

Inspiring Hope



2013 Annual Report





A letter from our Leadership

We are so excited to share with you our first annual report and to celebrate the tremendous accomplishments of the Agape Youth and Family Center in 2013.

Over the past few years, Agape's staff and board have engaged in a period of self-reflection. We have focused on clearly defining who we are and where we want to go, assessing the needs of our children and families in the community, and evaluating the depth and breadth of the impact of our work. The question has been and continues to be: How do we continue to positively change the trajectory of a child's life, one child at a time?

As a result of this self-study, we rebranded our name and created a new logo and website. We realized we needed to get the word out to you, our supporters, of the impact Agape is having in the lives of our children and families. Further, we put an even stronger emphasis on the academic needs of the children and now partner with the Atlanta Public Schools in a more deliberate fashion. This enhanced partnership has resulted in

physically placing Agape school counselors in the schools that we serve to work more closely with the Agape children daily in their school environment.

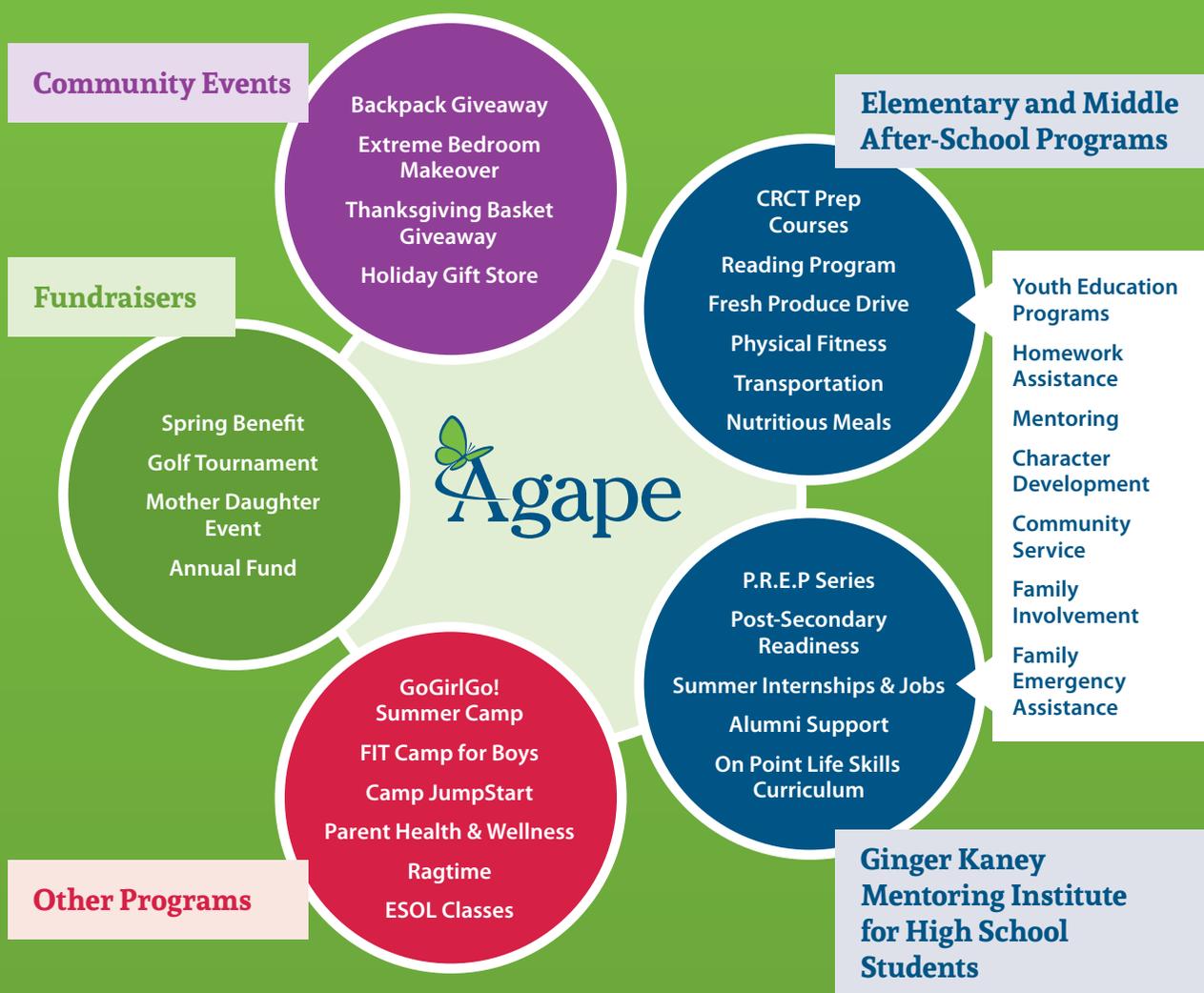
A key long-term goal that emerged from our self-study is a plan to increase capacity over the next 10 years. This increased capacity will help address the needs of the additional 2,000 children in the community that qualify for free or reduced lunch and could greatly benefit from Agape's services.

We had tremendous success in 2013. The success of Agape would not be possible without the support of our dedicated volunteers, donors and community partners. Please take a look at the precious faces we impact every day and our accomplishments in 2013.

In Service,

Nell Bean
Maree B. Joster

The Mission of the Agape Youth & Family Center is to empower and support underserved families within its community to discover and embrace their full potential.



Agape is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization serving a community which includes more than 2,000 school-age children from underserved families.

Agape serves 150 children each day, providing after-school programming and family services which focus on character development, academic achievement, reading proficiency by third grade, high school graduation and post-graduation placement.

2013 Highlights



On average, our students have been with Agape for **7 years**

More than **18,000** meals were served to our students during the after-school program

1,350 children received backpacks and school supplies

500 families received Thanksgiving turkeys and fixings

More than **400** children received Holiday gifts

- We distributed backpacks filled with school supplies to 1,350 school-age children in 2013.
- We distributed Thanksgiving turkeys and fixings to 500 families in 2013.
- We were selected as a host site for the 2013 NCAA Final Four Food and Shoe Distribution.
- Since 2010, we have provided 93 children from under-served families with new bedrooms through Extreme Bedroom Makeover.
- We were as the Atlanta Headquarters Site for the 2013 Crawford & Company Global Day of Service.
- We distributed holiday gifts to over 400 children and 35 senior citizens through our Holiday Gift Giving Programs.



Awards

- Awarded a \$100,000 competitive grant from A Million Matters, Inc. in 2012
- 2011 Sue Wieland Embracing Possibility Award by the Atlanta Women's Foundation.
- 2011 Carl V. Patton President's Award for Outstanding Community Partner by Georgia State University.
- Awarded a three-year \$100,000 grant by The Goizueta Foundation in 2011
- 2005 A+ Award for Tutoring Partnership by Atlanta Public Schools and the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce

“Seeing that spark light up a small face also turns on a light in our own lives.”

— Nancy Purdon
Agape Homework Buddy

During her career as an educator, Nancy Purdon, taught high school Math and English in Atlanta Public Schools and also at The Westminster Schools. Now that she has retired, Nancy continues to give back to the community in a tremendous way by volunteering as a Homework Buddy for elementary students in Agape's after-school program.

Nancy is passionate about helping children with their homework because she believes, “each child is precious and deserves a fair chance.” She believes in providing the children a strong academic foundation to support their future. Nancy instills in her students that what are learning today will affect their success tomorrow.

During the 2013 GoGirlGo! summer camp, Nancy helped a group of Agape girls write, illustrate, layout, and produce a children's book. This group project was a highlight for Nancy and all the girls involved.

Nancy encourages her friends and others in the community to volunteer at Agape. She says to her peers, “If we enjoy being grandmothers, then we need to take time to grandmother these children, too.”

1,100

**volunteers
participated in our
2013 programs
and events**

Elementary and Middle After-School Programs

100%

promoted to the next grade level in 2013

100%

of 3rd graders passed the CRCT on the first attempt

55%

were involved in extracurricular activities

The activities and curriculum of the After-School for Elementary and Middle School Students include tutoring and mentoring, character development and accountability activities, educational and recreational activities including field trips, music classes, arts & crafts, computer time, monthly birthday parties, monthly community service projects, Criterion Referenced Competency Test (CRCT) Prep, physical fitness and family involvement. After homework, each student is fed a healthy, nutritious dinner and is taught about nutrition in life skills sessions.

The After-school Programs for Elementary and Middle School Students serve 195 students K-8 from Bolton Academy Elementary School, E. Rivers Elementary School and

Sutton Middle School in academic based after-school programming. Students in these programs also participate in the Agape Garden Club, the Agape Book and Cookie Club, and the Agape Kings Basketball Team.

ESOL Services funded by a grant by The Goizueta Foundation provides staff embedded at Bolton Academy enabling elementary school students to use English to communicate and demonstrate academic, social and cultural proficiency, so as to curtail the decrease in Hispanic/Latino student participation in school and other related activities as they get older. An Agape bilingual staff person serves as an English tutor for students, a translator/interpreter, an instructional consultant for teachers, and a family/school liaison. Programming includes student retention, student participation, standardized test scoring, and social integration.



Elementary school students with their youth counselor, Michelle Kinnex



“Agape is like our second house. It’s always there for us.”

— Karla Lopez
Agape Middle School Student

Agape is not only an after-school program. The children also receive other services from our community events that have a lasting impact on their lives.

During the 6 years Karla has been enrolled at Agape she and her family have been recipients of Extreme Bedroom Makeover, the Great Backpack Giveaway, the Great Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway, and the Holiday Gift Store.

A few years ago Karla received a bicycle from Agape donors during the holidays. Karla remembers, “That bike meant a lot to me because my parents couldn’t afford to buy me a bike, and I felt so left out.”

“Agape is a part of my life and I’m always appreciative and thankful.” Karla also expresses this gratitude by volunteering in the elementary school program and at our community distribution events. She came in during her summer break to help assemble and count supplies for the Great Backpack Giveaway. Karla is truly a remarkable student, finishing the fall 2013 semester with an A average and perfect attendance.

**“The world
around me
doesn’t dictate
how far I go
in life.”**

— Rickey Waddell
Posse Scholar

**Rickey Waddell,
Agape High School
Senior, was awarded
a 4-year, full-tuition
scholarship to
Bard College in
New York from the
Posse Foundation.**

Rickey was one of only a few scholarship recipients chosen from a field of 1,200 applicants.

Rickey enrolled at Agape in sixth grade and immediately distinguished himself as a leader. Agape Executive Director Nell Benn remarks, “Rickey’s success demonstrates the level of commitment Agape offers to the children and families in the community. The depth of service coupled with the average length of stay of 7 years is Agape’s recipe for success. We are simply overwhelmed with excitement and proud of what Rickey has accomplished!



Ginger Kaney Mentoring Institute for High School Students

The activities and curriculum of The Ginger Kaney Mentoring Institute for High School Students (GKMI) address several important issues regarding teen development and potential barriers towards their success. In 2013, this Agape program became integrated into North Atlanta High School (NAHS). Agape now has a designated space at NAHS where students meet GKMI staff one-on-one to receive the services of the program. This transition allows us to serve the community far more effectively in the following ways:

- Academic Integration – Students integrate receipt of services into the school day, managing issues and making plans in real time with one-on-one counseling.
- Time efficiency – Agape no longer needs to transport students, saving time for students and transportation costs for Agape.

- Agape staff embedded at NAHS allows for deeper integration with the NAHS faculty and provides a seamless educational, supportive experience for students.
- Student Retention – Barriers have been removed for students to remain in the program as they transition from middle school to high school. This change ensures that students do not have to choose between extracurricular activities, clubs and sports, and receiving Agape’s academic support.
- GKMI continues to focus on academic achievement, character development, high school graduation and post-graduation planning and placement. Placement includes vocational school, employment and college or university.

The After-School Program for Elementary and Middle School Students and the Ginger Kaney Mentoring Institute for High School Students are funded in part by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners under the guidance of the Housing and Human Services Department’s Grant Program.

100%

visited at least 2 colleges or vocational/technical institutions during the school year.

83%

participated in extracurricular activities including sports, theatre and clubs

100%

graduation rate for enrolled high-school seniors since 2009

100%

post-secondary placement

Summer Camps and Other Programs

The **Fresh Produce for Families Program** sends home bags of fresh fruits and vegetables each Friday during the school year to the families of children enrolled in our after-school program for elementary school students.

The produce is provided by groups who sponsor one week and hold a produce drive, or purchased through a grant from **The Friedman Supporting Foundation**. Major support was also given by the **Mark A. Jardina Foundation**.

Each summer Agape offers an eight week intense-fitness summer camp for 50 girls — **GOGIRLGO!** — and 40 boys — **FIT Camp for Boys** — ages 8 to 16. The goal of the program is to get kids active, and to educate them on healthy choices that lead to healthy lifestyles.

Program components include: physical fitness training, sports fundamentals, and an educational curriculum with topics such as body image, teamwork, goal setting, nutrition and peer pressure. These programs are based on a national sports initiative designed by Billie Jean King for the Women's Sports Foundation.

In its second summer, **Camp JumpStart**, our summer early reading program for rising first and second graders, served 30 young children in a free, full day program for two weeks.

The program provided reading lessons, instruction by reading specialists, arts and crafts projects, free transportation to and from the program each day, units on nutrition, and a healthy lunch. This program was started by members of **St. Anne's Episcopal Church** to address the need for reading proficiency by 3rd grade.

Ragtime provides programming four days per week for local senior citizens and disabled adults to help them remain active, socialized and vibrant. Activities include water calisthenics, field trips, craft projects, and bingo.

Partners include **All Saints Christ's Church United, Carl E. Sanders Family YMCA at Buckhead, Collins Memorial United Methodist Church, National Council of Jewish Women, and Inspirity.**



Ruthanna Bost teaches the Agape children about baking and nutrition at Camp JumpStart

Fifteen year old Raven Whitehead began attending Agape's GoGirlGo! when she was eight years old. Roller-skating was Raven's doorway to fitness and the first exercise she learned to enjoy.

As an eight year old, Raven was already overweight and pre-diabetic. Raven took home the tools she learned in GoGirlGo! to her mother, and they began making healthier choices around diet and exercise.

At the same time, Raven has been enrolled in Agape's after-school programs since second grade. Raven is now in Agape's Ginger Kaney Mentoring Institute for High School Students where she focuses on high school graduation and her post-graduation plan.

During the summer of 2013, through the help of Agape, Raven attended The Odyssey Program at The Westminster Schools, a 5-week academic summer enrichment program that enhanced her math, English, science and reading skills.

**“GOGIRLGO!
saved my life.”**

— Raven Whitehead
Agape High School Student



Community Events

Community support for **The Great Backpack Giveaway** exceeded our imagination in 2013 by providing backpacks filled with school supplies for 1,350 children in need. Volunteers from **Accenture, AutoTrader, Bank of America, Coca-Cola, Insperity, The Lovett School, National Charity League, Piedmont Healthcare, and Waste Management** assembled and distributed the backpacks.

Major supporters of the event include **Carl Allen, For the Kid in All of Us, Insperity, Peachtree Road United Methodist Church, Peachtree Presbyterian Church, Margot & Robert Shuford, Dottie & Jerry Smith, and UHS-Pruitt.**

Our award winning program **Extreme Bedroom Makeover** provided new bedrooms to 13 children in 2013. Since its inception in 2010, 93 children have received new bedrooms through this program. Our 2013 sponsoring makeover teams were **Deljou Art Group, the National Charity League, and MODA Floors & Interiors.** Special thanks to **Rooms To Go** for providing bunk beds and **Rosing Paint Center** for providing paint and supplies each year!

The Great Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway with major support and participation by the families of **The Lovett School,** distributed turkeys and all the fixings to 500 local families in need.

The **Agape Holiday Gift Store** provided gifts for 287 children from under-served families. Agape's first floor community room was transformed into a holiday gift store staffed by volunteers for a full week December 9 – 13 for family holiday "shopping" from a large selection of donated presents. Volunteers and support came from **Accenture, Bi Worldwide, IBM, the Junior League of Atlanta, N3, LLC, Peachtree Road United Methodist Church, Piedmont Healthcare, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Wells Fargo, Turner Media Group, UHS-Pruitt, and The Zeist Foundation.** A generous donation of toys came from **For the Kid in All of Us.**

The **Holiday Giving Tree,** sponsored by members of **St. Anne's Episcopal Church** and **Trinity Presbyterian Church,** provided toys and holiday gifts to 120 children and 35 senior citizens.

**“My room
is now what
I always
dreamed of.”**

— Rocio Medina
*Recipient of Extreme
Bedroom Makeover*



Special Events

Crawford & Company Global Day of Service

October 5, 2013 - In Crawford's headquarters city of Atlanta, GA, more than 250 volunteers touched the lives of others at Agape. Crawford volunteers engaged in a variety of projects supporting the Agape neighborhood children, families, and seniors. Volunteers distributed more than 2,000 books to school age children; 115 children enjoyed stories, lunch, tennis and basketball drills, face painting and gift bags; 63 families received donated fresh produce; four mobile homes were painted and repaired; four community closets were redesigned; three community rooms, a kitchen and bathrooms were scrubbed; mural painting artistry was enhanced in the community center; two senior citizen homes and yards received deep loving care; and one new community soccer field was built – all in one morning!

West Fest

At West Fest we celebrated the Westside, Bolton, and Riverside neighborhoods of NW Atlanta. The festival included children's activities, food trucks, artist market, music, dancing, and fun for the whole family. This festival, which took place at Agape on September 15, 2013, was made possible by a grant from the **Community Foundation of Greater Atlanta – Neighborhood Fund**.

NCAA Community Programs Food and Shoe Distribution at Agape

On April 4, 2013, Agape partnered with the **NCAA, Samaritan's Feet and Feed the Hungry** to distribute over 700 pairs of shoes and boxes of food to economically-challenged families in NW Atlanta. This special service project kicked off the **2013 Final Four in Atlanta**. Over 150 volunteers from all over the country came to serve at Agape.



A volunteer from the Georgia Tech Football Team fits a child with a new pair of shoes during the NCAA event at Agape.



2013 Fundraisers



Agape Charity Golf Tournament

The 2013 Agape Charity Golf Tournament was chaired by Chris Beavor and played on a sunny day at the beautiful Capital City Club - Brookhaven. Twenty-six foursomes came out to play and helped raise more than \$55,000 to support Agape's mission.

Thank you to our Agape Charity Golf Tournament Sponsors:

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Mother Daughter Tea

An annual holiday social for middle school aged girls and their moms to benefit Agape. Mothers and daughters enjoy tea and refreshments at a beautiful private home in Buckhead.

Each girl was encouraged to bring a winter hat and glove set to the tea to be distributed to Agape children in the elementary after-school program.

Thank you to our Agape Mother Daughter Tea Sponsors:

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Dr. Michael Sebastian
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Spring Benefit

The 2013 Spring Benefit Presented by Capital Directions was held on Thursday, April 18 on the Garden Terraces of the Atlanta History Center and co-chaired by Nancy & Jack Calhoun, Jr. and Margot & Robert Shuford. The event was attended by over 250 supporters who enjoyed an inspiring and heart-felt address by Keynote Speaker Ambassador Andrew Young. The Spring Benefit raised more than \$108,000 to support Agape.

Thank you to our 15th Anniversary Spring Benefit Sponsors:

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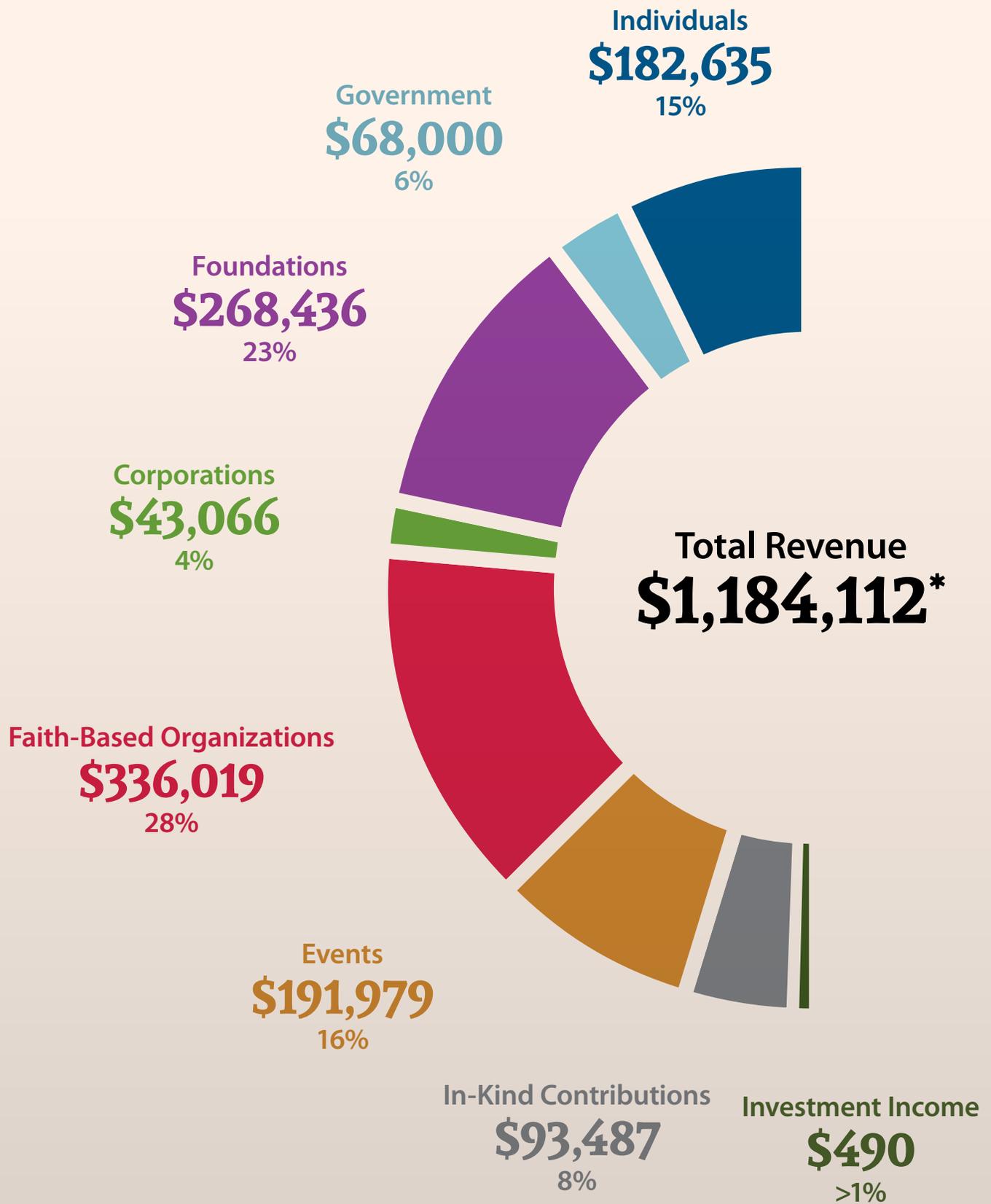


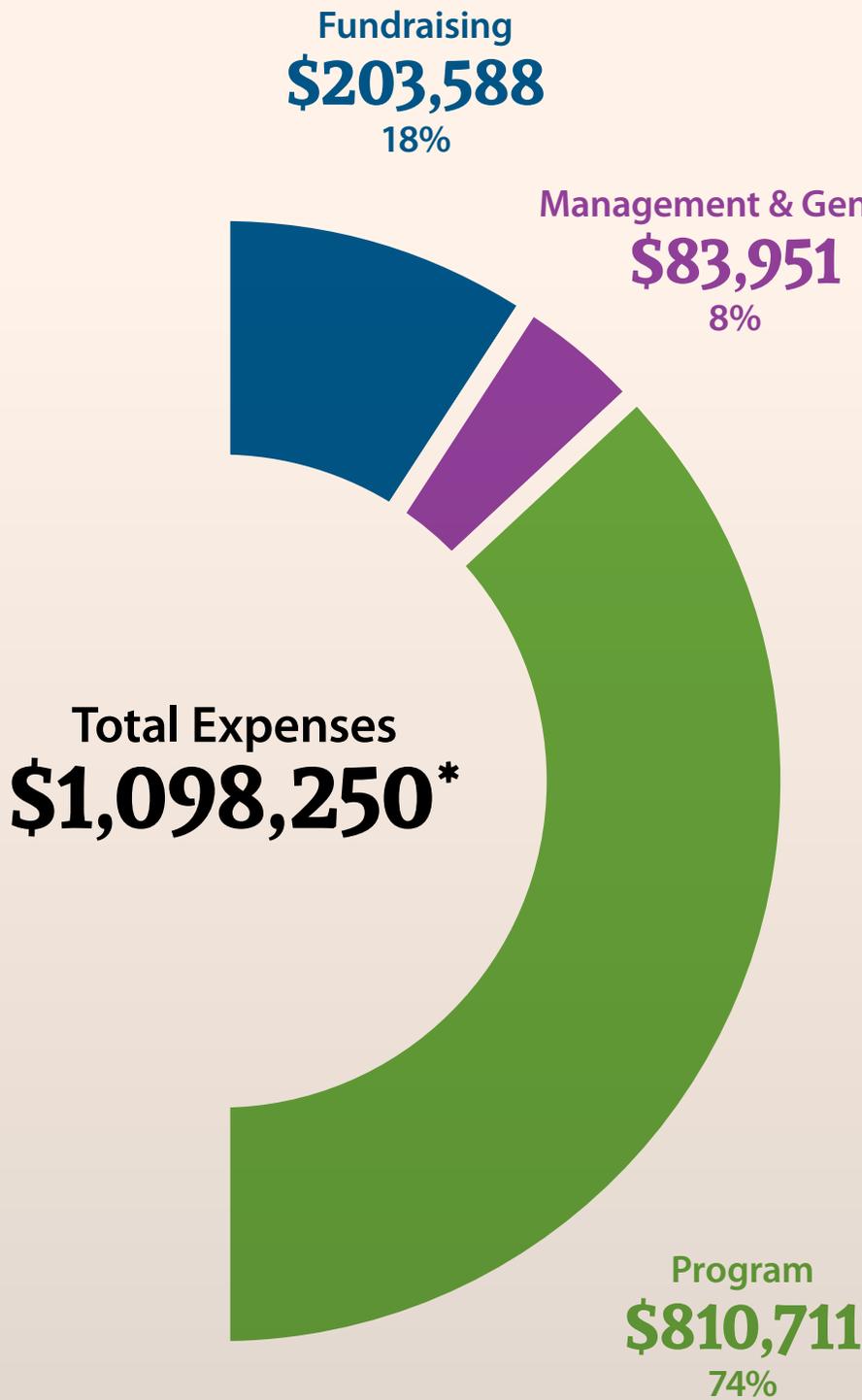
Agape Scholarship Award Recipients

At the 2013 Spring Benefit, Agape proudly honored two of our high school seniors from the Ginger Kaney Mentoring Institute for High School. Knoketta Miles (left), who is now attending Spelman College, and Datesha Russell (right), who is now attending Clayton State University, each received a \$2,500 scholarship to assist with college tuition and expenses.

Both of these bright young ladies, seen here with Ambassador Andrew Young, have been enrolled at Agape since elementary school. Knoketta started attending Agape in second grade and Datesha began in third grade. It is with support like yours that we can make the dream of college a reality for more children.

2013 Financial Overview





Net Revenue: \$85,862
*** Unaudited Results**



**Your donations
 are turning the
 dream of college
 graduation into
 a reality.**

In December 2011, Ms. Tanika Lashae Conner became Agape's first college graduate! Ms. Connor first enrolled at Agape in fourth grade and met her mentor Ms. Emily Wood, who remained with Tanika through high school graduation. Tanika graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Albany State University, and is currently attending Strayer University studying for her Master's degree in Forensic Accounting.

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