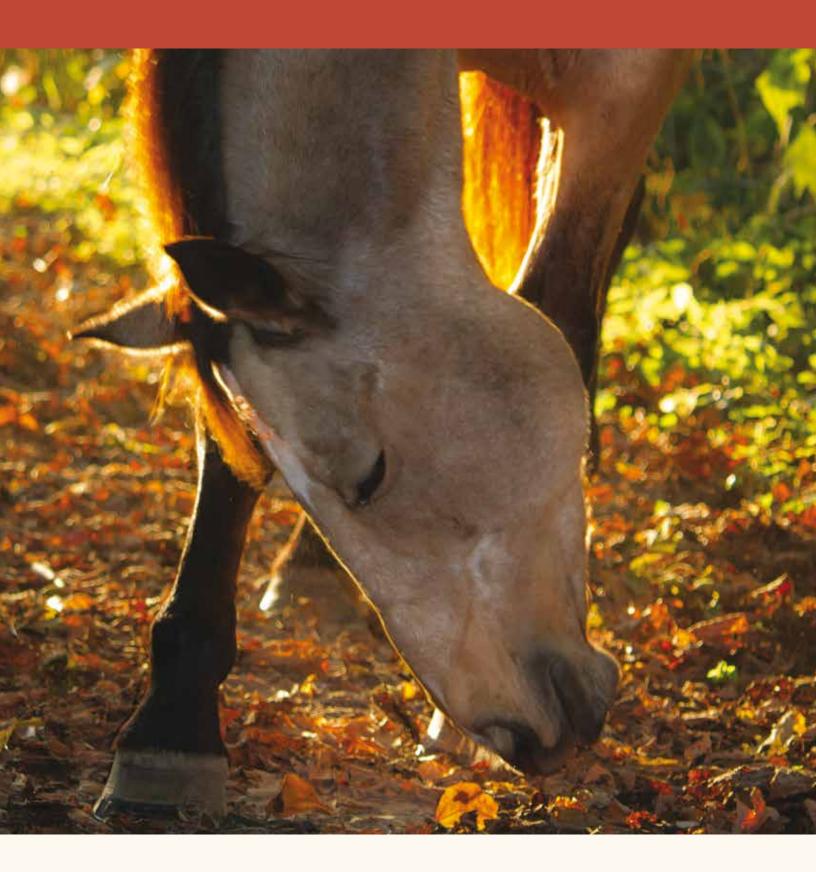
2017 ANNUAL REPORT





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.

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

As Agape continues to expand on our mission of strengthening minds, bodies, and spirits through equine programming, we are excited to share our plans for the future. Thanks to the valuable input from trusted volunteers and donors like you — as well as our clients and community partners — we now have a new strategic plan that captures our vision and goals for the next three years:

STRATEGIC VISION

"By 2020, Agape will expand to a third location, spreading unbridled hope throughout Central Indiana by increasing access to our premier horse facilitated therapeutic programming."

To learn more about our vision and our strategic plan, visit: agaperiding.org/strategic-plan

LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2017 was a phenomenal year for Agape and I'm excited to share the highlights with you, our friend and supporter. In the following report you'll learn about the unduplicated number of riders, campers, Veterans and participants served throughout the year; the schools, health organizations and community organizations with which we partnered; highlights on our volunteers without whom we simply would not be able to operate; Jitterbug, a precious pony who, after serving Agape and its constituents for sixteen years, was lovingly retired; and our financials; among other compelling information.

In Psalms 109:30 we read, "But I will give repeated thanks to the Lord, praising Him to everyone." In reflection of this, we give repeated thanks for the financial supporters who faithfully carry Agape and its mission close to their hearts, for the volunteers and staff who pour themselves into our participants, for the horses whose gentle and generous spirits provide the foundation and heart of our programs, and of course for the participants who trust us to guide them toward unbridled hope in our arenas and classrooms.

Throughout the year, we are incredibly blessed to witness miracles at each of Agape's Central Indiana locations. We are mindful of that fact that without you and the love and commitment that the Lord has placed on your heart for Agape, none of it would be possible, so once again, thank you. Above all, we give repeated thanks to Jesus Christ for divinely orchestrating and unfailingly providing for each need and ambition of Agape, for this is the greatest miracle of all.

Amanda Bocik

Agape Executive Director



TOTAL UNDUPLICATED SERVED IN 2017



 Therapeutic Riding Participants 	182
 Bradford Woods Summer Campers 	605
 Character Development Participants 	374
Veterans/Military Programming	116
 Memory Lane Mobile Participants 	76
 Special Olympics Riders 	12
 One-Time Agape Adventures Participants (Field Trips, Leadership Workshops, etc) 	147

OF LESSONS BY PROGRAM = 7,892

• Therapeutic Riding Lessons	3,723
 Equine-Facilitated Learning Character Development Lessons 	3,233
Veterans/Military Programming	116
Memory Lane Mobile Lessons	76
• One Time Lessons/Leadership Lessons	139
Bradford Woods Summer Camp	605

SCHOOLS

- Center Grove Middle School
- Indianapolis Public Schools
- Elwood Intermediate, Jr., High Schools
- Hope Academy at Fairbanks
- Hamilton Heights Middle School
- Martinsville High School
- Mosaics Hamilton-Boone-Madison Special Services Cooperation
- Carey Ridge Elementary
- Frankton Elementary School
- Noblesville High School Project Work
- The Crossing
- Roots (Reclaiming Opportunities to Succeed) IPS

HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS

- Ascent 121
- Damar Services Inc.
- Anderson Residential Center at St. Vincent Anderson Regional Hospital
- Bridges of Hope Substance Abuse Treatment Center
- Prevail Inc
- St. Vincent Stress Center Day School

OF VISITS/CLASSES BY PROGRAM = 1,740

• Therapeutic Riding Classes	1,293
• Equine-Facilitated Learning	426
& Character Development Classes	
• One Time Experiences/Leadership Workshops	8
Memory Lane Mobile Visits	
Veterans/Military Programming	10

SPECIAL NEEDS: OVER 129 DIFFERENT DIAGNOSES

EFL & TR = 56 | CAMP = 73

DEMOGRAPHICS: 69 COUNTIES IN INDIANA SERVED

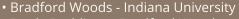
EFL & TR = 27 | CAMP = 42

SENIOR CENTERS



- Wellbrooke of Westfield
- Magnolia Springs Southpointe and Carmel

COMMUNITY





- Battle Buddies at Bradford Woods
- Great Lakes Conference at Bradford Woods
- Wounded Warrior Project at Bradford Woods
- Project Wolf at Bradford Woods
- Brooke's Place for Grieving Youg People
- Progress House
- The Julian Center
- Child Advocates Inc.
- Indianapolis Children's Bureau
- Choices Coordinated Care Solutions
- Indiana Department of Child Services
- Department of Veteran Affairs
- Indiana Wesleyan University
- Special Olympics Indiana





LYDIA'S STORY

Having a child with a disability often feels like you are on the outside looking in; looking into a world that you do not have the privilege to be a part of. However, children with special needs are like their typical peers. When they want something, they will talk about it until the parent gives in. For my Lydia it is all about horses. Like any parent, I searched until I found what my girl wanted. What she wanted, what she needed, was Agape. Lydia will tell you that she has a horse, her name is Randi, and she is a Mustang. Lydia will also tell you that Agape found a special saddle for her so she can sit up straight when she rides. On our way home from riding she tells me, "I hope I get the same side walker next week. She's my favorite." We all know the wonderful therapeutic effects of riding; balance, stretching, and verbalizing just to name a few. For Lydia, it is the companionship of a horse, the smell of the barn, the freedom that comes from sitting on the saddle, and of course, the socializing with the volunteers and staff. For me, her mom, there are also wonderful effects; seeing the joy in my daughter's eyes as she rides, the excitement in her voice when she talks about Agape, and watching her do something she loves so very much. I even met one of my best friends at Agape.

AT AGAPE WE ARE NOT
ON THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN,
WE ARE A PART OF THE JOY,
THE EXCITEMENT, AND
THE LAUGHTER.

Without the wonderful dedicated staff and the volunteers who give of their time, there would be no Agape. We love all of you like family; horses, staff, and volunteers!



VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS



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

TOTAL NUMBER HOURS
DONATED AT CICERO: 7,857

TOTAL NUMBER HOURS DONATED AT BW: 2,941



OF ACTIVE WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS FOR CICERO: 117

OF ACTIVE WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS FOR BW: 52

OF SERVICE GROUPS FOR CICERO: 18

OF SERVICE GROUPS FOR BW: 7

TOTAL # OF AGAPE VOLUNTEERS IN 2017: 194

VOLUNTEER STORY FROM TRICIA MILTO VOLUNTEER AT AGAPE SOUTH

"For several months I had been contemplating on what I could do to get myself out of the house. I needed to find an outlet for myself and I really wanted to meet new people. I am a wife and a mom of four beautiful boys and I have dedicated my life to making my family my first priority. I have been a stay at home mom for 21 years! I wasn't sure what I wanted to do or how I was going to do it, but I knew I needed it.

I can not remember when I first heard about Agape, but I do remember thinking what an awesome concept it was. I have a real soft spot in my heart for the two main components of this program...Horses and individuals with special needs.

Horses, I have loved horses since I was a young girl and this love has followed me in to adulthood. I have been able to spend enough time around horses to know how they have this uncanny ability to sense your "need" (maybe you didn't even know). I have always loved to be around them so I knew I would be comfortable with that.

As far as helping individuals with special needs, two of the most important people in my life have special needs. They call me mom! Two of my boys were born with a rare disease that has slowly taken over their bodies. So over the years I have been involved with many activities that involve individuals with special needs. So here again I knew I would be comfortable in this setting.

Agape sounded like a perfect fit and I felt I could really help. It took a few months and some gentle nudging (emails, texts, reminders) from a good friend (aka: Jennifer Armstrong) before I gained the courage to sign up for a volunteer meeting. Of course I was intimidated coming in not knowing what was going to be expected of me, but that quickly subsided. Kaitlin Hossom was very welcoming and I received great information as to what Agape is about. I met Christy Schmitt at this meeting also and after meeting these two women, I know why they have been chosen for their jobs: kind hearts, gentle spirits and patience. As I left Bradford Woods that night I remember thinking to myself...this is it, this is where I need to be.

I am a few months in to volunteering now and my love for this volunteering opportunity has only grown. I've met amazing volunteers, beautiful horses and awesome riders. I would say it was everything I thought it would be but that would be a lie. It is MORE than I could have ever expected! The smiles on the riders faces as they walk through the door when they first arrive or when they see their horses is priceless. The calm you see come over them as they sit in their saddle or the confidence that exudes as they accomplish a goal with their horse is indescribable. And to watch the horses as they sense the need of their rider. Their patience and understanding is remarkable. It is simply a God sighting and I am blessed to be able to observe.

I think back to how I thought I could help Agape...WOW who was I kidding? Little did I know how much Agape would help ME! I cannot describe the pure joy it brings to my heart! These awesome people, riders and horses have already taught me amazing lessons.

Thank you Agape for allowing me this incredible opportunity. I AM truly blessed!"



HORSE OF THE YEAR

Fitterbug

OUR HERD

Horses & Miniature Horses



Dolly | Atty | Bo | Pretty Boy | Susie Domino | Littlefoot | JR | Butterbean CiCi | Prince | Big Boy | Smokey | Rosie

BRADFORD WOODS

Randi | Jasper | Gunner

Duchess | Darby

SUMMER CAMP HORSES LEASED IN 2017

Patch | Buzz | Jasper | Sugar | Daisy



New Horses Who Joined Our Team in 2017

Susie | Atty | JR | Pretty Boy | Masada | Dusty | Jasper | Gunner





HORSE HIGHLIGHT

Fitterbug

In 2017 we honored Jitterbug. Our plucky little pony served Agape for 16 years, and was full of enthusiasm and moxie every step of the way. Jitterbug turned 29 in 2017, and by that time had served in more than 5,400 lessons. While he remained joyful in his service we could not deny that he showed a little less pep in his step. That is the reason we chose to celebrate Jitterbug at the annual Christmas celebration and honor him with retirement. He enjoyed a large audience and gave everyone one last great show, coming in to the party with jingle bells and bowing to thank his audience for his service award. At the Christmas break, Jitterbug went home with our founder, Cheryl Miller, and is enjoying retirement with his buddy Lucy.

Jitterbug, thank you for 16 years of love, laughter, and lessons!





AGAPE STAFF

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Amanda Bocik | Executive Director

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FINANCIAL **PROFILE SUMMARY**

2017	REV	/EN	UE
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\$889,701 PROGRAMS \$298,863 34%

 GRANTS \$147,315 17%

\$164,007 EVENTS 18%

 DONATIONS \$275,259 31%

 ENDOWMENT \$8,200 0.9%

• OTHER -\$3,943 -0.4%

2017 EXPENSES

PROGRAM

\$831,525

 FUNDRAISING \$137,467 17%

\$583,191

\$786,583

\$241,958

70%

31%

• M & G \$110,867 13%

2016 REVENUE

PROGRAMS

 GRANTS \$136,175 17%

• EVENTS \$127,603 16%

 DONATIONS \$284,249 36%

 ENDOWMENT -\$720 0%

• OTHER \$2,682 -0.3%

2016 EXPENSES

\$776,447

• PROGRAM \$531,590 68%

 FUNDRAISING \$138,367 18%

• M & G \$106,490 14%

THANK YOU FOR DONATING IN 2017!

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