2021 ANNUAL REPORT
In 2019 Agape officially made it a goal to add Scott Elementary as one of our partner schools. The plan was to add Scott students to the After-School program in the fall of 2020. Unfortunately, we were forced to delay that start date because of complications with the Covid-19 Pandemic. At the beginning of August 2021, we partnered with the CARE Team at Scott Elementary School to identify 24 students within the grade bands of kindergarten through 3rd grade. By Labor Day, we welcomed 24 students from 10 families to our Agape program.

So far, the students have received in-school support, after-school support, academic support, enrichment programming, nutritious meals, and most importantly, a new addition to their families. We have received a warm welcome from the Scott teachers, administration, and parents. Throughout the year, our Scott families remained consistent and were eager to be involved at Agape. The pandemic continues to take a toll on student education and development, but we are here to help them overcome this challenging time. We are excited to pour into the students at Scott Elementary and help them discover, embrace, and achieve their full potential.

"I don't know what you guys do at the center...but Jacob comes home ready to go back everyday."
-Scott Elementary Parent

"Agape has helped me achieve things I thought were unattainable."
-Caren

Caren was eight years old when she began participating in Agape’s after-school program, and from the very beginning, Agape instilled in her a love and appreciation for education. While in high school, Agape recommended Caren for American Explorers, a four-year youth development program run by the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation. A backpacking trip in Montana was her first time away from her family and her first time hiking. The next summer she traveled to North Carolina for an Outward Bound experience. By participating in this program, she developed a love of camping and hiking that continues to this day. When it came time to apply to college, Caren says “Getting into college was never a doubt, because Agape never let me doubt myself that way.” Celebrating her admission to Elon University with Agape staff is one of her favorite memories.

Caren received a scholarship from the Florez Family through Agape to help with her education and graduation from Elon in 2021. While at Elon, Agape’s financial support enabled Caren to study abroad in Berlin, Germany, where she studied German history and experienced the city’s rich cultural offerings. Caren is currently a fellow in Elon’s Year of Service Fellows Program in North Carolina. She is now considering a career on the front line of healthcare and applying to graduate programs in Nursing, Public Health, Global Health, and Behavioral Health. In thinking about the future, Caren is looking forward to continuing the work of improving her community.
Life is made up of moments, indeed! Each moment becomes a memory. Each memory becomes part of a network of decisions to make. Each positive decision led by that memory becomes a child's story of overcoming generational poverty, becoming the best reader in their class, and being the first one in their family to graduate high school and go to college. Moments are a big deal! And that's why each moment created by **Julie’s Dream** is a goal achieved, and a child lifted.

Josue, an Agape 8th grade student, about his moments on the New Hampshire trip, he will describe it as, “A trip with amazing views that helped me relax and gave me a new mindset about nature.” Josue was one of the boys leading the way on our 2-hour hike to the Mizpah Hut. After an adventurous journey, the boys reached the top, and all they could say amongst themselves was,

**"WE NEVER GAVE UP. WE DID IT!"**

Trips with Julie’s Dream encourage our students to become confident and secure in their ability to overcome challenging obstacles and to become comfortable with the phrase, “I did it!” And an “I did it” is all you need to get closer to the finish line.

“Never would I have thought I would be able to go to these types of places. The Maine trip was a super fun experience, the views were amazing!”

-North Atlanta High School Student
**Mission**
Agape’s mission is to empower and support underserved families within its community to discover, embrace and achieve their full potential.

**Fostering Academic Success**
- 100% of elementary students received passing grades in all subjects
- 80% of middle school students received passing grades in all subjects
- 70% of Agape students received an 80% GPA or above

**Who We Impact**
- Enrolled Students: 211
- Families: 114
- Senior Citizens: 24
- African American: 20%
- Hispanic/Latino: 80%

**Agape 2021 Financials**
- Programs: $1,796,558
- Management & General: $273,537
- Fundraising: $401,141
- Total Expenses: $2,471,236
- Total Revenue: $3,589,029
- Net Income: $1,069,924

**2021 Sources of Revenue**
- Government: 3%
- Civic: 1%
- Foundations: 30%
- United Way: 1%
- Corporations: 12%
- Faith-Based: 9%
- Individuals: 25%
- Earned Income: 1%
- In-Kind: 8%
- Events: 10%

**Retention**
- 87% of our students reenrolled for the 2021-2022 school year.

**Well-Being**
- 94% of our students reported growing in their social and emotional skills

**Measureable Outcomes**
- 95% of teachers surveyed believe that Agape’s programs helped their students improve academically.
- 96% of parents surveyed believe that Agape can help their child graduate high school and go to college.
- 81% of parents surveyed stated that having their children in Agape programs helped them keep their job or work more hours.

**By the Numbers**
- 3,938 filled backpacks distributed
- 620 volunteer sessions
- 1080 meals served
- 28k meals served
- 2,787 volunteer hours

**Programs**
- In-School Program
- After-School Program
- The Ginger Kaney Mentoring Institute
- Camp Elevate
- GOGIRLGO! & Fit Camp
- Camp Jumpsmart
- RAGTime

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