

AGAPE NEWSLETTER

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GOD IS UP TO SOMETHING BIG... AGAIN

*By Leanna Simpson
Executive Director*

This summer, we are rejoicing in all that God has done through the work at AGAPE over these last 39 years. Each day, we find ourselves gazing out our windows as we see how God has transformed the physical property, paving the way for more work to be done! So today, let us continue to look forward with excitement to what God is leading us to do next.

In 2020, we were called to expand how we serve, who we serve, and the ways we serve through our resource center building. The landscape of this world has changed in dramatic ways since that time, as have our buildings through AGAPE's campus and grounds project in the summer and fall of 2023.

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Today, I am pleased to announce that we are stepping out in faith once again! **We will be breaking ground this summer on our Family Community Center!**

This will be a space for each of YOU (the church) to meet our AGAPE community. Events such as Christmas & Thanksgiving dinners, baby showers, family fun nights, Bible studies, movie nights, pastor & community luncheons, summer BBQs, client Christmas parties, Mother's Day teas, and Father's Day BBQs will provide opportunities for our clients to step out of their challenging situations and experience moments of fun, family, and joy!



God is up to something, and He is inviting us to join Him.

Thank you for accepting His invitation! We could not do this work without YOU!



Briana & Baby Lapromise

MY AGAPE STORY: BRIANA

When Briana delivered her precious baby girl, it was not how she pictured her life or the birth of her child. She was incarcerated at Mitchellville Prison and delivering a baby. How could this be happening? How could she turn her life around? She was released from prison a few months after the birth of her daughter.

She didn't know where to begin rebuilding the mess of her life, but she knew that she needed resources, support, and education on how to be the best mom she could be. Briana found a place called AGAPE.

"When I first came to AGAPE, I was so alone. I had no one to turn to, but AGAPE was there. I was in an abusive domestic relationship. I had a rough past. I honestly don't know where I would be, both for myself and my baby, if it wasn't for AGAPE. I was struggling so bad. AGAPE has been there and I know that they will be there for my baby, my family, and me."

Briana wants anyone who needs help and support to know that they should "never be afraid to turn to AGAPE for help. The memories I have of AGAPE will last for a lifetime. They offer me a listening ear. I am forever bonded to the people who work with me. I will always remember that they accept me just as I am, with no judgment."



Lapromise born in February 2024

Since 1985, AGAPE has served Des Moines and the surrounding areas through pregnancy & parenting services to support a better today and a changed tomorrow.



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ALL SERVICES OFFERED AT NO CHARGE

- Pregnancy Tests
- Ultrasounds
- STI Tests
- Individual & Group Classes
- Life Coaching
- Baby & Hygiene Stores
- Community Support
- Healing After Loss Support

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED:

- Donate
- Baby Shower/Hygiene Drive
- Volunteer for a Service Project
- Donate to the Endowment Fund

DID YOU KNOW?

AGAPE has a fatherhood program. We believe that fathers change families! We believe that learning parenting skills takes time, and it takes BOTH parents!

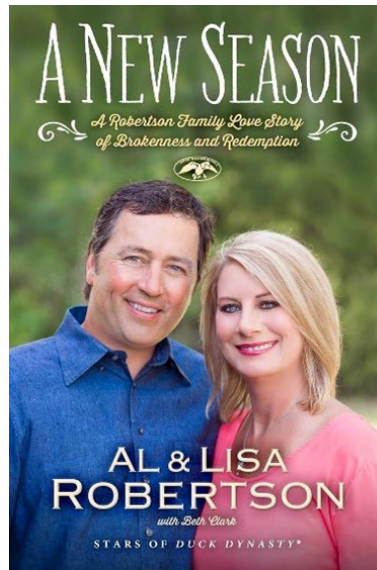
2024 GALA SPONSORS NEEDED

We are inviting YOU to become a 2024 Gala Sponsor! If you would like to be a part of financially supporting this year's Gala event, please visit our website at agapedsm.com/charity-gala to view the different sponsorship levels and sign up TODAY! All Gala sponsors will be named in the program and during the event. Thank you for making this amazing night possible!



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Announcing our Featured Speakers: AL & LISA ROBERTSON



Al & Lisa Robertson travel together all over America sharing the Gospel of Christ with their personal story of brokenness, restoration, and healing through their marriage and their pasts. Their story inspires all audiences to remember that God truly can heal and redeem every story... even the past choice of an abortion. You will not want to miss this amazing night, as we

hear their powerful story of God's redeeming and restoring love!

If you have not seen the new and amazing biographical movie of their family, go here to watch the preview of *The Blind*:



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*Behold, I am making all things **New**.* Revelations 21:5

The banner features a dark blue background with a gold, intricate, leaf-like pattern at the top and bottom. The text is centered and uses a mix of white and gold colors. A thin gold horizontal line separates the title from the date.

JOIN US FOR ONE AMAZING NIGHT OF IMPACT!

Please join us for a night of celebration! We will be featuring client stories, special updates from our Executive Director and our featured guests, Al & Lisa Robertson.

We are excited to share the plans and progress of the NEW Family Community Center, and we will share how God is moving us for future growth, ministry, and opportunities in the year to come. You will not want to miss this special night!

Register TODAY!

