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Summer 2021



Director Highlights

By: Leanna Simpson, Executive Director

I am so excited to share with you what God has been doing at Agape Pregnancy Resource Center so far in 2021!

launch of our telehealth services. All these open doors have ultimately led to the doubling of those we serve!

So, where is God taking us next?

We are currently seeking God's provision in 3 large areas:

1. **The Agape Campus Expansion Project.** This project will focus on the removal of one house on the property, lighted parking, water diversion, flood prevention, and overall preservation and cohesion flow of our property operations. This improvement will cost around \$185,000.

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From January 1 through June 30th, we have had 1659 appointments. This is a growth of 100% from a year ago and by far the largest number of clients we have ever seen! Praise the Lord!

The number of clients we have served has doubled and our number of abortion-minded clients has tripled. Clients are sharing with their friends how we helped them. Clients, their friends, and their family members are spreading the word about how we are connecting them to resources, support, and much needed short and long-term care.

Let me share with you Lisa's story. A few months ago, "Lisa" came in and found out she was pregnant. As a young, single woman, she was desiring a future in the military. She was resolute in her decision to have an abortion, as she felt that this unplanned pregnancy did not fit into her life or her future. By the end of the appointment, we were able to see her heart begin to soften. We did not know the end of this story until recently. **She called to tell us that day changed her life and changed her mind.** She is now excited about welcoming her baby and becoming a mother very soon!

Over this last year, during a pandemic, we launched our new education and resource building. We have worked on updating and maximizing the traffic flow in our clinic, both in person and virtually with the



Sarah serving Jesus at Agape.

Sarah's story began 25 years ago when she was a senior in high school. She found herself in an unplanned pregnancy. She felt helpless, scared, and alone. Sarah made an appointment and was 5 hours away from making a life-ending decision. But God, in His mercy, began to tug on her heart. She just could not bring herself to go through with it. She never showed up for her appointment that day.

Today, she uses her testimony and her own journey of redemption by helping and serving the women at Agape. She knows firsthand that out of every story, God can use, redeem, and restore the broken pieces and make "beauty out of ashes."



Sarah and her beautiful daughter, Aliya.

Volunteer Spotlight - Sarah

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INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE

ANNUAL BANQUET

FEATURING

Bob Vander Plaats,
CEO, The Family Leader

SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

6:30pm Reception - 7:00pm Dinner

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6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, IA 50321

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- 2. **Clinic building improvements.** There are 3 components: roof replacement, creating a handicap accessible clinic facility with increased client inflow, and a new ultrasound machine. These improvements will cost around \$88,000.
- 3. **Expansion project.** Soon to be announced, is a new expansion to serve more in our community. This projected expansion will cost around \$106,000.

We will be revealing our new expansion and so much more at our annual Banquet event on September 28th. You will not want to miss it! We are SO excited to see where God is taking us next – thank you so much for your prayers and support of this ministry!

Sponsorship Program | Be a part of saving lives.

There are so many ways your family or business can be involved in your community. Sponsoring events like Agape’s fall banquet is one of the best ways you can support the ministry. More than 100 sponsors of the banquet make not only the evening possible but also ensures the critical care of pregnant women and their families.

Each year, the services provided completely free to our community are funded by caring neighbors just like you. This year, those needs have grown substantially. Through the first quarter of 2021 alone, your clinic saw more than twice the number of patient visits.

It’s an exciting time to minister to these young women and their families as God is clearly bringing more people to our doors and softening hearts towards the gospel message. But to continue to provide sonograms, medical tests, and education to everyone God is leading to Agape, the need for increased financial support has never been higher.

That’s where your family or business can play an important role! Your fully tax-deductible sponsorship shows your commitment to helping families not just survive but thrive. As some of

our most generous community leaders, your sponsorship will be recognized at the gala (or you can remain anonymous) and on the Agape website. Many of our business partners find this a great way to show their support to the Christian community in Central Iowa.

Some of our sponsors have shared with us that they love knowing they are taking a strong stand to support life. Others indicate how important it is to take care of new moms and help them get the training and support they need to break cycles of abuse and poverty. Still others are excited to support our new mobile clinic with sonograms and pregnancy tests around the metro area. And there are even some supporters who want to help immigrant and non-English speaking women and their families.

Whatever your “why,” sponsorship might be right for you or your business and we’re excited to prepare a custom proposal just for you.

For more information on how you can sponsor this year’s banquet, contact Leanna Simpson at director@agapedsm.com or by phone.



Sara Stafford, Board Treasurer

Board of Directors Corner

Sarah joined the Agape Board of Directors in 2012. Sarah has developed a passion for the pregnant women that Agape serves and her heart’s desire is for them to understand that the child they are carrying is a gift from God. She feels that Agape can minister by providing opportunities to share the love of Jesus to every person walking through the doors. She is particularly excited because she knows God has big plans for Agape.



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Serving Des Moines and the surrounding area for over 36 years, offering education and quality services to help our clients make informed decisions. We are fully-funded by the generosity of businesses and individuals in the community.

Donations can be mailed to:

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Hours:

Monday - Wednesday

9:00am-4:00pm

Thursdays

9:00am-7:00pm

Closed 12-1pm daily for lunch

Closed Friday-Sunday

Services offered at no charge:

- Pregnancy Tests
- Ultrasounds
- STD Tests
- Parenting Classes
- Case Management
- Telehealth
- Group Classes
- Tiny Hands Boutique
- Helping Hands Hygiene Pantry
- Post Abortive Healing

Ways to get involved:

- Donate
- Provide wish list items
- Contribute to our Endowment fund
- Volunteer
- Plan/host a service project

Did You Know?

Agape has a Devotional Series on their website, written by various authors from many perspectives. It will bless you! Download it on our website at Agape.com/devotional-series.

My Agape Story: Noelia

What would you do if you found yourself left by your husband, no means of income, and not able to communicate because you do not speak the language? What if police came to your door and took your five children from your arms and you did not understand what was going on?



Noelia

This is what happened to Noelia.

When she came to Agape, her children had been taken away from her nine months previously. She had spiraled into a pit of total anguish and despair. She decided that the only thing left to do was **take her own life**. She was beyond any hope that she would ever have or see her children again. The pain was too great to bear.



Carolyn, Noelia's bilingual advocate



Prayer Volunteer, Sherry, with Noelia

Visit the “Our Stories” section of our website to read the rest of Noelia’s inspiring story.

Donor Spotlight: Matthew & Christi

“About 4 years ago, we were introduced to Agape through a friend. Our hearts became burdened to become a part of helping to save lives through this ministry! Financial support was an easy way for us to get involved and contribute right away!

But...God did not leave our story there. He began to show us how our partnership with Agape was so much more than a financial gift. He began to grow in us the personal purpose in our giving.

Throughout our marriage, we have struggled to have a child of our own. As we have been

praying and leaning on God through this chapter of our lives, God used our giving at Agape to provide a purpose through our pain.

We realized that we may not know the end of God’s story for our journey toward building a family, but we can continue to seek out His purposes and plans in this “chapter”. In this “chapter” of our lives...a chapter of personal **waiting**, we are able to use our **today** to allow another family the opportunity to hold their child.”

