

CLIMBING NEW HEIGHTS



2019 Annual Report



Julie's Dream provides a lifetime opportunity for 20 teen girls in beautiful New Hampshire!

In partnership with Julie's Dream, Agape students traveled more than 2,641 miles for outdoor experiences in 2019. This included a sponsored trip for 20 teen girls to take a fall hiking trip to New Hampshire in the White Mountains (Joe Dodge Lodge). This once in a lifetime trip was described as a tranquil experience where students could hear the small pebbles cascading beneath their feet as they anxiously stepped onto the next big rock on their way to their next adventure. There are many Agape students who have never been outside of Atlanta or traveled by plane, so it was certainly a once in a lifetime opportunity, as one of our students expressed it was the most beautiful place she had ever seen.

Our girls realized that at 1,222 miles away and at an elevation of 6,289 feet exists a world with an array of orange, red, and yellow

hues delicately displayed on millions of palm size leaves. It was a world that existed with such a spectacular view that the girls expressed that they could live there forever.

In addition to the New Hampshire trip for the girls fall 2019, Agape students of all ages were able to explore experiences beyond their imagination, which included, but were not limited to kayaking, canoeing, white water rafting, horseback riding, as well as a three night/four day trip to a 4H Camp in Jekyll Island.

Julie's Dream has been a game changer affording us the opportunity to enhance our programming in a significant way, by helping our students explore a world beyond one street, one neighborhood, and one zip code. Our students can dream of an open sky with swaying trees and air so crisp that you can taste it! Thank you, Julie's Dream.

In partnership with **Buckhead Christian Ministries (BCM)**, Agape families were able to participate in BCM's Budget for Life Program in 2019. Budget for Life is a financial literacy course providing families education on money management, case management and financial assistance.

The families that participate in the program receive approximately \$5,000 in bill assistance and a savings match offer of \$1,000 per family. The 12 month program included seven hours a month of financial literacy classes at Agape, monthly case management support with Budget for Life Case Managers, and meetings throughout the month with financial coaches. The participants of the program were also challenged to apply the knowledge they gained during the program, while saving throughout the process. As an incentive, participants were able to receive a match up to \$1,000 based on what they had saved by the end of the program.

Congratulations to the 11 families who participated in the program in 2019. We are very grateful for our partnership with Buckhead Christian Ministries and plan to continue the partnership in 2020!

Students traveled to three different cities and four different universities. Students even had the opportunity to attend classes and see what a day in the life as a University of Florida student was like. Agape students visited the University of Florida, Florida State University, Florida A&M University and the University of Central Florida. The trip culminated with a trip to Universal Studios, a first-time experience for our students.

- Thanks to our partnership with the Goizueta Foundation, Agape offered three **English as a Second Language (ESL) courses** for our parents free of charge! Our contracted professor, Dr. Derek Phillips designed both an eight and 10-week course with a beginners and intermediate curriculum. Childcare and materials were provided to parents as well! The average score increased from 65% on the pre-test to 85% for their post-test. We are proud to offer these additional support services to our families.

Program Highlights

- **Page Turners Make Great Learners** provided summer campers with an interactive "StoryBus" experience that connected to a book our students were reading. In partnership with *Marta* and author *James Dean*, Page Turners scheduled a Marta bus ride for students to participate in a live reading of the book, *Pete The Cat and The Missing Cupcakes*. Author, James Dean narrated the story as students and special guest Vince Sims (CBS-46) acted out scenes from the book. Agape students were also surprised with a cupcake party in which they decorated their own cupcakes. This was an awesome experience for our children. *Thank you, Page Turners!*
- Agape high school students spent their spring break touring colleges and universities throughout the state of Florida.

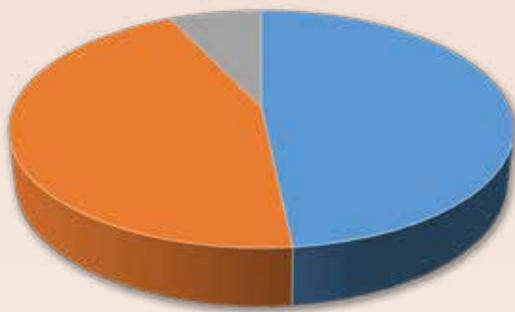
Community Outreach Programs and Events

2,139  filled backpacks distributed during the Great Backpack Giveaway

10  children received bedroom makeovers *189 completed since 2010*

2,000  meals served to children and seniors

2,000+  gifts distributed during the Holiday Gift

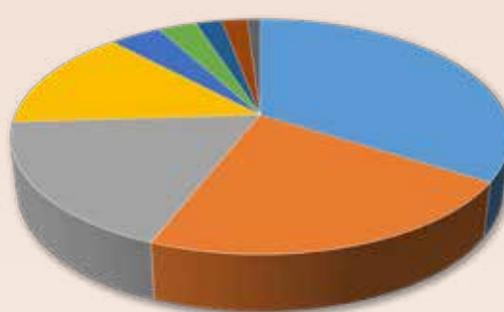


2019 Financials

■ Total Revenue:	\$ 2,234,177
■ Total Expenses:	\$ 2,142,082
■ Net Income:	\$ 340,428
Total Assets:	\$ 3,041,848

* Includes a 2018 cash carryover of \$158,333

* Unaudited Financials



Revenue Streams

■ Foundations	34%
■ Individuals	22%
■ Events	18%
■ Faith-Based	14%
■ In-Kind	4%
■ Corporations	3%
■ Government	2%
■ United Way	2%
■ Civic	1%

Who we serve:

Enrolled Students	200
Senior Citizens	50
Community Outreach beneficiaries	2,000+
Hispanic / Latino	90%
African American	10%
Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch in school:	100%

Statistics for Students K-12:

High school graduation rate	95%
Average GPA 3.0 or better	87%
Average length of program enrollment	8.5 years
Promotion Rate	100%
Agape programming per child per year	947 hours
Retention Rate (most leave only if the family moves)	94%

Community Engagement

The Agape Board of Directors, CEO and staff extend our thanks and appreciation to our dedicated volunteers, with some having over 10 years of service.

- 175 ACTIVE Adult Volunteers
- 304 ACTIVE Youth Volunteers
- 2,560 volunteer hours served
- 50% of dinners provided by food volunteers

To learn more about our volunteer opportunities visit agapeatlanta.org/get-involved

Mission

Agape empowers and supports underserved families within its community to discover, embrace and achieve their full potential.

Agape achieves this mission by providing academic support and family services focusing on character development, academic achievement, reading proficiency by third grade, successful high school graduation and post-graduation placement.

Programs

Agape is uniquely embedded in Atlanta Public Schools, resulting in a positive impact on educational outcomes- and ultimately helping children beat the odds they face growing up in the Bolton Road community. Our programs work, as evidenced by the significant impact on high school graduation rates and post-secondary placement. During the 2018 - 2019 school year, Agape offered **in-school and after-school**

programming for over 200 children and expanded our partnerships to include Julie's Dream, Top Golf, and Iberia Bank.

- **In-School Program** – Agape Educational Specialists are based in our partner schools and serve as the link between parents, teachers and volunteers.
- **After-School Program** – a program that offers a safe haven and provides academic assistance, enrichment programs and a nutritious hot meal each day. Agape students are picked up from school, transported to the Agape facility and taken home at the end of the program.
- **The Ginger Kaney Mentoring Institute** – a program that assists students during the school day in meeting the requirements for high school graduation and assists students with post-secondary planning and placement.
- **RAGTime** – a day program for senior citizens offering educational and informative sessions, games and activities, and a hot lunch each day.
- **GoGirlGo & Fit Camp** – a summer enrichment program focusing on reading and math, and getting kids active and educating them on healthy choices that lead to healthy lifestyles.
- **Camp Jump Smart** – an educational program for Rising K-2nd grade students during the summer months. Primarily sponsored by National Charity League-Buckhead Chapter.
- **Camp Elevate** – a summer camp through which rising 8th-12th graders experience outdoor adventures, college tours, and participate in finance & entrepreneurship courses.