Agape Center Lynchburg



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 3rd Saturday of each month 10a-2p

Needed: toilet paper, laundry detergent, brooms, mops, all - purpose cleaner, recycled grocery bags, beds, mattresses, 3x & 4x mens' wares, winter clothing



AUGUST 2ND THE REACH TEAM FROM BRCC

CAME TO PACK THE DONATED BACKPACKS AND
SUPPLIES FOR OUR CLIENTS. WE HAVE BEEN

PASSING OUT SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THE MONTH

OF AUGUST. THE KIDS WROTE LETTERS AND

PLACED THEM IN EVERY BACKPACK!







Our very own Maria Aponte

(Toiletry room volunteer) held her own collection drive in her neighborhood and passed out flyers. She filled a van full of supplies and donations to the brim as well as financial contributions.



FAITHFUL Volunteers in Helping Us Serve Our Community.....

- 1. Donna Harbour- Intake and sorting donations
- 2. Maria Aponte- Toiletry room
- 3. **Susan Gallagher** USDA check-in and appointments
- 4. **Josh and Micah DeVries** Mentors and Pantry and Instagram Admin
- 5. Ray Paige- Phones/ Appointments



HELP WANTED!!!

We are in **need** of a **volunteers** in the **administrative area** of front desk and phones. Front desk is needed on Tuesdays 8:15-2:15 and Fridays 8:30-11:30. We are needing someone dependable. Also, **answering phones** and **returning phone calls** on Fridays for a few hours.

Please Participate in Our Poll......

How often do YOU think we should publish our newsletter?

A. Monthly B. Every other month C. Other (please specify)

PLEASE email your responses to khieber1976@gmail.com by 9/30/19

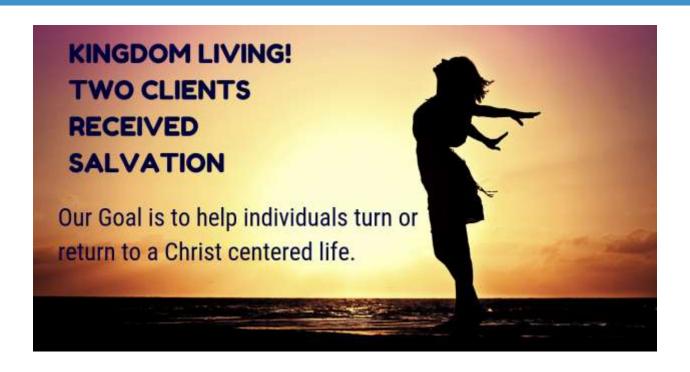
Changing Lives, One Need at a Time.....

This past Tuesday morning, our 6th month open at Agape the morning started unusually slow and I was training a new mentor when Ella walked in the door. Ella had been a client since May and missed her June appointment and I couldn't see her in July due to a double booking but today she needed to see me!! She announced loudly in the middle of our foyer that she needed to tell me what has happened to her life as a direct result of my deliverance from mental illness prayers for her in early May as an unscheduled walk in. She advised she was given double her prescription of Depakote due to sleep issues and she wound up in the hospital with a heart attack on June 12th. All of which led to her deciding to come off the Depakote once and for all and to trust God with her healing based on my prayer alone, under the care of the hospital staff. She advised she thought I was not aware of what I was truly praying that day until she realized a month after her heart attack that God had truly heard our pleas for complete healing and answered in His unconditional love for her....

Ella's story with Agape started in May of this year, we were booked solid and this well-dressed lady in her late 60's/early 70's came in clearly upset and said she was lost driving around looking for Agape and if she could just talk to someone today that she understood we were booked but she could wait. All three mentor rooms were full, and I could see the desperation in her eyes and without thinking, I stood up and asked her if we could talk in the tiny children's play area and she agreed. The minute I took her hand and asked her what we could do, she burst into tears telling how she was a counselor at Horizon and had a nervous breakdown earlier this year and lost her job, and her confidence in ministry and many things because she could not find the help she needed...She was a life-long believer in Jesus but was really struggling in her unbelief. I knew immediately she was in a manic state and I could feel the heaviness. I told her all I could offer her today was what the Holy Spirit was offering me through prayer and so we prayed, and we prayed hard and with both of us weeping through the words. It was obvious walking out of that tiny room that morning that we had both encountered the love of the Holy Spirit! Hallelujah!! Several months later after what some would consider trauma, she knew after her heart attack that God's hand on her in that hospital bed was reminding her how He prepared her just a month earlier as she persistently came into Agape searching His presence for a heart check. Seeing our volunteer staff love on her and celebrate with her she was so grateful for how God is truly using each person at Agape center to be an example of God's love. Ella said finally you know how I know this place is the real deal....when I walk in the door, I see smiling faces that know my name!







God continues to GROW our numbers....the data is in for August!!! 102 households AND 293 individuals were served!

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 in Moneta