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## Message from the Executive Director



*Jim Steep  
Executive Director*

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our loyal supporters and donors!! At Agape Table we are thankful for many gifts, not the least of which is our wonderful volunteers. We could not serve our guests without the daily help of 20-40 caring and giving volunteers.

It's exhilarating to see their dedication to helping others, and their caring hearts.

Likewise is the devotion of our staff who will do anything for our guests. Regardless of what may be going on in their own lives, they remain focused on providing food and other services for our guests.

Personally, I am thankful for everything that is Agape, and the opportunity to be a small

part of what we do for our community. I invite all of you to come down and see the magic that happens every day at 364 Furby.

Thank you so much for your support of Agape Table's mission to "enhance the lives of those in need by welcoming everyone to our table without judgement or bias, offering food, fellowship and support". Your monetary donations as well as your donations of food and time enable us to continue to nourish our community.

**We at Agape Table wish  
you and your families a  
Happy Thanksgiving!**

Sincerely,

*Jim Steep*

Executive Director

## Gerald “Junior” Brown



My name is Gerald “Junior” Brown, and this is my story. In 2018, I found Agape Table and was looking for help because my life was at its

lowest point. I was living on the streets, I was tired and hungry, and had no real type of support from anyone.

When I came to Agape Table the staff and volunteers invited me in, sat me down, fed me and we had a discussion on how they could help me, and what my needs were at the time.

They started helping by getting me on Employment Assistance Disability and advocating for me, then they had me volunteer, giving me a sense of belonging. It really felt good to give back to the community where I was living.

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As summer winds down, Agape Table is looking ahead at the months to come. The last few months have been our busiest to date. The need for continued support from hard working and compassionate volunteers is what makes Agape Table possible each day.

This Thanksgiving, volunteers will be giving their time to ensure our guests are not left out during the holiday season. Preparing and distributing meals to those less fortunate, our volunteers are promoting positive community spirit.

Agape Table prides itself on having a diverse and community orientated volunteer base. We welcome your business, friends and family to come volunteer at Agape Table for an amazing experience.

Agape Table gave me more confidence in myself, which led to finding a place to live, food and clothing. Up until this year I was volunteering then in January of this year I was given the opportunity to work as kitchen staff! Agape Table has become my extended family and my support system; they took my life and turned it around, for which I will always be eternally grateful.

I am learning more and more about Agape Table; I have been told that none of the magic that happens at Agape Table would be possible without our donors, thank you for supporting Agape Table and thank you for giving me the opportunity to turn my life around.

**I wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving.**

Thank you to all our incredible volunteers for all the amazing work you do. To see how you can get involved, please visit [agapetable.ca](http://agapetable.ca) or email myself at [aaron@agapetable.ca](mailto:aaron@agapetable.ca).

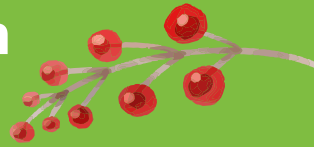
**Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!**

*Aaron Scarff*

Volunteer Coordinator



# Happy Thanksgiving from the Board of Directors



## Thank You!

Thank you to all our sponsors, volunteers, and players for your contributions to the Agape Table Golf Tournament.

128 golfers attended and enjoyed a beautiful day,

helping us raise over \$35,000. These funds help us to continue feeding the marginalized in Winnipeg.

Thanks to Carly and Steve at St. Boniface for all their help and hospitality!

Hope to see everyone next year on August 15, 2024 for our 6th annual golf tournament.

## Save the date now!

My name is Vishali. Agape Table welcomed me with open arms in 2019 to work as a bookkeeper after working for Agape Table through a third party since 2017.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you what Agape Table is to me...

- Agape Table is a **struggling single parent** who finds peace of mind, friendly smiles, and a portion of their daily needs.
- Agape Table is a **retired couple** who enjoys spending their mornings as volunteers preparing **hundreds of sandwiches**, sharing a smile with our guests, and giving back to our community.
- Agape Table is a Group of Co-workers using us as a team-building venture, to give back to the community and gain new experience.

- Agape Table is the **farmers, food distributors, and local people and businesses** who donate products whenever they can.
- Agape Table is a community service that has been around for 43 years because of the generosity of our **Donors**.
- **Agape Table is you.**

I consider myself fortunate to be a part of something so much bigger than myself.

When you gather this Thanksgiving, please consider sharing your gratitude by supporting Agape Table.

**From our Agape Table family to yours, we wish you a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.**

*Vishali Waduha*

Bookkeeper

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# Message from the General Manager



This year, as it has evolved, has turned out to be our busiest yet, more guests coming to our doors in need, more food needed to help feed the masses, more volunteers needed to prepare the food, etc....

I am Thankful that I can be a small part of something that is much larger than myself. I work with an amazing group of staff, volunteers and board members that are striving to make Agape Table a better place and to continue to keep up with our rising numbers. This year with our early projections, we are going to surpass last years 134000 lunches by at least 20-25000 !

The growing number of people in need is astonishing, our demographic has changed a lot over the last few years. We are still

servicing the marginalized community, but we are now seeing the recent refugees, the new immigrants, and the working poor. The cost of living has increased almost 15% over the last 2 years and it has really taken its toll on our guests that are making minimum wage and seniors who are on a fixed income.

We struggle some days, but with the help of companies and individuals that donate **food**, volunteers that donate their **time**, and donors making **monetary gifts**, we can continue serving our community.

I would like to thank You, our donors, for making everything we do possible.

**From My Family to yours, I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving**

*Dave Fenick*

**Your generosity changes lives!**

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