



IMPACT REPORT

Growing Better Together



A Message from Our President

A most insidious suffering lurks behind the doors of many seemingly normal homes. This blight stalks neighbors with dogged determination. Children and seniors are relentlessly hunted unable to escape the pangs it brings and yet this canker remains hidden.

Hunger brought about by Food Insecurity (not knowing the source of ones' next meal) does not discriminate. 63% of senior families must choose between food and medical care while lack of meals for children precipitates health and emotional problems while lack of concentration in damages the future for those attending school.

This community has been responsible for the support and volunteers necessary to stretch a Hunger Safety Net for hurting people. Agape Distribution gives thanks to volunteers tirelessly working to meet daily needs, donors selflessly giving to families who will never know their names, companies planting seeds of care to grow a healthy tomorrow and our staff working to bring hope into darkened lives.

This is Agape Distribution; this is because of folks like YOU! Thank you for Caring!

Sincerely,

John L. Geissler, D.D.

Our Mission

To bring hope for changed lives by providing groceries to at-risk families.



*“Healthy food,
healthy diet,
healthy children”*

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The young mother of two shopping with her children was excitedly showing them the groceries as she placed them in her cart. I said, “Thank for shopping Agape Distribution, I hope this helps.” Smiling at me she stated, “You have a lot of good food here, not just junk food this is good food. Thank you so much for having this open, we relay need the help.”

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Our Food Pantry



Walking through the pantry a 7-year-old boy ran up to me, grabbed my leg hugging it said, "Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you...." "What is this all about," I queried?

"We've been eating brown rice for a week and you are giving us all this food. Thank you, I'm so excited."



"We make it hard to go hungry"



Times have change and more people are experiencing Food Insecurity, not knowing the source of your next meal. This affects at-risk families nationally. According to USDA this is Americas' #1 food related problem.

***42.2 million Americans** lived in food insecure households, including **29.1 million adults** and **13.1 million children**

***13 percent of households** are food insecure
5 percent of households experience low food insecurity

*According to USDA statistics

Our Mobile Pantry



A shopper came to the Mobile Pantry in Russia, he was in his wheelchair. "I haven't seen you for a while, where have you been." I asked. Swinging his chair around he stated, "The cost of gas is so high I cannot afford to come to Sidney. When I heard that Agape was coming to me, I was excited. Thanks for this, I need a bit of help."



"We bring the neighborhood grocery store to you each month"



Our mobile neighborhood grocery store travels to neglected rural areas bringing Hope in the form of groceries.

40,052
Mobile Pantry
shoppers were
served in 2020

Our Volunteers



A shopper caught my attention, motioning me to come over. “May I help you,” I asked? “Where do you get all this food and brand names too? I’ve never seen anything like this. Other places give a bag of groceries that helps for a meal or two, this will last a week?”

Smiling I offered, “Agape is a Hunger Safety Net for Shelby County. This is the result of many people and companies across the Eastern United States giving. It’s literally hundreds of people wanting to provide a great shopping experienced when you most need it.”



“Agape, neighbors helping neighbors”

21,694 Volunteer hours
x \$26.43/hour value

\$573,372.00
= 11 full time employees

Volunteers spend 80% of their time working the pantries (store & mobile), 20% working the agency store

Our Agency Store



“People never forget how you make them feel”

Product Philanthropy allows your Non-profit to access NEW products for a shared access cost.

How This Works – Agape Distribution receives products directly from suppliers, arranges for loading, trucking and handling of the goods. Your non-profit can acquire these for the Shared Access Cost (what it costs us to bring the material from the retailer to you)! Wonderful new goods at a fraction of retail.

Meeting Needs – The needs of more at-risk neighbors can be satisfied by your agencies' collaboration with Agape Distribution. Personal care, paper products, hair care, baby, toys, kitchen, linens, camping, auto, lighting, vanities, home repair brand name products await your choosing.

Donors – Products flow from nationally branded companies many of you will recognize. Your Non-profit may take advantage of the best products available. For those you help – self-esteem soars as they receive the best products from your Non-profit! You give the BEST!

145 agencies are registered to **shop at our agency store**

\$0.12 of every **\$1.00** spent at the Agency store **helps fund the pantry**



“Stretching a hunger safety net for Shelby County”



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