

# AGAPE CENTER LYNCHBURG



## BLESSINGS

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.”

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.

## AGAPE HOURS

Tuesdays 9a-2p

Fridays 10a-2p

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Monthly 10a-2p



## BIG NUMBERS

121 households served for September

AND

351 individuals served for September



## HELP WANTED

Social media/website, Public Relations, Events coordinator, Cleaning Crew, Administration Assistant, Builders/Contractors for renovation projects, Recipe Maker to educate clients on how to make meals with items in our pantry





COMMUNITY +

Volunteers = YAY GOD!!!

Thank you SOOOO much all of you from **Passion Community Church!** Your enthusiasm, **love of Jesus** and **servanthood** was contagious🙏 Loved seeing even the young ones learning to serve, and by the end of the day.... no toilet paper, but There was enough for **EVERYONE!!!** Both clients and volunteers are consistently experiencing the Love of Jesus and growing closer to Him one step at a time.... Another **YAY GOD** day!!!



Acts 20:35

<sup>35</sup> In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

SHOUT OUT

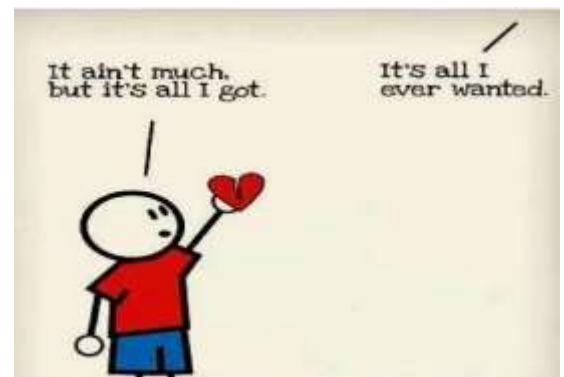
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For their **much needed**  
donation of trash bags!!!

Deuteronomy 15:10

<sup>10</sup> Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.



Michelle Ballin not only mentors, but spends lots of time putting together the bday baskets that we refer to as “the cherry on top” they bring so much joy and really help our clients feels so special.



THANKS MICHELLE!!!



Members of **Bedrock Community Church** helped **serve** and get us organized this past month.





YES God,  
YES!!!

**Micah's Story: Confession:** when Josh approached me last spring about serving weekly at the Agape Center, my first response was, **"but we don't have time for that."** Yes, we had wanted to get involved in ministering to our community but there always seemed to be a million **"excuses"** standing in our way. I'll never forget Josh's response to me that day: **"You're right. We don't have time. But we have to make time because it's important."** And I knew in my heart he was right about that too. Now having been with this ministry since March, I'm ashamed of my initial response to God's call, but also grateful that God nudged us forward, even with me dragging my feet at first.

The  **blessings**  from being involved with  **Agape**  have been more than we can count. We've seen people come to know Christ as their Lord and Savior, we've witnessed people receive mattresses after sleeping on their floors, we've seen people cry over the fact that we were giving them toilet paper and paper towels and things we so often take for granted. But guys —  **this is not about us. This is about God and what HE can do.**  He is in every room of that place and you can feel it. So I know some of you may get tired of hearing these Agape stories from me, but if you do get this far in this post and have a nudge in your heart to give, donate, or volunteer,  **please please, please say yes.**  I know firsthand that you will not regret it!

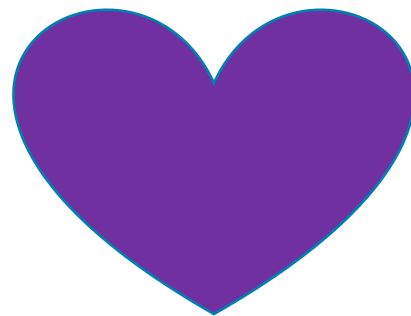


## Touching Lives One at a Time.....

One Tuesday Agape was **blessed by a client** who was blessed by the **love** she received at Agape. During her time shopping, she picked up several zucchinis. She then made several zucchini and raisin muffins and brought them in as a thank you! It's truly such a joy to not only serve at Agape, but to see how **lives are being touched and how love is being given back**. God is **ridiculously amazing** to allow us to be a part of seeing what He can do when we are willing to just say **YES!!!**



From the mouth of our **very own** pantry volunteer **Debby....**"In just six short months we have been blessed to experience the joy of joining in the journey of helping people secure jobs, reconcile marriages, break the chains of addiction, and even be a part of life changing choices in which clients have **surrendered their lives** fully to Christ as their Lord and Savior. We have seen people cry over receiving a birthday cake, quality coffee, and even the beautiful way the clothing "store" is set up. We have heard over and over how **they have never felt so loved**, or they love coming back so they can get a hug. We are well aware they are experiencing the **unconditional love** of God, and we are just overwhelmed with how much He is using us to truly be **His face and hands.**"



# VOLUNTEERS!!!

It is our volunteers that are our REAL HEROES! Agape Center Lynchburg wouldn't be where it is today without BOTH our volunteers AND answered prayer.

One of our member churches, **Calvary Baptist Church** collected mounds of donations for us. Overflowing our bins with both household and clothing items, WHAT A BLESSING! Thank you Calvary for being part of the team as Jesus' hands and feet...

And shout out to another Jesus' hands and feet team member, **Blue Ridge Area Area Food Bank!** We are forever thankful for your continuous supplies for our food pantry!!!



## AGAPE CENTER LYNCHBURG'S FOUNDING VOLUNTEERS

**Tabitha North** - Executive Director **Ann Chafin**- Mentor & 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  
**Cindy Johnston**- Mentor Lead **Rick Lee**- Mentor **Debby Kountz**- Pantry/Volunteer Coordinator  
**Mary Craig**- Floor Supervisor  
**Richard Craig**- Facilities Management **Sue Lipscomb**- Executive Director in Moneta



## CURRENT NEEDS

Bed frames, mattress sets, dressers/armoires, crock pots, dehumidifiers, portable heaters, vacuum cleaners, towels, blankets, sheet sets, comforters, shower curtain sets, study bibles, large-print bibles, "Jesus Calling" devotionals, Baby Tylenol/acetaminophen, cough drops, disinfectant spray, laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaner, paper towels, Lysol, toilet bowl cleaner, condiments, canned chicken, canned tuna





## ANNOUNCEMENTS



- We have **SURPASSED** 1,000 LIKES on **Facebook**
- **BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH** joined us to be an Agape member church



- We have a new **website!!!** Check it out: [www.agapelyh.org](http://www.agapelyh.org)



YAY GOD ONCE AGAIN FOR ALL THESE EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!

## IN LIEU OF THE UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

**\*\*PLEASE** be aware of the following date **CHANGES\*\***

Agape Lynchburg will be closed for holiday weeks, and opened for **several Fridays** for clients in place of those closings amongst **November/December...**

- ✓ **November 22<sup>nd</sup>**: PRAYER @ 830a, **open** to clients 9a-2p
- ✓ **November 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>**: CLOSED for **Thanksgiving**
- ✓ **December 6<sup>th</sup>**: PRAYER @ 830a, **open** to clients 9a-2p
- ✓ **December 13<sup>th</sup>**: PRAYER @ 830a, **open** to clients 9a-2p
- ✓ **December 22<sup>nd</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020** CLOSED for **CHRISTmas/New Years**
- ✓ **January 3<sup>rd</sup>**: WORKDAY 10a-2p

