

Hope East Village: Agape Initiative [Application]

Here at Hope East Village, we hold several values that shape the foundation of our church. Two of these values are living generously and living communally. We believe in building authentic communities and walking alongside one another through joys and through difficulties. This includes being stewards of God's gifts and giving back out what God has generously given to us, so that we may experience His great glory.

One way in which we live out the values of generosity and community is through our Agape¹ Initiative. This Initiative is to minister to individuals or families during a time of hardship or crisis by temporarily supporting them with basic needs, care support, and skills building.

In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul the Apostle writes that when one part of the body suffers or hurts, the rest suffers and hurts with it. It always weighs heavily on our hearts that you or any in our community may be in need in this way, and we hope we can help support you through this time.

The first step to our Agape Initiative is to complete this form below, which will be reviewed by members of the pastoral staff, the Transitional Leadership Team, and the Finance Team. Someone from this review committee will be in contact about possible next steps.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: _____
Email: _____
When did you start attending Hope East Village? _____

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST:

Hope East Village is committed to supporting our members and congregants in holistic ways. We have resources that may be available and would love to know in what ways we might be able to come alongside you during this time. For each option checked below, please respond to the best of your ability to the sub-questions. We may need to follow-up with additional questions or information. Please feel free to check off multiple boxes, as applicable to your situation.

¹ *Within Christianity, agape is considered to be the love originating from God or Christ for humankind. In the New Testament, it refers to the covenant love of God for humans, as well as the human reciprocal love for God; the term necessarily extends to the love of one's fellow man.*

Financial assistance

Please note that the Agape Fund is intended as a form of support in extenuating, one-off circumstances and should be treated as a last resort option to temporarily cover basic living needs such as (but not limited to) food, shelter, medical needs, health & hygiene.

Amount of financial assistance requested: _____

With the current economic situation happening in our city due to COVID-19, we recognize that members of our community may need significant financial assistance during this time. After considering resources including but not limited to: personal savings, family support, unemployment, other state/federal funds, other community or industry-funds, etc., what is the approximate gap you need to fill? (We can also offer support in researching additional funds available.)

What circumstances have created this need? _____

Proposed timeline for the requested financial assistance: _____

- Help with errands, groceries, meals, and/or other daily
- Accompaniment to an appointment or other necessary event
- Counseling
- Financial management support (e.g., budgeting)
- Job hunting support (e.g., resume review, interview prep)
- Life skills learning (e.g., cooking, cleaning)
- Other

As a church, we take confidentiality seriously and want to respect your privacy. However, we also want to encourage our community to be able to come alongside and walk with one another, particularly those in financial and physical need. Would you be open to having these circumstances shared with others in the church to receive additional support and prayer?

- No, I would prefer to keep this private for now
- Yes, but please do not share my name or identity
- Yes, you may share with my Home Group Leader (if applicable)

Yes, you may share with my Home Group (if applicable)

Yes, you may share with my Ministry Team (if applicable)

Yes, you may share with others broadly

Is there any other information you would like to communicate to the pastoral staff, the Transitional Leadership Team, and/or the Finance Team for consideration?
