

2015 ANNUAL REPORT



OUR VISION

We believe that lives can experience healing and joy in an environment where unconditional love and the wonderment of a horse connect, creating a haven for *unbridled hope*.

OUR MISSION

Agape cultivates personal growth by strengthening the mind, body, and spirit through unique horse-facilitated experiences.



TOTAL UNDUPLICATED SERVED IN 2015



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| • Therapeutic Riding Participants | 165 |
| • Bradford Woods Summer Campers | 791 |
| • Character Development Participants | 277 |
| • Mini Mobile Visit Participants | 162 |
| • Memory Lane Mobile Participants | 105 |
| • Volunteer Riders | 12 |
| • Special Olympics Riders | 12 |
| • Back in the Saddle Riders | 6 |
| • Leadership Workshop Participants | 71 |
| • One Time Participants | 22 |
| (Field Trips, Birthday Parties, Girl Scout Troops, etc) | |

OF LESSONS BY PROGRAM = 6,854

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| • Mini Mobile Lessons | 583 |
| • Therapeutic Riding Lessons | 3,063 |
| • Equine-Facilitated Learning & Character Development Lessons | 2,066 |
| • Volunteer Riding Lessons | 53 |
| • Memory Lane Mobile Lessons | 118 |
| • One Time Lessons | 22 |
| • Leadership Lessons | 131 |
| • Bradford Woods Summer Camp | 791 |

OF VISITS/CLASSES BY PROGRAM = 1,675

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|---|-------|
| • Mini Mobile Lessons | 23 |
| • Therapeutic Riding Classes | 1,376 |
| • Equine-Facilitated Learning & Character Development Classes | 258 |
| • Memory Lane Mobile Visits | 8 |
| • One Time Experiences | 4 |
| • Leadership Workshops | 6 |

SPECIAL NEEDS: OVER 40 DIFFERENT DIAGNOSES
DEMOGRAPHICS: 9 COUNTIES SERVED

SCHOOLS

- IPS
- ISBVI
- Hope Academy
- Noblesville School Corporation
- Anderson High School
- Warren Central High School
- Westfield Intermediate School
- Anderson Center Day School Program at St. Vincent Anderson Regional Hospital



SENIOR CENTERS

- Joy's House Adult Day Center
- Allisonville Meadows
- Magnolia Springs Memory Care
- Wellbrooke of Westfield
- Wellbrooke of Kokomo
- Bickford of Carmel



COMMUNITY

- Kokomo Urban Outreach
- Indianapolis Children's Bureau
- Brooke's Place for Grieving Young People
- AYS, Inc
- The Julian Center
- Brookside Church
- White River Christian Church
- Wolf Project at Bradford Woods
- Battle Buddies at Bradford Woods



HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS

- Anderson Residential Center at St. Vincent Anderson Regional Hospital
- St. Vincent Stress Center Day School
- Lutherwood Residential Treatment Center
- Prevail Inc.
- Fairbanks
- Damar Residential Center
- Rehabilitation Hospital Indiana





SUCCESS STORY

Desi has found safety in the eyes of Agape horses. For, Desi, creating eye contact with another person is something that reminds him of his struggles with understanding social cues and speech articulation issues. However, when Desi turns his eyes to our horses' eyes, he makes contact. That eye contact is a way for Desi to connect our four-legged leaders, who serve as his safeplace.

Through working with our own Jitterbug, Desi has learned how his actions can cause reactions. This invaluable lesson can be applied to Desi's immediate world and daily life – giving him the confidence to interact with others in a way he wasn't comfortable doing before.

Jitterbug doesn't judge – or hear – Desi's speech articulation issues; Jitterbug simply hears: "walk on" as he follows Desi's commands in the arena. From these moments, Desi has learned that his words have power and can create movement from an animal bigger than him. That empowerment has inspired Desi to develop his understanding of social cues and increase his confidence about his speech.

No child should ever fear being who they truly are. Our horses inspire students to embrace what makes them them, and how to share that with the rest of the world.

It's a sincere honor to facilitate a self-growth that can be seen in our riders by parents, volunteers and teachers. Whose story will you help us tell next?





VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”
— **Gandhi**

**TOTAL NUMBER
HOURS DONATED:**
10,559



OF ACTIVE WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS FOR CICERO: 215

OF ACTIVE WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS FOR BW: 54

OF SERVICE GROUPS FOR CICERO: 33

OF SERVICE GROUPS FOR BW: 10

TOTAL # OF AGAPE VOLUNTEERS IN 2015: 247

VOLUNTEER STORY FROM BW

For the past five years, I took care of my parents in my home. I lost them both within a year. Taking care of them was my everything, it was my life. Afterwards, my house seemed so lonely and I had all this extra time on my hands. A close friend of mine knew what I was going through, and also knew I love all animals, especially my three dogs. She told me about Agape and felt it would be a good match for me. I went thinking I would love mostly being around the horses. I also felt I could get back into a “helper” or caregiver position that I am used to doing, but I was so wrong.

I love the horses, but as cliché as it sounds, volunteering has helped me to heal and grow. I have gotten more out of it than I could have ever imagined. I have a great fondness for the students and a desire to help them. I can relate to several of the issues and I know the long road they will need to take.

In the beginning, I wanted to do everything for the students. It was how I had to be with my parents, anticipating anything and everything that could- and did- happen. I didn't feel that just showing up was enough at Agape, but now I've learned how important letting go is and how giving the students their space is so important. The staff members are loving, kind and patient. They teach us all how to be better people. It's a beautiful, loving, positive program. It's a happy place, a safe and calm place for the students, volunteers and staff. It's something I look forward to every week! — Kelly Franks



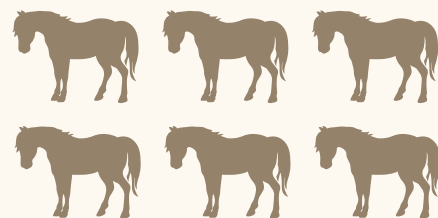
2015
HORSE OF THE YEAR



Butterbean

OUR HERD

16 Horses and 6 Miniature Horses



**Auggie | Big Boy | Butterbean
Darla | Dolly | Hailstone | Jim
Jitterbug | Littlefoot | Prince
Randi | Rosie | Sandy | Smokey**

New Horses Who Joined Our Team in 2015
Chesney | Cinnamon | Domino | Mark | Misty Blue



Retired Horses in 2015
Dusty | EZ | Gunner | Ted



IN MEMORY OF

Each horse at Agape is a being of extraordinary proportions. No matter how long each special animal is part of our program, they inspire the souls of our riders, volunteers and staff for more years than any human could count. This year we bid a heartwarming farewell to two empowering horses, who made Agape their final career.

Seth was a member of the Agape herd for 10 years, leaving us to cross the rainbow bridge on January 22, 2015. We always knew there was something so powerful, so kind and so incredibly special about him. But, in his absence, we truly grasped how irreplaceable he is.

Rusty also left an impact more measurable than his months at Agape. After Rusty passed Oct. 4, 2015 a rider painted his portrait with a message that said:

"Horses leave hoofprints on our hearts."

That one sentence resonated with each one of us.

Seth and Rusty were both confidence-building and faithful servants to our students. It was an honor to have them on our team.



Seth



Rusty





AGAPE STAFF YEAR-END 2015

Amanda Bocik | *Executive Director*

Cheryl Miller | *Founder*

Linda Hazzard | *Program Director*

Lyn Penfound | *Bookkeeper and Instructor*

Jenny Frank | *Cicero Volunteer Coordinator*

Melanie Hilton | *Bradford Woods Volunteer
Coordinator and Instructor*

Deb Usher | *Special Projects Coordinator
and Instructor*

Emily Padgett | *Cicero Program Coordinator
and Instructor*

Cody Bogard | *Equine Trainer and Instructor*

Luke Bogard | *Facilities Manager*

Rachel Royston | *Cicero Barn Manager
and Instructor*

Barb Sparks | *Instructor*

Marsha Farias | *Instructor*

Jill Thierwechter | *Instructor*

Jennifer Armstrong | *Instructor*

Joe Sullivan | *Stable Assistant*

Anne Schrand | *Stable Assistant*

Jaci Zook | *Stable Assistant*

Christy Schmitt | *Stable Assistant*

Delia Whitley | *Stable Assistant*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS YEAR-END 2015

Sara McClammer | *Chairman*

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FINANCIAL PROFILE SUMMARY

2015 REVENUE **\$792,129**

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|-------------|-----------|
| • PROGRAMS | \$245,948 |
| • GRANTS | \$162,364 |
| • EVENTS | \$139,819 |
| • DONATIONS | \$249,204 |
| • ENDOWMENT | \$7,358 |
| • OTHER | \$153 |

2015 EXPENSES **\$748,644**

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|---------------|-----------|
| • PROGRAM | \$481,586 |
| • FUNDRAISING | \$165,805 |
| • M & G | \$101,253 |

2014 REVENUE **\$622,442**

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|-------------|-----------|
| • PROGRAMS | \$162,531 |
| • GRANTS | \$89,710 |
| • EVENTS | \$76,704 |
| • DONATIONS | \$230,136 |
| • ENDOWMENT | \$4,395 |
| • OTHER | \$184 |

2014 EXPENSES **\$642,201**

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|---------------|-----------|
| • PROGRAM | \$373,596 |
| • FUNDRAISING | \$112,332 |
| • M & G | \$89,063 |



THANK YOU FOR DONATING IN 2015!

Circle of Champions | Multi-Year Giving Society

Gift of Healing | \$1,000 for 3 years

Triple Crown Club | \$25,000 and Over

Tina Anderson
The E.A. and Francis Reichart Charitable Foundation
OrthoIndy and Indiana Orthopaedic Hospital Foundation Fund, a fund of Central Indiana Community Foundation

Grand Champion Club | \$10,000 - \$24,999

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Community Reinvestment Foundation
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The Capital Group Companies Charitable Foundation
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Herr Family Foundation

Hunt Club | \$5,000 - \$9,999

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Trail Blazers Club | \$1,000 - \$4,999

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Wranglers Club | \$1-\$999

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