Greetings from the Executive Director

Fresh produce drives feed economically challenged families

The correlation between poor nutrition and child development has been a hot topic issue for health care professionals, teachers, and social service providers for years. Right here in Atlanta 23% of our children, mostly minorities, are food insecure lacking consistent meals and receiving unhealthy and overly processed foods.

The Agape Community Center is launching a new pilot program, Agape-To-Go! Thanks to A Supporting Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta, Agape-To-Go will provide our children
and families with a backpack for the weekend filled with fresh fruits, vegetables, and other nutritious foods. These nutrition backpacks will supply our families with healthy foods to get them through the weekend; while preparing them to go back to school nourished, focused and ready to succeed.

We need your help in making Agape-To-Go a success. Please consider coordinating a fresh food drive with your neighbors, family and friends to benefit the children of Agape. Together we can work to provide healthy food for underserved and economically-disadvantaged children that live in our very own communities. For more information about Agape-To-Go, please contact Jared Sulc at jsulc@agapecc.org.

A Million Matters Awards Agape $100,000!

On October 17th, Agape made it's final presentation to the Board of A Million Matters and was awarded $100,000 for the purchase of buses to increase Agape's transportation capacity!

The buses will serve Agape programs including Academic-based Afterschool Programs for Elementary and Middle School Students; The Ginger Kaney Mentoring Institute for High School Students; Ragtime, a day program for seniors and disabled adults; Camp Jumpstart, an early reading program; and GOGIRLGO! and FIT Camp for Boys summer fitness programs. Thank you to all the members of A Million Matters!
American Global Logistics joins our after school program for dinner

On Thursday October 4, our elementary and middle school students were joined by a team of volunteers from American Global Logistics.

The AGL team generously volunteered their time and provided dinner from our Agape pick up menu. AGL members and kids alike had a wonderful time! We look forward to working with this great group of volunteers again, thanks AGL!

Sponsoring dinner is easy and fun! If your team is interested in providing dinner for our kids click here.

GSU MSW Interns pitch in, get hands dirty

As a new school year begins the Agape Community Center welcomes 3 new Social Work interns from Georgia State University. Pursuing their Master’s Degree in Social Work; Amy Barrow, Charlene Davison, and Daniel Drew roll their sleeves up and jump head first into projects.

Charlene worked closely with the development team to kick off the fall edition of the Extreme Bedroom Makeover. A surprise generous grant from the Waterfall Foundation made this rewarding event possible. Children from deserving families will be proud recipients of new bedroom furniture, fresh paint and decor, and a new outlook on life.
Daniel has launched a brand new project; *Agape-To-Go*. This endeavor funded by a grant from The Friedman Supporting Foundation and The Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta provides 35 students with a backpack loaded with fresh produce and other nutritious foods to last through the weekend.

Amy is busy working with local foundations in the Atlanta area to set up an array of new grant opportunities. New partnerships will help to generate fresh and exciting future programming initiatives.

These interns have been hard at work already and it's just the first month. The future looks bright for the new members of the Agape team.

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**The Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway Drive is On!**

The Great Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway is a great Agape tradition. Each year under-served families in our area are given a turkey and a basket with all the trimmings to celebrate the joy of the season with their family. This year Agape plans to give away 500 turkeys and baskets of food. Beginning October 1, you can join us by donating can foods or by sponsoring an entire family for only $50!

[Click here for more information](#)
Thanks to all who joined us at the Agape Charity Golf Tournament

A special thanks to everyone that sponsored, played, or volunteered at the Agape Charity Golf Tournament on October 1 at beautiful Capital City Club. Despite the rain big fun was had by all!

Agape raised over $30,000 to support youth and education programming!!

Special Thanks to Tournament Chair Neal Williams, Board Member Sarah Williams, & PGA Tour Pro Billy Andrade!

Congratulations to the winning foursome: Brad Foster, Freddy A. Achecar, Jr. MD, Brad Alford, & Bill Henagan!!

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Thank you to A Million Matters for a generous grant of $100,000!

Thank you to The Sarah Giles Moore Foundation for a generous grant of $50,000!

Thank you to Neal Williams, Jr. for Chairing The Agape Charity Golf Tournament, raising over $30,000 to support our programs.

Thank you to Ethel Wright, Ruthanna Bost, & St. Anne's Episcopal Church for kicking off Agape-To-Go! Our weekly fresh produce drive for under-served families.

Thank you to Publix Super Market Charities.
Thank you to The Friedman Supporting Foundation and The Jewish Federation for Greater Atlanta for a generous gift to begin Agape-To-Go, a weekly family nutrition backpack program.