



Agape Center
100% Volunteer Organization



Feed a Family for Thanksgiving!

Give thanks by helping other families enjoy a special meal.

\$25 will provide a Thanksgiving Dinner for each family!

There are approximately 750 families who will have a tasty holiday dinner because we care about them. Each family will receive a Walmart gift card limited to the purchase of turkey, ham and produce. These families spread from Bedford to Rocky Mount. Agape not only helps with food but also with clothing, toys, furniture and appliances. This year we hope you can make a difference. Please consider sponsoring a family, or families, at Thanksgiving, as God leads you! You can do this in two ways:

- Write a check, payable to "The Agape Center" @ PO Box 573, Moneta, VA 24121, or
- Donate on the website using PayPal or a major credit/debit card.

An Interview with April Jollie



VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

How long have you volunteered at Agape?

"I started volunteering at Agape as receptionist in December of 2021, 9 months ago. I sometimes work in Data and USDA too."

What do you like about being a receptionist at Agape?

"Helping people find a day and time for their future appointment is the reason they stop by my desk. But I love it when I'm able to share a smile, a laugh, or a positive message to encourage them on their journey."

Can you tell us a little about your family?

"I have two sons (Matt & Brad), a beautiful daughter-in-law (Elsie), and a fun-loving 16 month old grand-daughter (Isabella). I'm blessed to have them all live nearby.."

Why did you choose to volunteer at Agape?

"God has chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom He promised to those who love Him (James 2:5). Volunteering at Agape allows me to "love my neighbor" beyond the neighborhood where I physically live. I get to see firsthand how the Lord uses people from all walks of life to provide a brother or sister with spiritual food, clothes, and daily food. The Agape family is a wonderful blessing from the Lord."

HIGHLIGHTING THE FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry is amazing! It serves over 1700 individuals per month with everything from asparagus to zucchini. It also requires over 50 volunteers to serve and provide for this many clients!



Vernon

One of the volunteers in the Food Pantry, Vernon, has become exceptionally helpful in stocking shelves and assisting with the cardboard recycling. He started volunteering about 4 months ago and joins us almost every day that Agape is open, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Vernon is both a volunteer and a client. He shared that he has been so touched by the kindness he has been shown at Agape that he has changed his feelings toward people and returned to church!



Elvis is in the Building

When our clients recently pulled their cars up to the Food Pantry, they were so excited to see Elvis (aka pantry volunteer John G,) at Agape! He loaded their cars with groceries with the help of client / pantry volunteer Nancy C.

Urgent Food Needs



Canned tuna
Canned chicken
Chef Boyardee canned pastas
Vegetable oil
Ensure / Boost drinks

If you can provide any of these items, please bring them to Agape on the first 4 Tuesdays or Thursdays of the month, 10 AM -2 PM, or the 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 9 AM - 12 PM.