

# AGAPE CENTER LYNCHBURG



## AGAPE MEMBER CHURCHES

- ❖ Calvary Baptist Church: Lynchburg, VA
- ❖ Christ Our Redeemer
- ❖ Church of the Good Shepard
- ❖ Winfall Baptist Church

## RECENT DONORS

- ❖ Blue Ridge Community Church: School Supply Drive
- ❖ University of Lynchburg: Silverware
- ❖ I Scream, You Scream: Monetary Donation
- ❖ Ayven Avenue Boutique: Monetary Donation
- ❖ Local, community Farmers: Fresh Produce

July 2019 From the mouth of one of our volunteers.....

"Sometimes it's the little things that make a big impact!

I was working in the food pantry at the Agape Center Lynchburg this past week, where our shelves had been recently stocked with these pounds of Starbucks ground coffee. This was the first time since we opened our doors that we've had ground coffee to give out in our food pantry.

A first-time client walked in and when she saw the coffee, she immediately started crying. I asked her if she was OK, and she responded by saying she was fine but just couldn't remember the last time she drank good coffee. She couldn't believe that we would not only send her home with coffee, among other groceries, but with really, good coffee. We were able to give her some of the best, just like Jesus would. That's pretty special.

Later that day I was helping another client load some groceries into her shopping cart and before she left, I gave her a hug and told her how happy I was she that she came in that day. She told me that never in her life had she been treated the way the volunteers at Agape treated her and Agape was different than anywhere else she'd ever been. Her comment made me so happy that she felt true Agape love from our volunteers, but it also broke my heart to think that she had experienced so little kindness in her life. And she is living within my community.

I realize I post a lot about Agape and I promise you it isn't because I'm awesome or care to brag about being there. I'm just doing what I know God has asked me to do. This center, the community behind it, and the clients who walk through our doors each week have changed my life and my perspective. It's also changing the lives of those who come in and I'd be remiss if I didn't share with my friends and family some of the incredible stories that come out of this place".....



## RECENT DONORS

- ❖ Guggenheimer Health & Rehab: School Supply Drive
- ❖ Calvary Baptist Church School Supply Drive
- ❖ 3 East Surgical Floor at LGH: School Supply Drive
- ❖ Maria Aponte: Neighborhood Drive for toiletry products

**Mission:** Our mission is "To reflect **God's love** by giving of ourselves and our resources as we submit to the leadership of the Holy Spirit to mentor and **help** individuals turn or return to a Christ-centered life."

**Services:** We are here to reflect God's **AGAPE** love to those in our community who are in **need**. The food pantry and clothing store are well stocked because of the generous contributors, and our volunteers are **always ready** to assist.

**Hours:** Tuesdays 9a-2p, Fridays 10a-2p and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month 10a-2p

## HELP WANTED

- \* Floor Supervisor Receptionist
- \*USDA check-in representative
- \*Donation Sorters

## COMMUNITY PRAISE

We love our local farmers who come out and support us with **God-grown** produce and flowers. Nothing like home grown “tomaters”! Loving our community **together** is what we are all about!



### God

continues to **GROW** our numbers.... Which also grows our need for **more** volunteers!

\***June:** 97 households and 278 individuals served

\***July:** 118 households and 338 individuals served

\***Grand Totals:** 215 households and 616 individuals served over a span of two months

### CURRENT NEEDS:

- \*towels
- \*sheets
- \*pots/pans
- \*microwaves
- \*mattress'
- \*box springs
- \*bed frames
- \*paper goods
- \*brooms
- \*dust pans
- \*mops
- \*paper towels
- \*all purpose Cleaners
- \*Fans
- \*bathroom cleaners



**#LOVEOURCIRCLE**

# ACCEPTABLE VS. NON-ACCEPTABLE DONATIONS

- In season clothing/shoes YES
- Electronics YES
- Toys/games YES
- Baby items YES
- Baby equipment YES
- Working appliances YES
- Jewelry YES
- Christian books/magazines YES
- Bikes YES
- Hand/power tools YES
- Furniture YES
- New/unopened toiletries YES
- New/unused cleaning supplies YES
- Pantry items (non-perishable & condiments) YES
- Paper goods YES

- Out of season clothing/shoes NO
- Non-working electronics NO
- Missing-pieces toys/games NO
- Out of date/recalled baby items NO
- Breast Pumps NO
- Dishwashers NO
- Collectibles NO
- Secular books/magazines NO
- Outdoor plat equipment NO
- Exercise equipment NO
- Broken Furniture NO
- Stained/torn items NO
- Miscellaneous hardware NO
- Miscellaneous/unmatched housewares NO
- Small knick-knacks NO
- Outdated electronics NO
- CD's/DVD's/Blue Rays/VHS NO
- Cassettes/Albums NO

**AGAPE Center Lynchburg  
Welcomes our Newest  
Volunteers:**

**Scott Insurance  
employees come out on  
Tuesdays weekly to help  
volunteer with the  
Agape Lynchburg  
Center.....**



## A SERVANT'S HEART

DARRELL WARGO HAS BEEN A FAITHFUL VOLUNTEER OF AGAPE. WILLING TO HELP US WITH FOOD PANTRY PICKUPS, PICKING UP MATTRESSES, AND FAITHFULLY FILLING UP OUR PANTRY SHELVES AND TOILETRY ITEMS EVERY WEEK! WE COUNT ON PEOPLE LIKE DARRELL TO HELP SERVE OUR COMMUNITY. THANKS FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS DARRELL FOR BEING AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO US.



#HISHEART

## Changing Lives, one need at a Time.....

A client wrote a beautiful letter to our Agape Servers out of her thankfulness of how much she feels loved by God through us:

“God bless each and every one of you for all you do for us. God must have sent you to us.”

Your friend in Jesus, Mary

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I would like to say thank you for all you do for me. I feel loved and cared for by you. I would not like to live without you. God is my life. I get each month from you. I don't buy anything. I don't see. I thank you for all of you. I lost my husband 4 yrs ago with cancer. I kept him here with me and took care of the time. She lost her head, went into dementia of the brain he was in nursing home about 9 months before he passed away and it had Sunday seeing him not here with me to help. I had a 16 year old son...

## FOLLOWING HIS CALLING....

Agape Center Lynchburg is always looking for more donations and more volunteers! Monika from Living in the Heart of VA tours the facility and learns more about what Agape does to serve our community. Pantry Director Debby Kountz tells LHOV in her own words of how Agape Lynchburg is impacting clients that walk through their doors,

ONE person at a time.....”when you see somebody come in here and they already have a closed off demeanor....when they see their name, and when you call them by name, already you see things melting off of them, their shoulders go back and their head is held high. Just seeing the light in their eyes and feeling like, ok, there IS somebody that is coming alongside of me and that is offering me some hope.”



### AGAPE CENTER LYNCHBURG'S FOUNDING VOLUNTEERS

Tabitha North -  
Executive Director

Ann Chafin- Mentor  
and Calvary Baptist  
Church  
Representing  
Member

Tom Chafin-  
Treasurer

Rick Hughes-  
Supporter in so  
many ways, too  
many to count

Robin Maddox-  
Clothing Director

Tracy Sullivan-  
Clothing/Pantry

Pete Sullivan- IT

Rick Lee- Mentor

Debby Kountz-  
Pantry Director

Mary Craig- Floor  
Supervisor

Richard Craig-  
Facilities  
Management

Sue Lipscomb-  
Executive Director  
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