

# Inspiring Hope



## Goizueta Foundation Gift Renewal Expands Agape's After-School Program This Fall

The Goizueta Foundation has awarded Agape \$235,000 over three years to expand Agape's after-school program for E. Rivers Elementary School from 1 day to 5 days a week and to include an outreach specialist at the school. The E. Rivers

expansion will model Agape's 5 day a week award-winning program at Bolton Academy. The expansion from 150 to 200 school-age children served each day during the school year will increase the program by 25%! Thank you

to **The Goizueta Foundation!** Food volunteers and homework buddies will be needed for this fall! To learn more and sign up, please visit [www.AgapeAtlanta.org](http://www.AgapeAtlanta.org).

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## Call for Volunteers!

- \* Reading Buddies needed for Reading Ready Wednesdays in June and July from 10am to 12noon.
- \* Camp JumpStart volunteers needed 9am until 1pm, Monday through Friday, July 16 to 27.
- \* Homework Buddies are needed to tutor in the expanding elementary program at Agape in the fall.
- \* Food Volunteers needed to provide dinner at Agape in the fall!

Please go to [www.AgapeAtlanta.org](http://www.AgapeAtlanta.org) and click on Volunteer to sign up.



# Camp JumpStart Closes the Gap of Summer Reading Loss

All school age children experience learning losses when they don't engage in educational activities during the summer. According to Reading is Fundamental, students lose approximately 2.6 months of grade level equivalency on average in

mathematical computation skills over the summer months.

Research demonstrates that low-income youth experience greater summer learning losses than their higher-income peers, and

that low-income students experience cumulative summer learning losses over the elementary school grades.

Agape is closing the gap of summer reading loss by providing Camp JumpStart, a summer reading program for rising 1st and 2nd graders.

Summer of 2014 marks the third year of Camp JumpStart. This camp was started by members of **St. Anne's Episcopal Church** to address the problem of summer reading loss. Agape partners with St. Anne's, the **Educational Advisory Foundation**, and the **National Charity League—Buckhead Chapter (NCL)** to provide this camp for children in our community.

Camp JumpStart, which serves 30 boys and girls from July 14-25, offers a

variety of activities. Each day, each child signs out a book and partners up with a reading volunteer. There are science activities, art projects, and tests for grade level proficiency. The kids also learn to cook! The children prepare their own lunches while learning about good nutrition and food handling.

This year, through our partnership with NCL, there is a new addition to Camp JumpStart. For the six weeks leading up to the camp, there is a 2 hour reading session every Wednesday from 10am to noon at Agape! These summer initiatives will greatly enhance Agape's ability to keep our kids on grade level and advance their reading skills. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jared Sulc at [jsulc@agapeatlanta.org](mailto:jsulc@agapeatlanta.org) to learn more and apply.



## The 2014 Spring Benefit was a Huge Success

Thank you to the Event Chairs: Vickie & Tom Kirbo, our Sponsors, the Host Committee, and all Attendees who helped Agape raise over \$170,000!

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*Keynote Speaker Vince Dooley with 2014 Agape Humanitarian Award Winner Eleanor Henderson, April 16, 2014, at The Estate.*



## Fitness-Based Summer Camps

GOGIRLGO! and FIT Camp for Boys will serve 90 boys and girls this summer in Agape's annual fitness-based, award-winning summer camp. This year's camp partners include the **Georgia State University Summer Nutrition Program** educating the kids about nutrition and food preparation; Genie Beaver of **West Stride Running Store** is inaugurating the Agape Track Club; the

**Georgia Tech Athletic Department** will be providing volleyball camp, **CrossFit Smyrna** is offering youth conditioning and strengthening; and **The Lovett School** tennis coaches and **The David Mathews Tennis Academy** will be helping the kids improve their tennis skills. It is going to be another great summer at Agape!

## Summer Adventures in Montana at Arthur Blank's Ranch

Agape is proud to announce that this summer three of our students will participate in the American Explorers 20-day summer leadership program! This program takes place at Arthur Blank's 1,200 acre Mountain Sky Guest Ranch in Montana. In all, sixty rising 9th and

10th graders will participate in a wilderness experience including mountain backpacking, rock climbing, canoeing, and community service. American Explorers is sponsored by **The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation**.

## FORE! the Children

**The Agape Charity Golf Tournament**

***Presented by N.A. Williams Company***

Monday, September 22, 2014

Sponsor Opportunities Available!

Please visit [www.AgapeGolf.org](http://www.AgapeGolf.org) for details!

Event Chair: Neal Williams, Jr.

Join us for a beautiful day on the greens, benefiting Agape's Youth and Education Programs.



## The Great Backpack Giveaway

Friday, August 1, 2014

Help Agape serve over 1,000 kids with new backpacks and school supplies.

Two ways to get involved:

1. Sponsor a child for \$50. Donate at [www.AgapeAtlanta.org](http://www.AgapeAtlanta.org) or mail a check payable to Agape.
2. Host a school supply and/or backpack drive in your neighborhood, office, or place of worship.

For more information, please contact Jared Sulc at [jsulc@agapeatlanta.org](mailto:jsulc@agapeatlanta.org) or 404-367-3947.



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