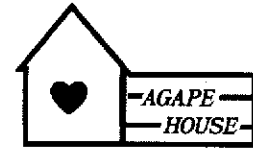


Happenings At Agape House



Fall 2015 Newsletter

AGAPE HOUSE GOES BACK TO CORE PROGRAMS

Some of you new to Agape House might ask, what were their core programs? Aren't they the same now as they were before? The answer is, pretty close. When Kathleen Knudsen began Agape House in 1986, the core programs were:

- ◆ **Food**
- ◆ **Clothing**
- ◆ **Shelter**

Every day in the news you hear about how our economy is still not doing well. Now with the issues of possibly raising minimum wage to \$15 per hour, we have to be pro-active in preparing for the future.

As you all know, Agape House is a nonprofit organization totally dependent on donations from individuals, churches and businesses in our community. We all may have less disposable income to share in the future.

So at our last board meeting, the board decided to make some changes to help ensure Agape House is here for the community for a long time.

With everything going on in the world, the board felt we needed to be the best we could be in those three areas.

So what exactly does that mean for Agape House and the services we provide to the community?

What we have already done.

We have closed Treasures Thrift Store. The main purpose of the store was to provide work experience & job training for BMCC's J.O.B.S Program and provide a good selection of clothes. Today, the program is doing well and have many different businesses that participate in this program. Therefore, our main purpose for opening had come to an end. We can still provide clothing through Agape House.

What We Are Deleting

We will be phasing out our **wood program**. After this winter, *it will no longer be available.*

DONATIONS

Acceptable

- ⇒ Food
- ⇒ Clothing, Purses, Belts, Shoes, Bedding, & Base Ball Caps
- ⇒ Stuffed Toys
- ⇒ Books
- ⇒ Appliances/Metal Items

Non-Acceptable

- All Types of Glassware
- Knick Knacks
- Paintings
- Furniture & Mattresses

Showers...we will be charging our clients \$1.00 per person to use the shower facility. This will help defray the cost of washing & drying the towels and for water usage. This will also hold them accountable for using the showers.

We are modifying our "Yard Sales". We will be phasing out the furniture & knick/knacks.



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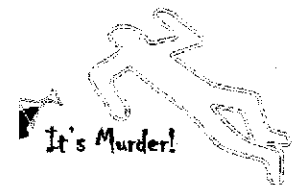
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AGAPE HOUSE GOES BACK TO CORE PROGRAMS...Cont

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Maratha's House

Jodene & Dave Hughes

Learn to love without condition. Talk without bad intention. Give without any reason. And most of all, care for people without any expectation.

By going back to the core programs, it will allow us to work more effectively and efficiently with less help.

Just like all of you...we are getting older and need to ensure we take care of ourselves and work SMART-ER not HARDER.

With less product to over-see our staff & volunteers will be able to better utilize their time and efforts. It will also enable us to put what we have to the best use. For example: clothing can be used at Martha's House, sold at our clothing

sales and what is left can be sold to Buffalo Exports and yes, some will have to go to the landfill. So we will be utilizing almost all of it to bring in income. The same will be done with the shoes, stuffed toys, belts and baseball caps.

IN MEMORY OF: Don Hudson & Pat Wahner

Don Hudson: Don volunteered for Agape House many years. He would ensure the building was secure after hours & weekends.

Pat Wahner: Pat was a volunteer & wife of Eldon Wahner, a long time board member, volunteer & supporter. Not only monetary,

but more importantly, prayerfully. They will be missed deeply but have left us wonderful memories that will live on.

WHAT IS BUFFALO EXPORTS?

Buffalo Ex-
port specializ-
es in selling



mixed, used clothing from thrift stores and charitable organizations such as Goodwill, Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul, Agape House, etc.) from all over

the United States and Canada. We currently broker approximately 50 million pounds of institutional rags a year to countries around the globe and we are continually growing.

So here's how it works for us at Agape House. What

doesn't sell is bagged up & put in totes. It's then loaded up in a semi trailer, front to back & top to bottom. It then goes to Buffalo Exports in Seattle and they take care of it from there. They pay for shipping and give us so much per pound. Easy Money!!

LAVENDER FESTIVAL

Lavender Festival went really well this year considering it was 108 degrees in the shade.



This is one of our major fundraiser and normally makes a fair amount of money for us. Sorry to say, this year, due to the

heat, we actually lost money. This is one of the most peaceful places to be and my favorite fundraiser. We had some beautiful quilts on



display, jewelry, scensy candles, wood working, shabby sheik, and new this year was our artists and plenty of food.

We had great music to listen too. Thank you's go to so many...Jim & Sheri, for opening their farm to us to have this wonderful event and all the volunteers, vendors and the folks who braved the heat to support Martha's House. We were **TOTALLY BLESSED** by *ALL of you!*

MARTHA'S HOUSE UPDATE...by Jodene



It's good to be back at Martha's House full time. I loved being at Treasures, but this is where I truly believe God wants me. While summer time is

slower then winter, we still continue to have families come in that really want to make a difference in their lives. Being a little slower, gives me time to do a little more administrative work for Dave. Our computer

system allows us to work with files from both places.

My request to all of you, is that you continue to pray for the families who are here. Being homeless is not an easy place to be.

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER....They're BACK!!!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 3rd, at 6 PM. We will have limited seating for 75. The dinner will be catered by Dickey's BBQ Pit, in Pendleton and will be brisket & pork We are excited to bring back our Mystery Dinners to the



community. This murder mystery is especially for our upcoming, "A Very Poplar Run" fundraiser. Dave has created this murder mystery, by using the guidelines of Jack Pachuta. Several of our murder mysteries have been created by Mr. Pachuta. We had the privilege of going on a murder mys-

tery cruise sponsored by Jack Pachuta. This will be a GREAT time for all of you. Since this is truly a fundraiser for Agape House, the cost of this "Special" murder mystery dinner will be \$45 per person. Call Jodene for R S V P .



"A VERY POPLAR RUN" Fundraiser for Agape House!

Calling ALL runners! "A Very Poplar Run" will be here on October 24th. "This run was featured in Runner's World as the December 2012, Rave Run. Each year the race continues to grow in runners. We are so thankful to Don Rice and Greenwood Resources for allow-

ing us to have the run through the poplar trees, Oxford Suites, for allowing us to set up our pre-registration in their facility, Hermiston Rotary for cooking up hot dogs. and to Eric Jensen, from Eastern Oregon Sports Training, for organizing this great run.



For more information and to register for this run through the trees, contact Eric Jensen , organizer at 541.969.9724 or check out his website : www.eosportstraining.com/boardmantreefarm.html. If you, or someone you know, would like to volunteer at this fun event please call Dave at: 541.567.8774.



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We are located under the name: Eastern Oregon Mission.

We will post on there all of our upcoming events and happenings.

VISION

We envision a community where every individual has access to basic needs and life skills to be a productive member of the community.

AH MISSION

Agape House is a Christian outreach whose mission is to provide basic services to those in need in Hermiston and surrounding communities.

VALUES

Our actions will reflect the love and gospel of Jesus Christ.

We will serve people equally, unconditionally and with respect.

We will conduct our business with honesty and openness.

We will be good stewards

COMMITMENT

"There are only two options regarding commitment. You're either in or you're out. There's no such thing as life in-between."

Pat Riley



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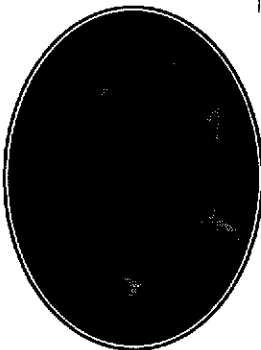
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From the Director's Chair



I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.

Jimmy Dean

Last January, at our annual meeting, our board starting thinking about how the economy would affect our future donations, or lack there of. I like to think of it as; thinking outside the box and being more innovating with the resources you're given. As all of you know, we closed Treasures Thrift Store at the end of May. While we know you will all miss it, we still can provide clothing to the community, but in another

way. With the economy the way it is, we want to be proactive in making sure we are good stewards of our donors funds.

As you have read in this newsletter, there are a number of changes we are going to be implementing and have already done. This is help us be the best we can be for our community. We want to be ready for whatever the future holds for us.

On the lighter side....

Thank you all for being patient with Agape House, while I was out with shingles. I so appreciated all of you prayers & concern. I am pretty much back to normal for the most part. Word of advice...GO GET THE SHOT if you are of the right age!

Blessings,

Dave Hughes