Greetings from the Executive Director

We need your help! **We need your help as we strive to have all Agape children read proficiently by third grade.** As we think about the 2012-2013 school year, we think about the many challenges before us regarding the children we serve in our community. We think about the report released by The Annie E. Casey Foundation indicating that if students don't read proficiently by third grade, they are 4 times more likely to leave school without a high school diploma. **We think about the fact that students in poverty are 13 times more likely to drop-out of school if they don't read proficiently by third grade.**

Lastly, we think about the study conducted by Northeastern University indicating that 1 in every 10 male high school students who drop-out ends up in jail or juvenile detention compared to 1 in 35 high school graduates. The children in our community are at risk and we need your help in helping them read by third!

This month we kick off our Call for Homework Buddies! **It is our goal to recruit 25 new Homework Buddies to donate one hour a week for the school year to help children that are struggling to read and struggling to complete their homework assignments.** Join us as we...
Homework Buddy Extraordinaire
Elsie Henderson

For 9 of the 15 years Agape has been serving the economically disadvantaged children of NW Atlanta, Elsie Henderson has enjoyed volunteering in our after-school programs, working with the children as a mentor and getting to know the kids one-on-one.

Elsie began as a tutor in the middle school program working with Michael Johnson for 3 years among other students, forming a relationship with the students that helped guide them in the right direction at a critical time in their lives. In part to the support he received from Elsie, Michael has received an associate’s degree from Georgia Perimeter College so far, is well employed and is thriving.

About 3 years ago Elsie began tutoring the elementary school students in Agape's Growing Geniuses program. She volunteers weekly during the school year as an Agape Homework Buddy. "They are so darling and they make me laugh," Elsie said of the Agape kids. "To see their eyes light up when I walk in the room brings a certain joy of life you don't experience anywhere else."

Come experience the joy of serving in Agape's after-school programs and have a positive, direct impact on the life of a child in need.
On Friday October 12th and Saturday October 13th, 38 children in under-served families will receive new bedrooms and look like this...

Extreme Bedroom Makeover!
Click Here to find out how you and 5 friends can volunteer!
5 more teams needed!

Made possible by a grant from The Waterfall Foundation
Hit with a Pro!
Join us for the
Agape Charity Golf Tournament
Monday October 1
at Capital City Club/ Brookhaven

Join us for a great day of play on the fabled Capital City Club Course! Top sponsors will play with Billy Andrade, 4-time winner on the PGA Tour!

The tournament includes:

- $1,000,000 Hole In One Drive Raffle: One (1) participant hits his/her best drive! Hosted by Billy Andrade!
- Putting Contest: 1 participant can win $10,000
- $30,000 Hole In One Prize on most difficult par 3 hole
- Continental Breakfast, box lunch and the awards ceremony
- Executive Golf Gifts for each player

Register your foursome

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