



Missouri Agape House

www.facebook.com/agapehouseofvandalia

Donation | \$35

The Agape House of Vandalia's mission is to provide affordable overnight lodging to families of offenders in the state correctional centers of Vandalia and Bowling Green, Missouri. Keeping families intact through these visits is key to a smoother transition home upon release. Guests are asked to pay \$5.00 per night for an adult and \$2.00 per child.



Missouri PATCH (Parents & Their Children)

www.chillicothepatch.org

Drivers & Financial Support Requested

For over 30 years, PATCH has helped children stay connected with their incarcerated mothers which improves emotional and behavioral health in children and lowers recidivism for offenders. Donations from Festival of Sharing provide supplies for lunches, photos for children and mothers during visits, and instruction and supplies for parenting classes. More information and videos of the program can be accessed at www.chillicothepatch.org.



Missouri Faith Voices

www.missourifaithvoices.org

Volunteers & Financial Support Requested

Missouri Faith Voices is a multi-faith, multi-racial, statewide, non-profit, nonpartisan organization committed to transforming the lives of individuals and families who have been historically impacted due to racism and injustice. They equip community members to challenge the systems that create conditions for injustice, invite moral vision for Missouri, and engage in the prophetic action necessary to make it a reality. To learn how to get involved, contact info@missourifaithvoices.org.

Missouri Agency Spotlight



Want to know more?

Festival of Sharing encourages your group or church to explore more mission and service opportunities in your community. You can contact our office for a list of agencies in your area if you wish to see if your gifts and talents could be used at other times of the year.



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Watch for Agency Spotlights on our Facebook page! Scan the QR code or go to facebook.com/festivalofsharing.



Missouri Women's Prison Packs

500 requested versus 220 shared in 2020

Estimated Pack Value | **\$10**

Providing tangible love and hope for women who are facing a challenging time via a simple hygiene kit is another way Festival lives out our call to love others. Some individuals in correctional facilities may have outside relationships that provide support in terms of social connections and financial resources. At the correctional facility in Vandalia, MO, financial resources can be used to purchase higher quality items from the facility's market. Without supplemental finances, individuals must use the basic items provided by the state. Our women's prison packs offer hygiene items to promote dignity and cleanliness and express our support for continued healing.



We invite you to fundraise money (\$10 per pack) and send it to the Festival of Sharing office where we will buy approved supplies in bulk. You can arrange for a day to visit our warehouse and assemble the packs. This streamlines the process and ensures the correct items are given.

Praying for 2021

Dear gracious God,

We love you and we thank you for teaching us to love through the example of Jesus. Help us to know and love you, to walk in spirit and truth, and to grow in grace each day. Let our lives be a true testament that we are your children. Let our words, actions, and services reflect the love of Jesus to our neighbors today and everyday.

Amen.

A simple thank you!

At the end of the year we send out a survey to collect feedback from agencies. They don't always get a chance to meet or thank the churches who help with collections. Here are some of their notes of appreciation:



"I want to thank you for blessing our agency and our customers. We had a need and you helped us fill their needs. Truly a GOD'S blessing. Thank you once again."

"COVID has increased the number of families we have served. The items we received make taking care of those families possible. We appreciate the rice."

"We are just so thankful. All of the volunteers at Tipton were so amazing and kind! We loved the thoughtful prayer at the end. God bless you all!"