



Refuge Reflections

FALL 2026

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KWC Built TEN Beds for Agape!

Thank you to the students of Kentucky Wesleyan College for hand-building ten beds for the women who will call the Refuge home. We're deeply grateful for these students' hard work and their heart for this mission.

Date — circle one:
Thurs, Aug 27
Fri, Aug 28

TIME SLOT — CIRCLE ONE:
4:00-5:00 PM
5:00-6:00 PM
6:00-7:00 PM
7:00-8:00 PM

ADMIT ONE
EXCLUSIVE EARLY ACCESS

ROSIE MARIE'S ICE CREAM
SOFT GRAND OPENING

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Includes: 1 scoop + 1 topping
Ticket proceeds benefit Agape Love Women's Refuge
Ticket required for entry
Additional ice cream available for purchase

Rosie Marie's Ice Cream Partners with Agape to Raise \$700!

Thank you to Coppa for choosing to bless Agape Love Women's Refuge during their soft grand opening! We're so grateful for their support as we work toward our own opening, and we're excited to see this new business thrive in Ohio County.

Building Hope: Blocks of Refuge Fundraiser

Raise the Refuge Update

We're so close. Once every block on the wall behind our building has been claimed, we'll have the funding push we need to complete the Refuge's renovations and open our doors. Each block represents a piece of the foundation, literally and figuratively, for the women who will walk through those doors seeking safety, hope, and healing. Will you help us finish the wall? Claim a block today and be part of restoring lives at Agape Love Women's Refuge.

We're in the
FINAL HOMESTRETCH!

THE MILLER FAMILY	LOCAL CAFE & BAKERY	SARAH J. PETERSON	THE HARRIS FAMILY	MICHAEL & DOTTI	NURTURING CHANGE	TO HOPE & BEYOND
MAIN STREET HARDWARE	CORNERSTONE BANK	HOWARD POST FRAME	COMMITTED TO FAITH	NORMAN FAMILY	HURDMAN BABIES	AGAPE'S ANGELS
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				THE LOCAL CHURCH	A COMMUNITY UNITED	FAMILY

Leave a Legacy of Hope \$100 PER BLOCK

Every home needs a foundation — and *Agape Love Women's Refuge* is being built one block, and one act of love, at a time.

We're offering 350 blocks on the back wall of the Refuge for you to claim as your own. For just \$100, personalize a block with your family name, business name, church name, or in honor of a loved one — a lasting piece of the story of hope and healing we're building for women in crisis.

Your block becomes part of the very walls that will shelter, restore, and empower women rebuilding their lives.

**350
TOTAL
BLOCKS**
**\$100
EACH**



A permanent piece of the Refuge, forever



100% of proceeds go toward opening our doors



A meaningful way to honor someone you love



Claim your block today!

Block placement at the discretion of Refuge staff.

RAISE THE REFUGE

Tim Smith

Behind every light that will welcome a woman through the Refuge's doors is hours of careful work by Tim Smith of H-E Electric. As the husband of Agape's Founder & Program Director, Kayla Smith, Tim has been part of this mission from day one, quietly and faithfully giving his time and expertise to wire the Refuge, room by room. His dedication to Agape's renovations reflects the same heart of service that built this ministry: a willingness to show up, again and again, for women he may never meet but whose lives he's already helping change. We're grateful for Tim's support in helping us Raise the Refuge!



➤➤➤ New Ministry Coordinator: Welcome, Mary Tierney!

We're excited to welcome Mary Tierney to Agape as our new Ministry Coordinator! Mary brings a heart for connecting churches and faith communities with the mission of the Refuge, working to build the kinds of partnerships that let local congregations serve through volunteering, prayer, donations, and outreach. She believes the local church has a vital role to play in restoring lives, and she's already living that out: Mary's husband, Jason, is the Associate Pastor at Hartford Baptist Church, where the two of them serve and worship together (fittingly, the very church we're spotlighting this issue!). Mary's favorite verse is Philippians 4:4, a reminder to choose joy no matter the circumstances, and it's a truth she hopes to help every woman at the Refuge discover for herself. We're so grateful to have her gifts and passion on the team!



➤➤➤ Church Partner Spotlight: Hartford Baptist Church

Thank you to our friends at Hartford Baptist Church for choosing Agape Love Women's Refuge as their Mission Wednesday project! A wonderful group of volunteers spent their evening mowing, weedeating, running chainsaws, and tackling everything in between to get the grounds ready. Thanks to their hard work, the property is looking better than ever, and we couldn't be more grateful.

As we get closer to opening, projects like this remind us that we don't do this work alone. **If your church is looking for a way to get involved, we'd love to have you serve alongside us, whether that's a workday, a prayer partnership, or something else entirely. Reach out anytime to learn how your congregation can be part of showing women the Refuge found in Jesus.**





Volunteer Appreciation & Training Sessions

As we get closer to opening our doors, we want to take time to say **THANK YOU** to the incredible people who have stepped up to serve, and make sure you feel prepared and confident in your role!

If you missed the first session, don't worry, there is another one on September 12th! Whether you're a seasoned volunteer, or you've been thinking about getting involved, we look forward to seeing you.

*We ♥ our
Volunteers*

 **AGAPE LOVE**
WOMEN'S REFUGE
a place of safety, healing, and Christ's love

VOLUNTEER *Appreciation* & TRAINING DAY

Agape Love Women's Refuge is getting ready to open our doors, and we want to celebrate the amazing people who've stepped up to help make it happen!
A chance for us to say **THANK YOU**, answer your questions, and get you ready to serve.

Choose the session that works for you:

 OPTION ONE: TUESDAY AUGUST 25 6:00–7:00 P.M. OHIO COUNTY PARK BUILDING ONE	 OPTION TWO: SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12 10:00–11:00 A.M. HARTFORD BAPTIST CHURCH 415 Liberty St, Hartford, KY 42347
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 Whether you've already signed up to volunteer or you're just now feeling the nudge to get involved, you're welcome here! Come meet our team, enjoy some light refreshments, and learn how you can be part of bringing hope and healing to women in our community.

Interested in joining us?
email info@agapelovewomensrefuge.org

We can't wait to see you there! ♥ #AgapeLoveWomensRefuge #VolunteerAppreciation #ServeWithUs #CommunityImpact

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Thank you for your heart to serve

**Snow
Cones**
for a Cause!

Supporting
Agape Love Women's Refuge

**OCTOBERFEST,
DOWNTOWN
HARTFORD**

**OCTOBER
23 & 24**

Cool treats, warm hearts —
help us open our doors! 



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WOMEN'S REFUGE



Scan to Volunteer



**Fried
PICKLES**
for a **CAUSE!**

★ SUPPORTING ★
AGAPE LOVE
WOMEN'S REFUGE

Helping open a safe, faith-filled shelter for women in crisis. Your support helps build hope & healing! 

**COME SEE US
at the
OC FAIR!**

- ★ **THURSDAY, SEPT 17**
5-9 PM
- ★ **FRIDAY, SEPT 18**
5-10 PM
- ★ **SATURDAY, SEPT 19**
3-10 PM

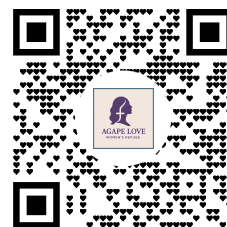
**DELICIOUS.
FUN.
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE!**

Volunteer With Us  Thank you for supporting LOCAL WOMEN. BRIGHTER TOMORROWS.

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Volunteer with Agape

Scan to access our volunteer platform, keyword search "Agape," sign up for an opportunity and time that works for you!





Business Liaison



Agape is looking for someone special to join our team. We're at a place where we need someone who loves people, loves our community, and isn't afraid to walk through a door and start a conversation.

We're looking for a volunteer who can help us get out into our community and connect with local businesses and organizations, not just asking for support, but building real relationships between them and Agape.

Someone who can sit down with a business owner and share who we are. Someone who can tell them what's happening at the Refuge, invite them to be part of it, and help us stay connected long after that first conversation.

Right now, that will include assisting with fundraising efforts, and taking our \$100 Blocks of Refuge campaign into the community to help us fill that wall with the names of the people and businesses standing behind this mission.

But more than anything, we're looking for a relationship builder. You don't have to be a professional fundraiser. You don't have to have a fancy title or a long list of experience. You just need to believe in what Agape is doing, be comfortable talking to people, and have a heart for bringing our community alongside the women we serve.

If that sounds like you, or immediately makes you think of someone you know. reach out to us.



Become an Agape Ally

Your monthly donation provides reliable funding that ensures consistent, essential support for women in need.

✓ \$20+/mo = free Agape t-shirt while supplies last



- ✓ set it up once and know that each month you're making a real difference
- ✓ every gift stays in your community, providing services to local women
- ✓ your generosity helps women heal, find long-term stability, and discover their identity in Christ



Grab your partner and lock in your spot for the Anchored in Hope Cornhole Classic on Saturday, October 3rd! With Modern Woodmen of America matching net proceeds up to \$2,500, every team that registers doubles their impact for women in crisis right here in Ohio County. Whether you're a backyard bagger or a competitive pro, this is your chance to have a blast and help build a place of hope for women rebuilding their lives. Please help us spread the word!



Not inteseted in playing, but want to help out? We need to borrow your cornhole boards, and will need several volunteers day of the event to make everything run smoothly. Please contact us if you have boards we can borrow, and sign up today to volunteer!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



ANCHORED *in* HOPE CORNHOLE CLASSIC



A COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER



All proceeds fund safe emergency shelter, food, and spiritual care at Agape Love Women's Refuge right here in Ohio County



Thanks to the Modern Woodmen of America Matching Fund Program, every single dollar we raise at this event will be

MATCHED dollar-for-dollar up to \$2,500!



THE DETAILS:



Sat., October 3rd
Check-in at 9:30 AM
Bags fly at 10:30 AM



New Assembly
Church parking lot
(gym as rain backup)
423 KY-1543
Harford, KY 42347



Double-Elimination
Prizes for Winners



**REGISTER
YOUR TEAM**



Registration Deadline:
September 26th

HOW TO JOIN:



Teams:
\$50 / 2-person team
(All skill levels welcome!)
50% Payout
to Top 3 Teams



Spectators:
Suggested donation
of \$5 entry at the gate
(Kids under 12
are FREE!)

Mark
YOUR
Calendar

**SO
FUN!**



**YOUNGIN'S
POWER WHEELS
DRAG RACE**

12:00 – 12:30 PM
Ages 5 & under

\$10 per racer | \$5 per spectator | Bring your own ride
Register on-site the day of the event,
no pre-registration needed!



**CONCESSIONS
FOR A CAUSE**

Food available all day,
come hungry!

Cornhole Trophies & Prize Bags
Provided by Lucky's Cornhole



INTERESTED IN SPONSORING THIS EVENT?
Contact info@agapelovewomensrefuge.org

Play for Fun.
Give for Hope.



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**we need
to borrow
these**

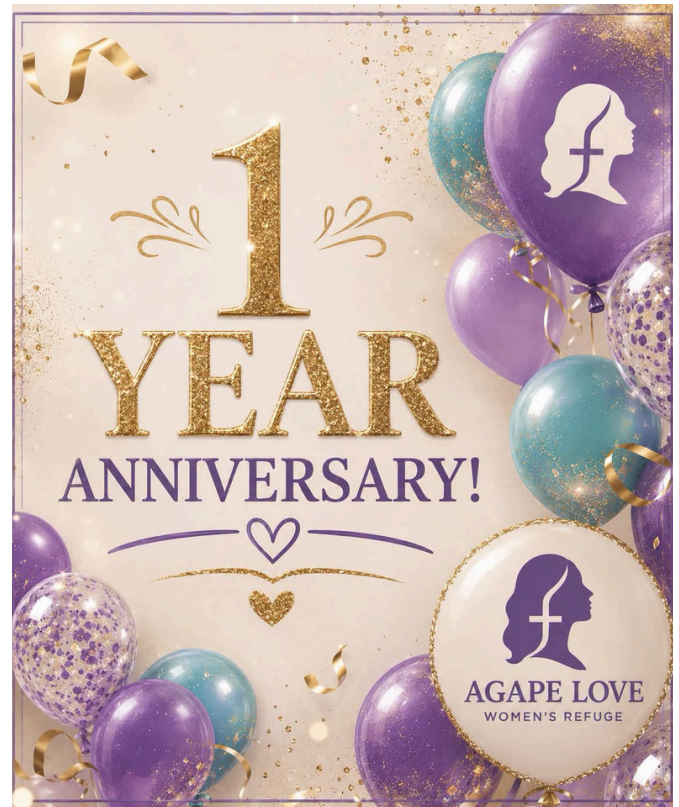
**LET'S
PLAY**



Agape Love Women's Refuge, Inc. Celebrates 1 Year Anniversary

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." -Psalm 46:1

It's hard to believe an entire year has passed since Agape Love Women's Refuge was founded in August 2025, and what a year it has been. We've had the privilege of walking alongside more than 20 women through non-residential services, meeting them in some of the hardest seasons of their lives and showing them the love of Christ along the way. While it was never about the number, we can't help but be humbled by it – 20 women, 20 stories, 20 reminders of why this ministry exists. As our building nears completion, we find ourselves overwhelmed with gratitude: for God's provision every step of the way, and for a community of supporters, volunteers, and partners who believed in this mission before it ever had walls. Just as Psalm 46:1 promises, God has been our refuge and strength through every part of this first year, and we know He'll continue to be as we step into the next one. Thank you for standing with us. We can't wait to see what's ahead!



Support Group New Location - Childcare Now Provided

agapelovewomensrefuge.org



For more information,
call or text Cherie Griffin
262-488-2219

**FIRST & THIRD MONDAY
OF EACH MONTH, 6:00-7:30 p.m.**

Healing Through **Agape Love** Trauma Survivor's Support Group

An open support group for any adult woman who is seeking healing from trauma. This support group interweaves understanding of the impact trauma has on our lives while surrounding us in the unconditional love that frees us.



Childcare provided



MEETING LOCATION:
Hartford Baptist Church
415 Liberty St, Hartford, KY 42347