

AGAPE RESOURCE & ASSISTANCE CENTER EXPANSION

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: What does Agape Resource & Assistance Center do?

A: Agape's mission is to provide safe, stable housing and transformational services to homeless single women, moms and their children that empower them to move from crisis and poverty to fulfilling, self-sustaining lives. Agape's Housing 4 Hope program provides its clients with holistic, empowerment support services including safe, stable housing, childcare, budget coaching, transportation, and education to higher income.

Q: Where are they located?

A: Agape, founded in 2013 by Rev. Janet Collinsworth, currently provides housing in East Plano and is actively working towards securing additional housing in the same location to meet the growing demand. Excitingly, Agape has recently acquired a property in Wylie, Texas, spanning 2 acres. This land will be the site of Jericho Village, a visionary project aimed at addressing the pressing issue of economically attainable housing scarcity in Collin County.

Jericho Village will serve as an inclusive and scaled-rent solution, offering an innovative approach to tackle this critical problem. This multi-family complex will feature not only residential units but also a community center and garden, a playground, and various outdoor gathering areas. These amenities are designed to foster a sense of community, connection, and well-being among the residents.

Q: How is Custer Road supporting Agape's expansion efforts?

A: Agape holds a pivotal position among our church's key missions, with a strong focus on addressing homelessness and food insecurity. Currently, we are actively raising funds to assist Agape in securing additional housing in East Plano, and we are excited to invite our congregation to join us in supporting their latest initiative, Jericho Village.

Our collective goal is to raise a minimum of \$200,000 by October 1, 2023, to aid in the expansion of Agape and the realization of Jericho Village. This ambitious endeavor aims to create transformative living spaces that will profoundly impact the lives of those in need. By contributing to this cause, we can actively participate in providing a secure and welcoming home for individuals and families.

Q: How do I donate to Agape's expansion efforts?

A: We offer several convenient options for donating to Agape's expansion efforts:

- **In-Person Donations:** If you attend a worship service in person, you can place cash or a check in an offering envelope available in the pew/chair backs. These envelopes can be placed in the offering plate or in the donation boxes located outside each of our worship spaces.
- **Church Office Drop-Off:** You can also drop off cash or a check at the front desk of the church office or in the donation boxes outside our worship spaces. Please make use of the provided offering envelope. The church office hours are Monday to Thursday, from 9 AM to noon and 1 PM to 4 PM, and on Fridays from 9 AM to noon.
- **Online Giving:** For online donations, simply visit crumc.org/give and select either the Arena or PushPay option. When prompted, please be sure to include "Agape" in the memo line to ensure your donation goes towards Agape's expansion efforts.

Regardless of the donation method you choose, please remember to write "Agape" on the memo line of your check, offering envelope, and/or when prompted during the online donation process. This will ensure that your contribution is specifically allocated to Agape's expansion initiative.

Q: Where can I get more information about Agape Resource & Assistance Center?

A: We are honored to announce that Rev. Janet Collinsworth, the esteemed founder of Agape Resource & Assistance Center and Jericho Village, will be delivering a powerful message during our traditional worship services at Custer Road UMC. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, July 30, 2023, and join us at one of these inspiring services (8:30, 9:45, or 11:00 AM).

Furthermore, we are excited to invite you to a special event hosted by Custer Road UMC on Thursday, August 17, 2023. This gathering will provide an opportunity to delve deeper into the details of Jericho Village, offering additional insights into this visionary project. We encourage you to save the date and join us to learn more about this transformative endeavor. Registration details are coming soon!

For further information about Agape Resource & Assistance Center and Jericho Village, we invite you to visit their website at hope4agape.org. It is there that you will discover more about the organization's incredible work and find resources to support their mission of compassion and community transformation.

Q: Are you collecting money (or funds) for this?

A: Yes. We are raising funds for Agape's expansion efforts as they continue to have a life-changing impact in our surrounding communities. Please refer to crumc.org/somethingbigger to make a donation.

