, so stop in and take a look. You might just find the perfect piece for your next outdoor adventure—or a great gift for someone who loves the outdoors.

And before you know it, Halloween will be creeping into the store! Keep watching for costumes, décor, and plenty of spooky treasures as they begin arriving.

So come see what's new, enjoy a little fall shopping, and remember—you never know what treasure you'll find while helping make a difference!

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August Shout Outs

- We would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to Norman Howell for his generous donation of fair chickens! Donations like these provide our pantry clients with fresh, nutritious food and are a wonderful example of our community coming together to help others.
- We are incredibly grateful to the local chicken farmers who faithfully donate fresh eggs for our clients. Eggs are an important staple for many families, and these generous donations help provide nutritious food while offsetting what can quickly become a significant weekly expense for our pantry. Thank you for continuing to support our mission!
- To all of the gardeners who generously share their summer harvest with Agape—thank you! Your donations of fresh vegetables and produce bring something extra special to our food pantry. Every zucchini, tomato, pepper, cucumber and basket of garden goodness helps our clients enjoy fresh, wholesome food throughout the summer months.
- We are also deeply grateful for the many anonymous donors whose quiet generosity makes such a tremendous difference. Whether you donate clothing, household goods, furniture, food, hygiene products or other necessities, your kindness provides relief, hope and dignity to families throughout our community. You may not always see the impact of your gift, but please know that it matters—and it is deeply appreciated.



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August Stats

- Agape Food Pantry served **393** people in **163** households.
- Agape Weekend Power Pack Bags were disbursed to **79** students.
- Senior Boxes were delivered to **12** people.
- Clothing vouchers were issued to **2** people.
- Household vouchers were issued to **0** people.
- Financial Aid was disbursed for **1** people.