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AGAPE HOURS

Tuesdays 9a-2p

Fridays 9a-2p

3rd Saturday Monthly 10a-2p



We are here to reflect God's **AGAPE** love to those in our community who are in need.

The Agape Center Lynchburg



The numbers are In >>>

*Because of how
God LOVES his
people so.....*

Numbers **NEVER** lie, and God's
surplus of provisions continue **SO**
THAT we can serve our community
in need....

October 2019: we served 139 families and
420 individuals.

November 2019: we served 127 families and
370 individuals.

December 2019: we served 146 families and
426 individuals.

Founding Volunteers *Where it all began.....*

For some people, volunteering is about giving. But
for this group, it is their way of living! Thanks for
ALL each of you do.....



YOU 
CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE

New Ideas >>>

“Take and Make” Meals

*Bringing healthy
into the Agape
Center Lynchburg
for our valued
clients.....*



How does it Work?

We use items that we carry in the store so we can help come up with simple and delicious ideas and we always try to put in fresh vegetables.



SO THAT.....

This is just another way of being able to create a fun-loving environment and helping our clients feel valued and cared for with the choices we offer. Recently a client had made a comment as to how much they love the variety of fresh vegetables we offer.

The Response

Recently we started putting together “Take and Make” meals that has been successful and well enjoyed by the clients.

Sometimes we are able to offer samples, like like in these pictures, we made Ground Turkey Chili.



Community >>>

BIG Thanks from our Hearts to YOURS!!!

Through Marie’s seemingly small acts of kindness, people are truly feeling loved and special. I don’t think she signs her name, but “Love your Agape family”.

YAY GOD!!!!

*A **HUGE** thank you to Paul Pribble who heard our plea for needing shelving in our garage at Agape.*

We couldn’t do what we do if it weren’t for everyone pitching in. Paul’s handiwork is a reminder to the **goodness of God**. We cannot say thank you enough. We feel so **loved!!!!!!**

Marie is a special volunteer who loves on the clients by sending them notes of encouragement and letting them know they have been missed, if she didn’t see them on a day they were scheduled. She has sent them notes when they have been hospitalized and bought gifts for a client who recently had a baby. She’s made cookies with little verses on them to pass out just so each person coming in feels special.



Agape's First Ministry Picnic



Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 4:9-11 (ESV)

Time for each of us to refuel....

Serving is an attitude that Jesus praised even saying that the servants on earth will be the leaders in heaven (Matthew 20:26-27). But servants need to be served too. So here's to refilling our "cups" SO THAT we may continue to bless others with our gifts.

Our community >>>



For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. Action causes action. This is what we are looking for when we pray. One of the most powerful actions in the universe is prayer. Therefore true prayer, must produce and cause action. And at Agape Lynchburg, we spend a considerable amount of time with God doing just that!

Balance is essential when we serve.....

There's a balance to be found here but also much joy to be had. Joy both from being able to provide for someone else, but also joy from having one of your needs met by your community.



Refueling with our Agape Family!



Lynchburg *Connects...*

2 claps for these fine folks who continue to be Jesus' hands and feet. In October Eva (Agape client) received a full size mattress from the generous drive they did. In November they raised funds for beds and heaters for our clients. WOW just WOW!

God alone does HIS work. He Himself decrees it, plans it, empowers it, and sees to its ultimate success. HIS mighty hand is in all HIS work, from beginning to end. Yet, in HIS great wisdom and grace, He has designed HIS work to be accomplished perfectly through using imperfect people.

God Himself does His marvelous work; but He does it through people like us who surrender to His use - people who entrust themselves to Him through prayer. He has ordained no other way for the work of the gospel to be done in this world than through people - people who are faithful to HIS cause, available for HIS use, open to HIS instruction, and set-apart unto His holiness.



Community >>>

Doing HIS work.....

Psalms 84:11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.



A Huge THANK YOU♥ To Matt and Bethany Kime with Kime Designs for their generosity in donating 20% of their proceeds from their participation in the Hill City craft fair, to the Agape Center. Matt puts so much love and attention into his woodwork, as well as the customers he talked to. He did fantastic at the fair, and we are so grateful for their commitment to use their gifts to share His blessings with others. Please check out their products on their online store kimedesignonline.com

They also have their products dispersed around town to be able to see these very unique pieces. Contact Matt and Bethany for further details.

SENDING OUR LOVE TO EACH OF OUR SUPPORTERS!!!



Really can't say enough about these AWESOME guys from LU! So full of fun, energy and Love of Jesus, and a heart to truly serve.....everything from floor washing, bag stuffing, and Clothes hanging that helped get us ready for CHRISTmas!



Special shout-out to Beth Anne Carson Marr and her daughter Blakeley for working behind The scenes at Agape on Mondays for our fresh produce food pantry pick-up. We couldn't Do this without our faithful volunteers. Thank you!!!

HumanKind

Agape Lynchburg was blessed to share our bounty of luggage, backpacks, and bags Filled with supplies for foster kids with Human Kind. #agapekindoflove #fostercare



BIG thanks to the youth of Impact Church for their time volunteering at Agape Lynchburg. You all are a HUGE blessing!!!



THANK YOU Aaron Van Dunk and all of your Trail Life buddies for the astonishing Food drive you did for Agape Lynchburg. The bounty overflowed!!! God is so good!

Agape Lynchburg's 1st Annual Thanksgiving Basket Drive



Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.
Proverbs 22:9

Scripture tells us that it's always more blessed *to give* than receive. *Christ-followers* should always give to the homeless and needy. God loves a *cheerful giver*. *Christ-followers* are to be kindhearted and loving with *everyone* even with our enemies. If we have it and a poor man asks for something and we don't help, how is *God's love* in us? We are told to be *imitators of Christ*. Let's *ALL* remember how Christ thought of *each of US* as he hung, suffering on the cross, not of himself, and his *reprehensible circumstances*, but of *ALL of us.....* with these things in mind, Agape Lynchburg *poured God's love* into our clients during the month of November to bless them with the gift of a Thanksgiving basket *SO THAT* our clients could celebrate *HIS love* with their families too. From *tears of joy* because of the *unexpected gift* to a story of how a simple box of potatoe flakes completely revered one man because he cannot eat fresh potatoes due to the content of starch in them....*WOW*, just WOW! God always has our *best interest* at heart! We want to give a *HUGE thanks* out to those who gave *SO THAT* we could display *God's AGAPE LOVE* to our clients!!!

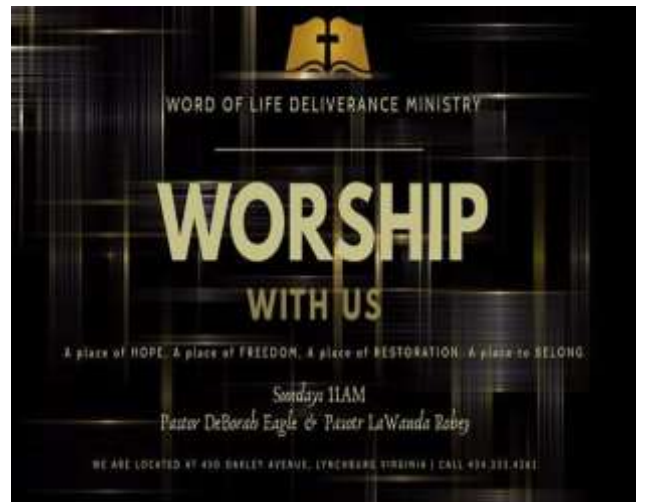


Donations BIG and small, cards, gift cards, we
used them ALL!

#THANKFUL

You can NEVER out-give God!

BIG THANKS TO OUR BASKET DRIVE DONORS



From our **hearts** to yours.....**THANK YOU** Blue Ridge Community Church, Blue Ridge Community Church Womens' Bible Study groups, Blue Ridge Community Church Parent Life Ministry, Word of Life Deliverance Ministries, Rick Hughes and Warm Streets, Lynchburg Burn Boot Camp, One Way Out, Kevin DDS and Flor Midkiff, Hands of Remedy Mobile Massage, and our awesome anonymous donor.....without ALL of you, this wouldn't have been possible, so we appreciate **each** of you!!!



A bed...a safe and warm place to sleep...don't you just love watching your children sleep, all cuddled up without a care in the world? It was a very busy day on a Tuesday in December, to say the least. From beginning to end, we barely had time to tie our shoes! At some point, during this day, a mother of three young children came in. She had been homeless, and as a result, voluntarily put her children in foster care so they would be safe. As of Tuesday, she was able to secure a home and was in need of beds for her children. This was the only way the court would let her have them back by Monday. We checked the warehouse and the only bed we had was a full. She needed either three twins or a full and one twin. First thing out of our mouth "we need to pray"..... I am not exaggerating when I tell you that VERY shortly afterwards, a man pulls up to the warehouse and says..."I have a twin bed, can you use it?" This mother burst into tears of joy knowing her precious children would be coming home. God is not slowing down! He is not only providing and showing Himself to those in physical need, but He is providing and showing Himself to many of us who may have been spiritually deficient. We love being able to watch God move and see Him express how much He cares for the clients, but my goodness, He doesn't stop there! We are **EXCITED** to have front row seats to watch the God-Stories that arise in 2020! **BRING IT GOD**, we are **READY**!

DECEMBER SHOUT-OUTS

- We want to give a shout out to **all** the folks who donated **coats**! **Jennifer Lesniak** we are grateful for your story and what God has done through you. **May God get the glory!!!**
- Another shout out goes to **Keller Williams** and **The Health Nut**! Thank you for supporting Agape Center Lynchburg and being such a **huge blessing** to our clients (**food drive**)
- Every **Tuesday** is #Giving Tuesdays at Agape! Thanks to everyone who makes this possible. Everyone!!!!!!
- Thank you to **Tammy**, who was volunteering in the **toiletries/cleaning items** room yesterday. She saw we were low on several items and donated some cash from her pocket to help **meet that need**. Thank you so much Tammy, **for supporting our community** by helping Agape Center Lynchburg!
- **Moore's Electric** came out to serve at the Agape Center Lynchburg on a Tuesday in December. What a great company and group of people . You guys were such a **blessing**! Thanks **Frank** for sharing.
- **BRCC donation drive** for AGAPE: **Be Rich Initiative**. Blessings overflowing from Blue Ridge Community Church, one of our **supporting churches**.
- **Cindy Johnston's** "Come and see, go and tell" experience at Agape Center Lynchburg. **Thanks friend** for being such a **BIG** part of our center.

To many of us a **Christmas tree** is a necessary decoration to bring in the holiday season... to a special client, prayerfully it is much more..... the week before Thanksgiving, a client returned to Agape for her monthly appointment. During that time **she requested a Christmas tree**. Unfortunately, we did not have one and when she finished up her time setting up her next appointment, she came back to shop. While she was shopping, another woman comes in the back way and said she has a **pre-lit Christmas tree** in her car and asked me if we could use it....mind you, this was the only donation she had and it was **within 5-10 minutes of the client requesting a tree! Coincidence?!?! When the client was told a tree was just donated, she got teary eyed, a *small crack* was put in her wall as she shared how she told her family if they didn't have one before Thanksgiving, they weren't going to have one. We were able to *point her back to how God loves her* and her family and sees the desires of her heart. Even the woman who donated had goosebumps at the timing and was blessed by her single**



Donation. And each time we see a Christmas tree, ***lets all remember*** it for more then being a pretty decoration! Agapes prayer for this client, so skeptical about God, sees this tree given to her family by the ***God who sees her so clearly, loves her so unconditionally and longs to give her so much more than a tree.*** God is showing up everyday at Agape Center Lynchburg, and it just ***never gets old!!*** Walls are coming down and lives are changing! If you haven't come out to Agape yet, we encourage you to come out for a tour and see ***what God stirs inside of you...*** this could be a whole new year of experiencing God at a ***deeper level!***





One day when **Debby** was headed in for the food pantry delivery, **God surprised her** with how much more he had in store for Agape Lynchburg that day.....**Gleaning for the World** supplied not only food, but children's bouncy balls and diapers, the **Coleman family** gave space heaters and even stayed and put them all together. The supply chain management department of **L3 Harris Corporation** brought diapers, toiletries, space heaters and food! The **Sharp Shooters Homeschool group** gave pantry items, and there was also a financial donation from **Lynchburg City department of finance** who decided in lieu of buying for each other, they would use the money for those in need! and an **anonymous financial donation** came in by a donor to help where ever God lead..... We were so blown away with so many groups and individuals coming by to give, all we could do was laugh, cry and praise God who is consistently prompting people who may or may not have even heard about the Agape Center, to donate. **Miracles** happen consistently every day and few of them actually require God's direct intervention because He allows us to be used by Him to show Himself. AWESOME to think that in our donations of time, items and finances, we could be the answer to someone's miracle of **God's provision!**



#YAYGOD



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- **Newsletter** will start being dispersed **QUARTERLY** for 2020. With that in place, they will be **LONG** 😊 but that's o.k. because you can't put a limit on so many **AMAZING** God-stories! **PLEASE** email me any "Yay God" stories and any pictures (jpeg format) by the LAST day of the month we are in.....so i.e. January stories AND pictures due to me by 1-31-20. You can get them to me via email: khieber1976@gmail.com, and make sure to put "**Agape**" in the subject line of your email 😊 Outside of the quarterly newsletter, be sure to like us on Facebook to keep track of Agape Lynchburg on a daily basis.
- Starting 2020, based on the needs from 2019, there will be **specific items EACH MONTH** we will be looking for to meet the needs of our clients. If you are interested in doing a drive with your organization, business, or church, **PLEASE email me sooner then later**, so I can get the appropriate information to you to be able to do so! You can email me with ANY community outreach needs/concerns, and I'm happy to help. **Big events for 2020** will include the backpack drive, Thanksgiving basket drive, and a Christmas store for the kids of our clients. We will need ALL of you to make these happen, so **PLEASE** email me if you already know for sure you want to help support us in one of these BIG events. **IT IS NOT TOO SOON!!!** khieber1976@gmail.com
- And last but not least, we would **LOVE** to be able to see clients a 2nd day each week, but we **CANNOT** do this without **MORE** committed volunteers. **PLEASE** if God has laid on your heart to serve, we would **LOVE** to have you. Go to our website and click on our volunteer button **TODAY** 😊

MOST NEEDED DONATIONS

Toilet paper, deodorant, shampoo, body wash, mouth wash, condiments, canned meats, bed frames, mattress sets, portable heaters, blankets, sheet sets, comforters, all purpose cleaners, bleach, laundry detergent, mops & buckets, brooms & dust pans, towel sets, coffee makers, large skillets, crock pots, winter clothing for men and women sizes large and 1XL and childrens' sizes 5 & 6 especially.....



FROM OUR HEARTS TO YOURS...

Because of volunteers and supporters like **YOU**, **SO many** Agape clients have been impacted in **BIG** ways through YOUR selfless compassion and desire to help each of them! Individuals who have felt unseen and unloved most of their life.....now because of **YOU**, they have hope. From the words of our Executive Director Tabitha, “This past year, three clients made a decision to follow Jesus.

Many have shared how they have never experienced so much authentic love and support until they came to Agape. Words like “*dignity*” and “*hope*” have become a part of our clients vocabulary, because of your support and prayers in providing for their physical and spiritual needs. Families are being reconciled, chains of addiction are breaking, physical *healing* through prayer and spirits lifted as they know they are not alone. God is moving and changing lives *one step at a time* through our partner churches, businesses, volunteers and individuals. Through your selfless donations, large or small, tangible or physical *God has used them*. Tears of joy over shoes that fit, birthdays acknowledged and celebrated, dressers to get their clothes off the floor, heaters and blankets to *provide warmth*, *Bibles* to hear the voice of God, and being *known by name* and not as a number, are all significant ways you have served together to help bring *Light and Hope* to so many people living right outside your doors. This is *God’s Agape love* being poured out in our hearts and into a city in need. *Miracles* are happening on Carroll Avenue and *spreading* throughout Lynchburg. So we at Agape want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts, for *every role* you have played and pray you will experience more than just a “*good feeling*” by your contribution, but a life change that continues to *grow* inside of you”.

