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AGAPE FOR YOUTH, INC. PROMOTES THREE FROM WITHIN

DAYTON – August 2, 2011 – Agape for Youth, Inc. is pleased to announce the promotions of three members of the Agape for Youth staff, Bruce Bridges, Kristin Gonzalez and Kara Pickrell. With their new positions come additional responsibilities and greater connections to the community and the youth and families we serve.

“Agape is so pleased to announce the promotions of these three deserving individuals!” said Stephen Geib. “Their contributions and consistent leadership in the organization are pivotal to our success and improve our ability to serve our youth and families. Congratulations to each!”

Bruce Bridges, a 1983 graduate of the University of Dayton with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology began working with Agape in November of 2004. His new title will be Supervisor of Licensing and Compliance. Bruce will be focusing on recruiting new homes, overseeing the home study process and supervising all matters related to the licensing process.

Kristin Gonzalez will be the new Foster Care Supervisor. Kristin will oversee all areas relating to foster care. Kristin will supervise Agape Youth Specialists and work with the foster homes to ensure a positive fostering experience for our youth. Kristin is a 2004 graduate of Wright State University with a degree in Social Work. Kristin came to work with Agape in 2005 and she is a Licensed Social Worker with the State of Ohio.

Kara Pickrell, the new Youth Specialist Coordinator will work with the families and children at Agape for Youth to implement and coordinate new programs that will grow their knowledge and abilities. Kara will also be supervising Youth Specialists and assisting our foster parents as issues arise. She received her degree in Social Work in 2002 from Wright State University. Kara came to work for Agape in 2009, and is also a Licensed Social Worker.

Agape for Youth, Inc., 2010 Better Business Bureau Eclipse Integrity Award winner, provides foster care, adoption and reunification services in southeast Ohio. Agape was founded in 1989 in order to place children into foster homes which could guide and support youth in becoming functioning individuals in society. Over the years Agape has expanded its services to include family foster care, providing adoption home studies, preparation of families and children for adoption, and supportive services to adoptive families. Most recently Agape began offering reunification services working with families whose children are making the transition from foster care back to their biological family. The Agape offices are located at 2621 Dryden Road in Dayton, Ohio.

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