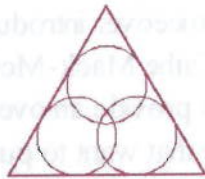


Agape



for Youth, Inc.

January 2010

Coming Together to Serve

As we began 2010...the opportunities of 2009 seemed endless. Agape's staff grew nearly 25%, and our belief that "the more we serve, the more opportunities we are given to serve" has played out continually. Our Foster Care, Adoption and Reunification Services Components all showed growth during this time.



New foster families have come to Agape that have embraced our mission of serving and most certainly have been a wonderful compliment to the serving of youth and families entrusted to our collective care.

Agape sponsored events during the past year included our annual picnic, annual Dayton Dragon's day and this years annual holiday celebration held at the Boonshoft Museum (where nearly 400 youth and their families were in attendance) were significant highlights of 2009. Further a new relationship with Camp Joy Outdoor Education Center provided still another added benefit to the youth we serve.

All of these events along with funding for our Advanced Education Stipend (where we are able to send monthly support to youth after emancipating from foster care have gone onto college) have all been made possible through our annual "From Adversity to Opportunity" fund raiser and donations from the community. We are definitely excited about the plans we have for 2010!!!

Agape's emphasis on the educational needs of youth in our care continues to show progress. This past year was the fourth in a row where 100% of the seniors we had served graduated from High School. Currently we are proud to provide monthly support for eight youth in college.

Community outreach remains a cornerstone of Agape as well. The relationship we have built with Gifts In Kind International have resulted in over \$100,000 in 2009 of donations from Bed, Bath and Beyond and Office Depot that have in turn benefited our foster families, youth in care and the community. Our community came forward like no other time to provide gifts for our youth and families matched through Giving Trees.

We remain consistent with our history as we embrace together the collective mission of "serving with excellence" in 2010 and welcome all interested to come and join us!!!

Blessings to you and your family,  
Steve

It is with great enthusiasm that we reveal the new Agape for Youth, Inc. website. The first Agape for Youth, Inc. website was created more than 7 years ago. The new website includes voiceover introductions by two Agape for Youth, Inc. board members, Cathe Mack-McGarry and Carl Day. The foster care and adoption pages provide an overview of the process and contact information for those that want to pursue these opportunities. The donation page provides several opportunities to make a donation to Agape for Youth, Inc. and the page dedicated to mentors and volunteers allow for your to donate your time. There is a new section coming soon for the licensed foster parents with Agape, which will include the quarterly training calendar, information on agency events and access to the forms that are regularly used by our foster parents.

We invite you to visit our website at [www.agapeforyouth.com](http://www.agapeforyouth.com) and browse through the opportunities that are available.

\*We want to sincerely thank The Hathaway Group for bringing our vision of what we wanted on the website into reality.

## Community Day 2010

Since 1999, Community Day has partnered the Bon-Ton family of stores with local, non-profit organizations to raise over \$70 Million for charity.

Open to all government-designated non-profits, Community Day allows customers to give back to their communities by purchasing coupon booklets, good toward store merchandise. With 100% of booklet sales benefiting the organizations, shopping has never felt so good!

What can you do to help?

Take action today and help Agape For Youth, Inc. reach our fundraising goal! Your participation on Saturday, February 27th can make a difference!

Contact the Agape for Youth, Inc. office at (937) 439 - 4406 to purchase your \$5.00 coupon book.



## Reunification Services

The Reunification Services grant from MCJFS has been renewed for 2010 and we continue to provide services to biological families that have been referred to Agape for Youth, Inc. from Montgomery County. The staff of the

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"Serving youth, families & each other with excellence."

## Message



Agape for Youth, Inc. is partnered with Great Food For All, a non-denominational organization that provides high quality food at discounted prices. For more information on the program visit the Agape website at [www.agapeforyouth.com](http://www.agapeforyouth.com) and click on donate.

Agape receives a donation from Great Food For All for every box of food that is ordered through Agape for Youth, Inc. The deadline to place your food order online for February is Thursday, February 4, 2010 at 9pm. The deadline to place your food order at the Agape for Youth, Inc. office Friday, February 5, 2010 at 3pm.

## Message

Getting to 30



*Getting to 30, Financial Advice For My Three Sons*, is a manifesto, written by a successful entrepreneur, to his three sons. The book discusses the five critical financial principles they must follow to achieve financial independence. All net proceeds from the

Reunification Services program has grown and we have now expanded the program to serve families in Butler County.

sale of this book will fund college scholarships for foster youth served by Agape for Youth, Inc.

## Christmas 2009

There are a number of individuals and organizations that we want to thank for helping to provide Christmas gifts to the nearly 175 children that were placed on Giving Trees in the community. Special thank you's go to The Human Society of Greater Dayton, St. John's United Church of Christ, Westminster Presbyterian Church Youth Group, Beavercreek Christian Church, Brady Ware, the staff members, family and friends of Agape for Youth, Inc.

Please visit the Agape for Youth, Inc. website at [www.agapeforyouth.com](http://www.agapeforyouth.com) click on donate and purchase your copy today.

Your thoughtfulness and generosity to others is a reminder of what the holiday season is about.

## "Don't Forget Dayton" Food Drive

On December 21, 2009 Agape for Youth, Inc. was the recipient of the food collected in the "Don't Forget Dayton" food drive sponsored by Dr. Van and Tracey Merkle and the Back to Health Center. We are thankful for this large donation of non-perishable from their staff and patients that was distributed to the families being served by the Reunification Services Program.

You made a difference in the lives of the families that received your generous donations.

### Thank You!

Thank you for your ongoing support of Agape for Youth, Inc. "You make a difference so that we can make a difference."

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