

Spring 2015



THE AGAPE' MISSION OF BARTLESVILLE

Agape' Mission Newsletter

What's Happening at Agape'

Happy spring everyone!!

Hope everyone is enjoying my favorite season of all. Everything is coming to life and due to all of our rain, everything is so green.

We are busy raising money to fund our new building construction. We are currently about 60% raised so far. We need to raise about \$410,000 before January 22, 2016 in order to qualify for the Mabee Foundation matching grant. We have applied to a couple of grants that we have not been notified about yet, so keep us in your prayers.

This new space is greatly needed in order to continue serving the thousands of meals to those in need each month.

This new facility will allow both of our programs to

come together under one roof and we won't have to pay rent anymore on the other side of town.

We really outgrew the facility we are in now, about 10 years ago, but you do with what you have, and make the best of it. But due to the growth of those in need, we cannot put it off any longer.

If you would like to make a pledge to our capital campaign, please use the pledge form inside this newsletter and mail back to us. This will help us with our complying with our grant match.

Thank you, mission friends, for helping us keep feeding those in need for over 15 years now. God supplies our needs, with your help!



Our Future Home at 555 S. Cass St.





Executive Director



Dear Friends,

We are happy to tell you that we are ramping up our capital campaign to fulfill all of our grant funding. We have until January 22, 2016 to have pledges and cash to raise our 1,268,675.00 for build our new facility. We need everyone's help to accomplish this huge task. In this newsletter, we have put what the building will look like outside. We have done the survey and core sample tests and all we need to do now, is complete the funding, and we can start going up with the building.

Please keep us in your prayers, as we are working hard to feed the hungry everyday, but also applying for grants, talking to donors and of course, monthly and quarterly reporting. We feel your prayers everyday and we thank you for helping us take care of those in need each and everyday. We hope you have a safe and restful summer!!

In His Service,

Sherri Smith
Executive Director

*Nobody cares how much you
know, till they know how
much you care!!
John Maxwell*

Donor Pledge Form

The Agape' Mission of Bartlesville

Pledge Form/Donor Form

Date: _____

Yes!! I am excited about helping Agape' Mission prepare for tomorrow by committing to a gift of _____ dollars to help build Agape' Mission new building at 555 S. Cass in Bartlesville.

Please complete the form below

I/We will pay this as a one time gift of: \$ _____

I/We pledge to pay this gift over a (please circle one) one year or three year pledge.

Please remind me about this pledge...

Quarterly _____ Semi-annual _____ Annual _____

Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____
Zip: _____

Feeding the hungry, hurting and homeless in the Washington County area with dignity and love!!

Please mail to: The Agape' Mission P O Box 1085 Bartlesville, Ok 74005

Poverty Information...you may not know...

The Agape' Mission is located in NE Oklahoma just 45 miles north of Tulsa. According to Feeding America statistics in our 24 counties served by the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, we are only 1 in 4 soup kitchens serving 24 counties. Three of the soup kitchens are in Tulsa, which is a much larger city than Bartlesville. These 24 counties are Adair, Cherokee, Choctaw, Craig, Creek, Delaware, Haskell, Latimer, LeFlore, McCurtain, McIntosh, Mayes, Muskogee, Nowata, Okmulgee, Osage, Ottawa, Pittsburg, Pushmataha, Rogers, Sequoyah, Tulsa Wagoner and Washington.

According to the Census Bureau we have in Washington County around 51,000 people, which 14.7% are below the poverty level or 7,497 people. In Bartlesville 15.3% of the 36,245 residents are below the poverty level or 5,545 individuals. Of our Bartlesville population if 15.3% live below the poverty level (5,545 individuals) and Agape' has over 4,000 active clients in our database, then we are feeding 73% of those living below the poverty level in Bartlesville. In Bartlesville we have 23.6% of the population that are 18 years of age or younger or 8,554. If 15.3% of them live below the poverty level then we have 1,309 children living below the poverty level. Agape' gives out over 600 sacks per week to designated children in 14 area schools so they won't go hungry over the weekends during the school year.

In 2014, Agape' Mission served 7,643 unduplicated individuals and had 626 new people in 2014. Because we serve all of Washington County, Agape' served 102% of those individuals living below poverty level in Washington County. Agape' served 42,634 meals and snacks during 2014 and gave out 19,998 Food for Kids sacks through 14 area schools in Washington and Osage counties.

With an average of 625 children served each week, we are serving over 40% of those children living below the poverty level or the worst of the worst hungry students in our area.

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CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!!
We are also on Facebook!!

If you would like to give financially to Agape' and would like to put it on your credit card, we are now set up through Arvest Bank. Just come in or give us a call and we can process it by one phone call.

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