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Greetings from Nell Benn, Executive Director

### A New Name, A New Logo, a New Website and A New Chapter Begins

The past few years have been a period of reflection. Agape revised the mission statement; reviewed and tweaked the programs and determined how to better measure results and outcomes; and revised the organizational structure. Further, the Agape Board completed a 5 year strategic plan, which calls for an expansion of services via strategic partnerships and capital expansion.



Since it began in 1997, Agape has increased capacity from 25 children served to 183 children served in 2012. Further, Agape has focused on and expanded the academic-based after school programs. As a result, Agape is having a significant impact on the lives of the children enrolled:

- 100% of the third and fifth grade students pass the CRCT each year, and more than 96% pass on the first attempt.
- 100% of seniors have graduated from high school since 2009.
- 40% of the high school graduates have been accepted to college since 2009, and 100% of these graduates are the first in their family to ever attend college.
- 95% of Agape students master the grade level material and advance to the next grade.
- The Ginger Kaney Mentoring Institute for high school

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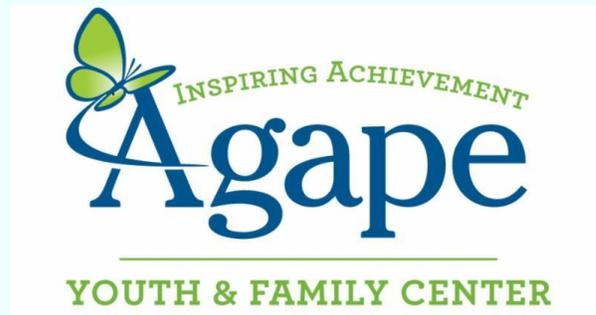
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students now has designated space in North Atlanta High School, integrating the services and benefits seamlessly with school life and making Agape's programs accessible to more students.

It is with great joy that I share with you our new name and new logo and an outline of Agape's plan to grow and provide more and greater services to the children and families in the community.



[Click here to visit our new website!](#)

[www.agapeatlanta.org](http://www.agapeatlanta.org)

Help Agape provide  
for 500 local families in need!

**Sponsor Thanksgiving Dinner  
for a family in need for \$50**



**The Great Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway  
is Friday, November 22!**

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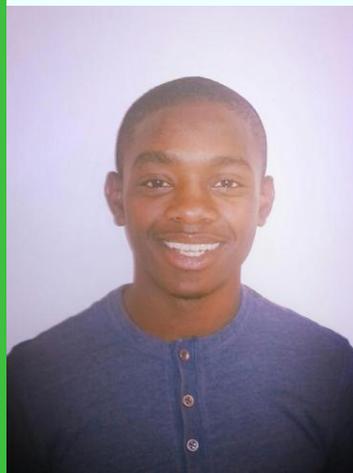
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## **Rickey Waddell** Agape's Renaissance Man

Agape staff members are keeping their fingers crossed because Rickey Waddell is a Posse Foundation Scholar Finalist! The Posse Foundation identifies public high school students with extraordinary academic and leadership potential who may be overlooked in the traditional college selection processes. Out of 1,200 public school student applicants, Rickey has made it to the finalist position in a pool of 28 students. This affords students the opportunity to pursue personal and academic excellence with a four-year, full-tuition scholarship.

*The final decisions will be announced on December 18.* This would be a great opportunity for a young man who has said: "The world around me doesn't dictate how far I go in life. I do."



Students and staff at Agape are encouraged and inspired by the accomplishments of our own Rickey Waddell. Rickey has been enrolled with Agape since fourth grade and has gained a long list of achievements including Outstanding Student for English Language Arts - 2013, Assistant Director for the Orchestra at North Atlanta High School, Student Director Award Recipient at North Atlanta High School and Mr. Black & Silver (Athletic) at the 2013 North Atlanta Homecoming.

Rickey also has committed his time volunteering with the Atlanta Food Bank, the Red Cross, tutoring at Agape and participating in the marching band and theatrical productions at North Atlanta High School. Rickey tutors at Agape and gives back because "My community gave me so much and I would like to do my part and give back." He wants the children he tutors to look up to him because "Everyone has the potential to make it out; we just need more positive people in our community".

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December 9 - 13

Sponsored in part by  
The Toy Party and Toys for Tots

You can help children in need during the holidays by volunteering your time or donating unwrapped presents. Agape's Holiday Gift Store will provide gifts for more than 200 children this year!



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# Thank You to Our Golf Sponsors

**A beautiful day at the Capital City Club raised over \$35,000!**



**Congratulations to the Winning Foursome!**

## Team NAPA Echlin

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