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AGAPE

“SERVING FAMILIES, YOUTH AND EACH OTHER WITH EXCELLENCE”

FOR YOUTH

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Let us begin with prayer..... God is good, God is great, let us thank Him for **“THE OHIO STATE BUCKEYES”**. Ok, all that know me are keenly aware of my love for **OHIO STATE FOOTBALL**, and further that there are “five” seasons in the year; the seasons of winter, spring, summer, fall, and yes you’ve got it, **OSU FOOTBALL SEASON!!!**

We continue to be blessed with growth as an agency and the serving opportunities we are providing to youth entrusted to our care.

Over the past few months we have welcomed Meghan Morgan as a Youth Specialist, and Julia Sizemore, another professional providing education services to our families. Julia comes to us through the Americorps program. Kristin Herman has received a promotion to Education Coordinator, and will be working in concert with Julia towards our established goal of all youth in the care of Agape academically passing in their school setting.

Through the services of Richard Calloway, Agape continues to build relationships with mentors who are being matched with our youth.

Still another success includes Agape’s Professional Care Providers adopting youth in care. We are on track to have over ten adoptions to be completed during this year. This level of continued commitment for our youth is tremendous, and we are honored when one of our Professional Care Provider families comes forward and working with our Adoption Coordinator Kara Sweeney makes this choice with the youth in their care.

Agape’s Foster Family Advisory Board made up of Chairperson, Bonnie Simpson, and Secretary Lawrence Cox, along with Delmar Dunning, Geraldine Daniels, James Hopkins, Tim McKinney, Gwen Cox, and Debbie Sain provide an active voice for our Foster Families. Any suggestions or messages for them can be left through calling and asking for ex. 40 at the Agape office.

In closing, Agape is honored to be a participant in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk set for the 21st of this month. Sandie Geib, our Development and Fundraising Coordinator, has put together “Team Agape” comprised of nearly forty individuals and youth that are raising money for this very important cause.

I leave you with..... continue to dream, and continue to dream build.

Peace and Prayers,

Steve

Upcoming Agape Family Events

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk
Saturday, October 21, 2006
9:00AM

There are several members of the Agape for Youth staff, families and friends that have come together to for a team for this walk. If you are interested in participating please contact Sandie at (937) 439 - 4406 ext. 22 Or by email at sgeib2@agapeforyouth.com

2006 Festival of Lights

Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden

This event runs from November 17, 2006 - January 1, 2007
From 5:00PM - 9:00PM

Please call to reserve your tickets for this event no later than Monday, October 30, 2006.
The tickets provided by Agape are available through reservation only.

Agape for Youth, Inc.

Annual Holiday Celebration

Saturday, December 16, 2006

11:30AM - 2:30PM

Mandalay Banquet Center

2700 East River Road, Dayton

Please RSVP by December 6, 2006



The Harlem Globtrotters

December 31, 2006, 2:00PM

Please call to reserve your tickets for this event no later than December 15, 2006.

The tickets provided by Agape are available through reservation only.

Foster Parent Advisory Board

The Advisory Board would like to give big thanks for our Annual Picnic being a big success this year. It was a great turnout.

Please mark your calendars for December 16, 2006 and plan to attend the Annual Holiday Celebration.

If there are any activities that you would like to suggest to the Advisory Board, please feel free to contact me at (937) 361-9431.

If you are interested in participating as a member of the Foster Parent Advisory Board please contact the Agape office and speak with Steve Geib and he will answer any questions you may have and forward your inquiry to the Advisory Board.

Bonnie Simpson

Mentoring Program

A Mentoring Update

Agape for Youth, Inc. continues to be blessed by our mentors who volunteer their time to invest in the lives of our youth. Currently we have six mentors from the community working one-on-one with foster and adopted youth. Our current mentors are Katie, Kaleena, Maria, Ronald, Amber, and Peter. Mentors, we are so grateful for your service and appreciative of the time you take each month to be a role model and guide for our young people. We also currently have six mentors from the community who are coming through the process and will soon be matched to youth. These mentors are Ravijeet, Girish, Vivian, Latreasa, Nallely, and Joe. New mentors, we welcome you and are excited for you to begin fostering positive relationships with our youth. Agape also continues to partner with Cedarville University's Fostering Friendships ministry. Richard, Agency Service Liaison, and I had the privilege of visiting Cedarville's campus at the end of August to meet with the new student leaders, Stephanie and April, and to recruit new students to mentor our youth during this school year. Stephanie and April have mentored youth for the past two school years, and we look forward to their continued service as they take on this new leadership role. We anticipate many college students committing to mentor foster and adopted youth through this continued partnership.

As always, if you are interested in learning more about our mentoring program, please contact Agency Services Liaison, Richard Calloway at 937-439-4406 x 38.

Thank you!

Carol Strychalski, LSW

Youth Specialist Supervisor

2007 Agape for Youth, Inc. Fundraising Event

The 2007 Agape for Youth, Inc. fundraising event is being held on Friday, April 20, 2007 at

The Mandalay Banquet Center in Dayton.

We are currently seeking sponsors and contributors for this event. If you know of an organization or individual that would be interested in sponsorship of the event, the contribution of items for the silent auction and/or live auction portion of the evening please have them contact the Agape office at (937) 439 - 4406 ext. 22.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Please contact the Agape for Youth, Inc. office to register for training.

Working with Primary Families

Date: Saturday, October 21, 2006
Time: 9:00am-12:00pm
Location: Agape for Youth, Inc.
Presenter: Dawn Burnett

Positive Parenting

Date: Saturday October 21, 2006
Time: 1:00pm-4:00pm
Location: Agape for Youth, Inc.
Presenter: Vanessa Hollins

"Handling the Holidays"-Stress Management

Date: Saturday, November 4, 2006
Time: 1:00pm-4:00pm
Location: Agape for Youth, Inc.
Presenter: Dr. Pamela Gulley

Understanding and Speaking Your Child's Five Love Languages

Date: Saturday, November 11, 2006
Time: 9:00am-12:00pm
Location: Agape for Youth, Inc.
Presenter: Dawn Burnett

Discipline Techniques

Date: Saturday, November 11, 2006
Time: 1:00pm-4:00pm
Location: Agape for Youth, Inc.
Presenter: Vanessa Hollins

New Year's Resolutions and Goal Setting

Date: Saturday, December 2, 2006
Time: 1:00pm-4:00pm
Location: Agape for Youth, Inc.
Presenter: Dr. Pamela Gulley

Therapeutic Assault Prevention Systems (TAPS)

Date: Saturday, December 9, 2006
Time: 9:00am- 4:00pm (lunch on your own)
Location: Agape for Youth, Inc.
Presenter: Danelia Griffith

Please be on time to training.

Agape cannot give credit to participants who arrive late or leave a training early. Participants can miss no more than 15 minutes of a training session.

Education Update

Agape for Youth, inc. is excited to announce the promotion of Kristin Herman into the role of part-time Education Coordinator. Kristin has been employed with Agape for the past year as a Youth Specialist, and will maintain a reduced caseload while taking on the additional role of facilitating education services for our youth. Agape for Youth, Inc. will continue to encourage our youth's academic success by providing good grade incentives to all youth with grades of C's and above, while also enhancing our services to youth by tracking academic progress and need.

Agape welcomes Literacy Americorps Service Member, Julia Sizemore, who will be providing tutorial services to youth who need additional academic support. The foster and adopted youth being served by Agape will be referred to the tutorial program for help completing school work, understanding school curriculum, improving reading skills, preparing for the OGT tests, and learning more productive study skills, etc. We anticipate much academic improvement for our youth as we continue to give this area much needed attention.

If you have any questions regarding tutorial services for the youth in your home, please contact Kristin Herman, Education Coordinator at (937) 439 – 4406 ext. 37 or by email at kherman@agapeforyouth.com.

Make a Difference

There are numerous ways to make a difference in the lives of the children and families we are serving here at Agape for Youth, Inc. Listed are ways you can help.

DONATE TO OR ASSIST WITH YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

Summer camps
Good grades incentives, Tutor, Volunteer
Extracurricular activities

TICKETS TO COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sporting events
Movie tickets, theater tickets, museum and zoo outings

HELP SPONSOR AN AGENCY ACTIVITY

Annual picnic
Holiday Celebration
Agency outings for youth and families
Foster parent recognition banquet
Annual Fund Raiser

PROVIDE MATERIAL ITEMS

Bikes and other sporting equipment
Books and games for youth
Suitcases, tote bags
Duffel bags and backpacks
Cameras (may be disposable) and film
3 ring binders, photo albums and journals

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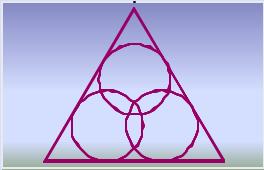
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About Our Organization

Agape for Youth, Inc

began providing services to youth and families in March of 1989.

As a Foster Care Network, we embrace the principle that each individual youth is a person of worth.

Our commitment is to assist youth in finding viable alternatives to meet the special needs in their lives.

Agape demonstrates an acceptance that has no conditions attached due to dysfunctional behavior, physical limitations, culture, sex, religion, or national origin.

Our Mission Statement

"Creating a healing environment within a familial structure which includes acceptance, respect and the celebration of unconditional love."

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