

THE AGAPE' MISSION OF BARTLESVILLE



Thanks BRUW, for helping us
feed our community!!

Total Meals & Snacks for 2011

53,415 meals &
snacks that is an in-
crease of over 17%
from 2010.

Did you know...

It takes on average over 1,000 man
hours each month to run all the pro-
grams here at Agape'!!

Empty Bowls Facebook page is :
[The Agape' Mission of Bartlesville](#)

Food for Kids Program in 2011

Agape's Food for Kids Program
continues to break records every
month.

We are now doing every school in
Washington County plus Bowring
and Osage Hills. This is 16 area
schools that we provide for.

Currently we are doing over 560
sacks per week. This program
takes a lot of time in trying to pur-
chase food as cheaply as possible.
We have not been able to get the
quantity of food items at the Food
Bank like we have in years past,
so I am having to purchase things
in bulk and repackage them in
order to meet the demand. Just
the research in prices and then
traveling to Tulsa to pick them up
is also costly. We try to purchase
items in-town as much as possible,

but sometimes we have to purchase in Tulsa
to get a better price.

You can see the types of items we need typed
in this newsletter, and you can drop them off
here at Agape' or during packing hours at the
facility at 3820 Kentucky #11.

Thank you for helping us keep children from
going hungry over the weekends during the
school year.

This program really makes a difference in the
everyday lives of children in Washington
County.

Thank you for prayers and financial support
for our Food for Kids Program.

Stop by the packing facility and tell Rissie
and all her crew what a "Good Job" they do
and pray for them and us each day....we feel
them!!

Agape Newsletter

Year in Review: 2011 was a record breaking year!!

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We broke 2010's record by over
17%.

We installed our new computer sys-
tem in October of 2009 which gener-
ates a lot of report information we
need to send to various locations. In
2011, we were able to help 1205
NEW people that had not previously
been in our database. This tells me
that in 2011 we were able to help
1205 new people we did not help the
year before. We see people everyday
that we have not seen in 12 years. In
December 2011 we fed 44 new people
just in the month of December.

This tells me that there are reasons
we are seeing such an increase. Some
of the reasons is the economy, lack of
work, increase in food cost and just
lack of income.



Thank you financial donors and
volunteers for giving to Agape ' to
feed those less fortunate in our
area. Thank you for giving to the
Lord!!

If you would have a couple of hours a
month to drive our van to deliver
sacks to our Bartlesville schools or to
pick up food from a local grocer
please call the mission to get on the
schedule at 918-336-5410 and talk to
Sherri.

Packing hours will be Mondays from
1pm to 3pm. If you need to drop off
items over on Kentucky, call Rissie
at 331-7815 and she will meet you
there.

If you would like to
purchase items, here is
a list of items we use
weekly.

Cereal
Cereal Bars
Raisins
Cheese Crackers
Vanilla & Chocolate
Pudding
Fruit Cups
Sunflower Seeds
(shelled)
Fruit Snacks
100% Fruit Juice

Directors note...

Agape Mission



Yes, that's me, riding a camel!!



2,000 year old olive trees in the Garden of Gethsemane, October 2011

Dear Mission Family,

Thank you so much, for all your prayers, support and love that you have shown Agape' in 2011. Without your help, we could not feed the thousands of individuals, families and children each year, with YOU!!

We know that God is the one that makes it all happen, but you are His hands and feet to a hurting world.

Just wanted to give you a couple of pictures of my trip to Israel. My sweet husband sent me for our 25th wedding anniversary and I was so blessed. The top picture is me riding my first camel, named Shooshoo.

The second, is one of my favorite spots, The Garden of Gethsemane. This olive tree, is over 2000 years old. When we have a tree here over 100 years old, we are impressed, but over there, things are thousands of years old. I am so blessed to have been able to go on this once in a lifetime trip.

Please keep praying for us in 2012, we feel your prayers each and every day. God has always been faithful and I know His economy is not in a downturn. God Bless you so much for a great year in 2011, and we look forward to another great year in 2012.

In His Service,

Sherri Smith

Executive Director

Attention all ConocoPhillips Employees and Retiree's

ConocoPhillips firmly believes in striving to improve the well-being of the communities in which our employees live and work. To that end, we provide programs that encourage and support employee involvement in local non-profit organizations.

We are pleased to inform you that, effective January 1, 2010, we are expanding our employee giving programs, providing employees and retirees more opportunities to give back to their communities.

* Matching Gift

Our Matching Gift program will expand to match employee gifts to eligible 501 © 3 organizations dollar-for-dollar, up to \$15,000, and retiree gifts dollar-for-dollar, up to \$7,500 annually. Previously, the program matched gifts to accredited educational institutions only.

*Employee Volunteer Grants "Dollar for Hours"

ConocoPhillips will donate \$500 for every 20 hours an employee or retiree volunteers with an eligible 501 © 3 non-profit organization. Additionally, teams of four or more employees or retirees may apply for a team grant of \$1,000 to an eligible organization.

****PLEASE CONTACT CONOCOPHILLIPS FOR THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK FOR THE ABOVE ITEMS.****

Not only will this new program help us with volunteers, but you can work towards getting us money as well. Please make sure you keep track of your time yourself but we are keeping track of COP volunteers as well. When you volunteer at Agape' just make sure you sign in and put **COP or COP retiree** and we will put you on our records as well, and keep track of your hours, you just have to make sure you sign in at the Volunteer Sign -In Board by the kitchen door.

THANK YOU ConocoPhillips!!!

Hunger in Oklahoma

Whether in Oklahoma or elsewhere in the world, hunger rarely occurs because there is simply not enough food; rather, hunger occurs because families and individuals cannot afford to buy food. The roots of Oklahoma's hunger problem are embedded in the plots of poverty amidst our pastures of plenty.

Here is a brief snapshot of the hungry in Oklahoma:

According to the USDA, Oklahoma ranks eighth in the nation in the number of people per capita who are hungry. We are seventh in the nation in those who are food insecure, which is defined as a limited or uncertain access to an adequate diet, oftentimes reflected in skipped meals, reduced food intake or an uncertainty about being able to feed all household members.

In Oklahoma, 28 percent of children under the age of five and 23 percent under the age of 18 live in poverty. The percentage of Oklahoma children living in poverty increased by 48 percent in 2006. Now one in every five of our children lives in poverty and is at risk of going to bed hungry.

In 2007 almost 600,000 Oklahomans lived in poverty. The poverty level in 2007 is \$20,650 for a family of four.

Of the elderly who receive food through Oklahoma's Food Bank System, 32 percent report having to choose between buying food or paying for medicine or medical care.

Since 1999, the percentage of families living in poverty has increased in 30 of the state's 39 most populous counties.

Of households experiencing hunger, less than 20 percent are classified as unemployed. More than one-third are disabled and/or retired, while the remaining 46 percent have at least one working member.

According to a 2007 study by the Sodexo Foundation, Oklahoma loses an estimated \$1.4 billion each year from hunger through illness, increased illness and decreased academic achievement alone.

More information on hunger in Oklahoma is available through Oklahoma's Food Bank Network.
Visit www.hungerinoklahoma.org

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CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!!

We are also on Facebook!!

**Feeding the hungry and hurting in the
Washington County area!!**



If you, or someone you know would like to give financially to Agape' and would like to put it on your credit card, is to log onto our website at www.agapebartlesville.com and click on the "JUST GIVE" button, and then complete the form. This is a very safe website, approved by OWU and the Fortune 500 as being a very safe site.

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