

Dear Agape House Friend,

The Agape House Board of Directors and staff would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

As we look back upon 2018 and remember what God has done, we want to thank you for partnering with us in making a difference for life! Many of you sacrificially and faithfully invest in the Agape House ministries and we are most grateful to partner with you in defending the lives of the unborn. Thank you.

Agape House has always been a cutting edge ministry. In keeping with our mission to effectively reach those at risk for abortion, Agape House has grown to include three distinct areas of service. In addition to our state-of-the-art sexual health medical clinic, we provide a sexual risk avoidance educational program and a post abortion ministry. All three areas of ministry compliment each other in protecting the sanctity of human life preventively, actively, and restoratively. Let's look at what is being accomplished in each of these three areas...

Our Educational Program (preventive area):

Approximately 2,767 students in grades 6th, 7th, 8th & 9th have attended our week long educational program this past year in their respective school classrooms. Participating schools include Black Oak School, Dresden Middle School, Bradford Middle School, Bradford High School, Dresden Middle School, Dresden High School, Fulton City School, Fulton County School, Gleason Middle School, Gleason High School, Hillcrest School, Lake County Middle School, Lake County High School, Lake Road School, McKenzie Middle School, Martin Middle School, Obion County Central High School, Ridgemont School, Sharon Middle School, South Fulton Middle School, South Fulton High School, Union City Middle School, Union City High School, West Carroll Middle School, and Westview High School.

In addition to the classroom presentations, 587 high school juniors enjoyed an intensive day of learning how to make wise and healthy choices at our annual high school junior event held on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus.

Our Sexual Health Medical Clinic (active area):

Our clinic is the area of ministry in which you may be most familiar. It is a special place where each patient is individually served based upon his or her unique situation. Billboards are strategically placed in our region in order to reach the patient at risk for abortion. As a result of providing pregnancy testing, abortion education, STI testing and treatment, and ultrasound confirmation, we continue to see an average of two babies saved from abortion each month whose mother came to our clinic. To God be the glory!

Our Post Abortive Ministry (restorative area):

Plans are well underway to reach out to area churches with this valuable resource. Statistics tell us that the fastest growing group of individuals who are having abortions profess to be Christians and one in four women over the age of fifty already has at least two abortions in her past. These statistics are alarming, and we are equipped to serve the church in this area. We want those inside our churches to know we are here. Small business cards in an attractive display stand will be available to area churches in 2019. A designated website will be available for those seeking post abortion information. Area pastors will be contacted in 2019, as this outreach is made available.

In addition to serving northwest Tennessee and the outlying area, Agape House made an impact with a like-minded ministry in Rockland, Maine. With Maine being one of the five states in a current study that provides TelAbortion, we value the opportunity to invest in educating like-minded ministries. TelAbortion is a program that provides medical abortion via a phone conference and delivered through the US Postal system with plans to expand the program nationwide.

Next year we will be celebrating 25 years of ministry! Our theme for the year comes from Acts 26:17b-18a. "...I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light..." We think this appropriately describes what we are called to do for such a time as this. We look forward to serving alongside you as we carefully follow how God leads in 2019!

Again, thank you for partnering with us to make a difference for LIFE!

Yours for LIFE,

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Linda DeBoard, CEO

