

AGAPE

A Vision for Transforming Lives



Compassion: A Vision for Unconditional Love

Dr. Jose E. Hernandez, inspired by the great need of a special group of women in Miami-Dade County, founded a mission that was greater than he alone could fulfill. With faith in God's calling, he asked others to join him in establishing Agape as a residential treatment facility for women being released from jail. The name Agape, which means God's unconditional love in Greek, symbolizes the foundation of Agape's efforts throughout its 35-year history. It is unconditional love that has transformed the lives of the thousands of women, children, and families who have been served by Agape.

Today, Agape is a nationally accredited and fully integrated community health center with a mission to **restore individuals and families to psychological, social, physical and spiritual health**. Agape offers quality value-based care rooted in compassion, hope and faith. It is through the grace of God that individuals can reach their full potential.

Agape's evidence-based services for substance use disorders and mental illness are offered with unconditional love and care regardless of the circumstances a woman and her family faces.



"They taught me the meaning of the word Agape. I can't thank Agape enough for believing in me when no one else did."
- Siomara Ortiz (left), Former resident and former registered nurse at Agape

"When I see and hear about the women served by Agape, I see the true glory of God. I see their weakness turn into strength, struggle into peace, and hope into transformation. Therefore, these women inspire me. Their lives change other lives and Agape is where it happens."
- Jeanette Rubio (right), Former Agape Network Board Member

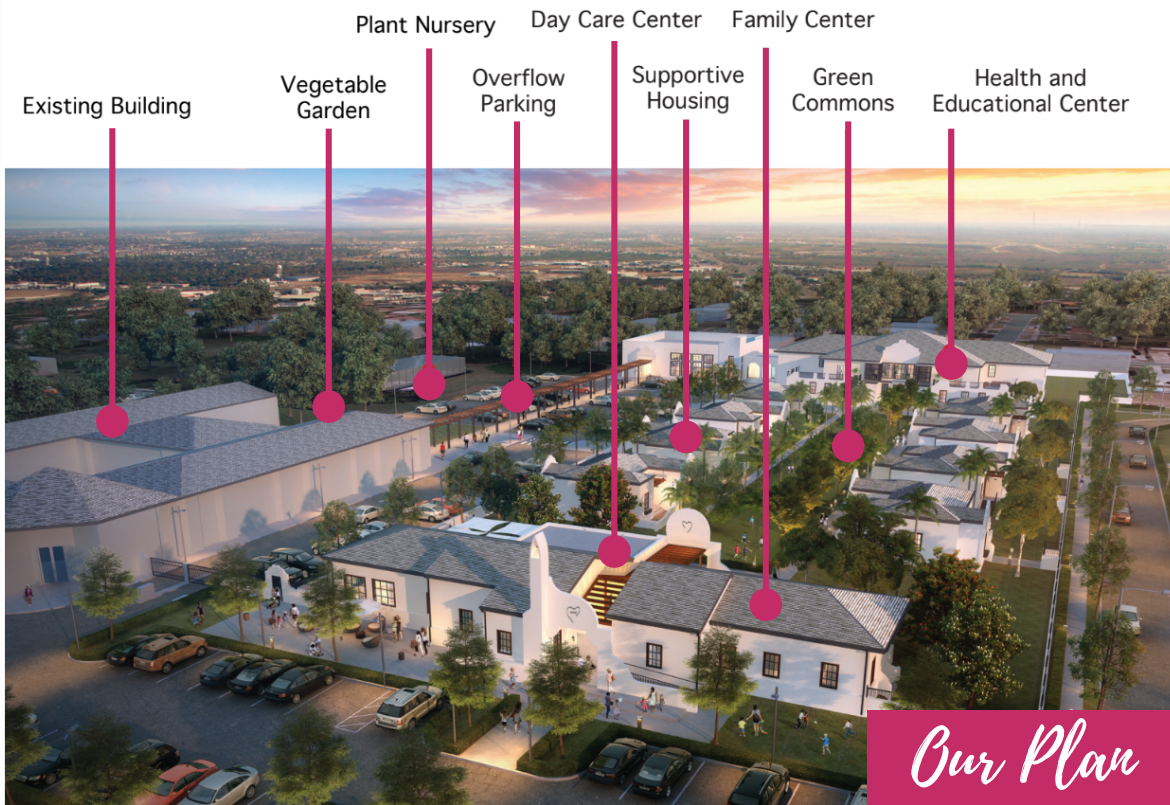


The Future: Agape Village Health Center

Agape recognizes that there is a great need for more treatment and supportive housing for women. In fact, there is a lengthy waiting list. For each woman who doesn't receive services when she needs it there is a huge risk of overdose and, potentially, death.

Agape is responding to this dire need in our community through its \$15 million future expansion of its current services. The development of the Agape Village Health Center, a national model of integrated care, will increase capacity from 1,000 to 2,500 clients receiving weekly outpatient services and residential inpatient services will more than double from 62-beds to 141-beds. The Agape Village will include a clinic and wellness medical center, educational and vocational center, supportive housing units, and a preschool/early childhood education/day care center.

The Agape Village Health Center will improve the health of our communities, linking individuals and families to a medical health home for long term wellness and preventive care.



"Agape's transformational approach to health and wellness is a powerful one, and I am confident that this successful capital expansion will allow them to change even more patients' lives for the better, physically and spiritually."

-Kionne McGhee, Miami-Dade County Commissioner, District 9



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