



## A Child's Life—and a Mom's Future—Saved!

Your support turns survival and fear into HOPE. Thank you!

\*Shelly says that when she first learned she was pregnant, she was “scared, anxious, and uncertain about what her future held.”

What's more, she didn't know “where to go, who to call, or what to do.” She did what so many people do today: she searched online.

That's when she came across your center, AGAPE.

When she met with the nurse during that first visit, she felt peace. She got emotional when her nurse asked if she could pray over the situation and her life. “It was a very dark time,” she said. But that day, Shelly received the comfort of a stranger when she was at her lowest.

As the nurse walked her through all her options, she felt like she needed to be completely honest.

“Because of everything going on in my relationship and my job struggles, I am not wanting to have a baby.”

*“...whatever you did for one of the least of these, brothers and sisters, you did for me.”*  
- Matthew 25:40

Although hesitant, she decided to return in a few days for her ultrasound. When she saw the screen, tears started to well up in her eyes. “Only a baby could have a beating heart. It is a person. It is my little, tiny person.” She instantly felt connected with her baby.

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# Thanks to You, Women Like Shy are Finding Help & Real Community



When Shy discovered she was pregnant, she said that she needed nurturing and guidance more than anything. She found both at AGAPE.

Before finding out she was pregnant, Shy was battling anxiety, depression, and thoughts of suicide. "I definitely think those would have taken hold over me a lot more, had I not gotten hope," she says.

"I didn't want to be a mother so soon, but I wouldn't have it any other way. If it wasn't for the confidence that I gained through my visits to AGAPE, my journey would've looked completely different."

"My ultrasound was so amazing," she says. "I was scared more than anything, but my partner was so excited once he saw our baby on the screen. The nurse was so sweet and helpful. She made us feel so at home, and all our worries just seemed to melt away."

She says her baby girl is "the most joyful blessing that I could ever have asked for. She is a gift that I never even knew I needed."

*Thank you for blessing women like Shy every day through your support of AGAPE!*

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Because of your support, Shelly was met with real support, care, love, and the image of her living child. Now, months later, she is so grateful that she decided to have her daughter. She couldn't picture life without her and wouldn't change it for the world. "I made the best decision because AGAPE was there. You helped me see beyond the moment and see my future."

She says that she owes AGAPE for walking alongside her, providing ongoing onsite support, and the tangible help that she needed. "I will never forget what the people at AGAPE did for me."

*Because of you, women are choosing life for their preborn babies and celebrating their first Mother's Day. Thank you for your support in this life-saving work!*

\*All client names changed for confidentiality purposes.

### A Message from our Executive Director, Leanna



It has been an entire year since the completion of our Family Community Center. What a blessing to see a once logistically challenging space become a catalyst for change! This new space is playing a vital role in our mission to cultivate a community that values life because we love Christ!

- **We connect our clients to our church community:** the activities allow the clients we serve the opportunity to understand what "church" feels and looks like at our center.
- **We serve our clients:** with living costs continuing to rise, fun child- and family-friendly events are FREE and accessible through this new space.
- **We support families:** every event includes every person to participate and grow as a family.
- **We empower:** by volunteering, you are living out your pro-life and pro-Jesus position in actional ways!

For more information about our Family Community Center, including volunteer opportunities, email [Emily@agapedsm.com](mailto:Emily@agapedsm.com). Thank you for your amazing partnership in making this vital extension to the AGAPE ministry happen! We could not do this work without YOU!

*Leanna Simpson*

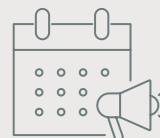
## Please join us in prayer for...



Moms to choose life for their babies and abundant life for themselves.



AGAPE to reach the abortion-minded first through online searches.



A full event to celebrate our 2026 GALA on August 29.



Clients' hearts to be pierced by the Gospel.



## When You Give to AGAPE, You are Supporting Fathers, too!

At AGAPE, we believe that fathers ARE made to be the dynamic leaders of their families!

In 2025, we invested in 88 fathers. So far in 2026, we have served 42 fathers in our first three months! We are honored to provide FREE education, mentoring, support, and connection for our soon-to-be fathers. To expand our reach, we recently hired Ryan, our new Director of Fatherhood Services.

As Father's Day approaches, consider investing in our ongoing efforts to reach fathers for Christ!

### 3 EASY WAYS you can support AGAPE financially:



**GIVE BY MAIL**  
by sending your gift with the enclosed reply envelope.



**GIVE ONLINE**  
at [agapedsm.com/give](https://agapedsm.com/give).



**GIVE BY PHONE**  
at 515.255.0243.

## 2026 AGAPE GALA

Saturday, August 29, 2026



Presenting Featured Speaker: **Coach Ron Brown** of the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

Coach Ron Brown has had many coaching successes, but his most notable success is his unashamed pursuit of following Jesus Christ.

Ron has a deep passion to see young men fully live out their faith in Jesus Christ and follow their faith in taking the Bible into the city square. In living out this passion, Ron founded FreedMen Nebraska in 2009 to see the men of Nebraska steward the state for Jesus Christ.

Ron and former Husker Stan Parker are co-founders and co-directors of a statewide Christian ministry called Mission Nebraska, which also stewards My Bridge Radio, a statewide Christian radio network.

Ron hosts "Truth Vision," a weekly statewide cable TV program, and serves as a regular columnist for FCA's national magazine, "Sharing the Victory." He and his wife, Molvina, live in Lincoln with their two daughters, Sojourner and Bronwyn.

You will not want to miss this amazing night of inspiration and motivation!



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