

### **Recommendation for Partners Award**

- AGAPE
- Eileen Chapman, President

I am making the following recommendation that the AGAPE Organization receive the 2012 Partners Award. This organization has been instrumental to the daily operation of the Columbia County Prison. The members of this non-profit organization provide hundreds of hours of volunteering within the prison as well as outside the prison. The instructors teach life skills; Pre-release classes as well as provides all religious services to the inmate population. Additionally, AGAPE has assisted numerous inmates with their re-entry back into the community. They have assisted with finding housing, employment and transportation for releasing inmates. AGAPE has provided transportation to and from job interviews for inmates.

During the most recent flooding within Columbia County, AGAPE staff and inmates of Columbia County Prison assisted the citizens in their clean-up efforts; providing water and food; and cleaning supplies. These services were provided to the citizens and enhanced the relationship between the community and inmates.

AGAPE has also provided thousands of dollars of free food and bottled water to the prison. This has been a major savings for the prison budget. AGAPE stands for mercy from god. This organization has truly lived up to their name.

- William Campbell, Warden Columbia County Prison
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