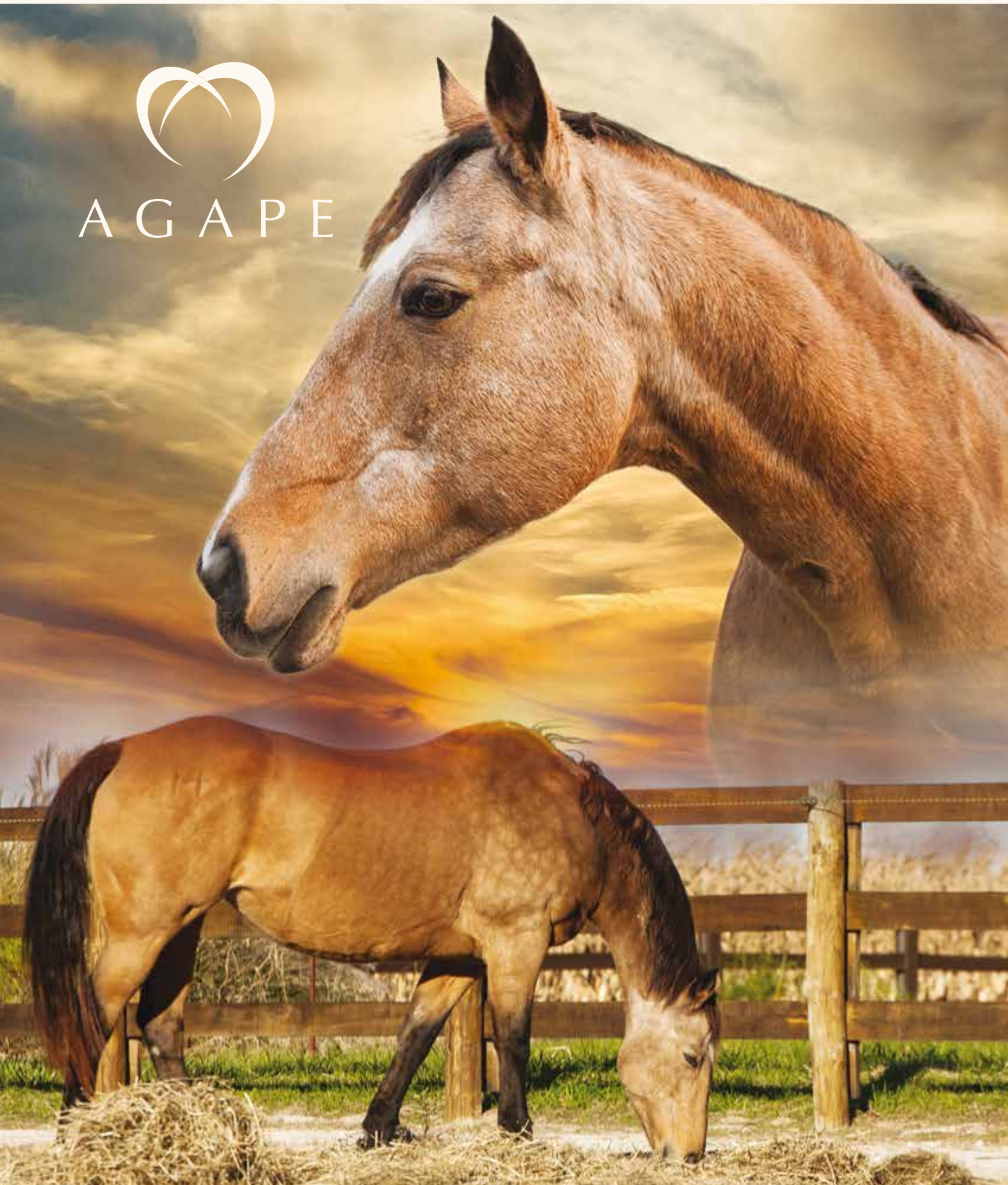


2018 ANNUAL REPORT



AGAPE



LETTER FROM THE CEO

2018 was a phenomenal year at Agape and it was no small feat. We opened our 3rd location in central Indiana, Agape East in Greenfield. In just its first season, we served over 225 individuals through our horse-assisted programs with the help of 68 volunteers. Across the region, Agape served **1,864** youth and adults through partnering with horses. This equated to provided **10,895** lessons with horses. This is truly a remarkable accomplishment. Our mission is important. Our impact is deep and wide. And fulfilling this mission is not possible without our incredible community of partners, volunteers, and champions. These numbers are mind boggling but the smiles on the faces of the riders we see every day at the barn — those are the faces in front of these numbers. Those faces are why we are here. Thank you for believing in Agape. You lead us into 2019 stronger than ever before. We will bravely and wisely carry this mission forward with you as part of our army. Saddle up, Agape team — 2019 is looking pretty fun!

Amanda Bocik
President & CEO

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

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.



2018 FINANCIAL PROFILE

2018 REVENUE

\$1,156,198

• PROGRAMS	\$394,086	34%
• GRANTS	\$152,934	13%
• EVENTS	\$195,262	17%
• DONATIONS	\$410,691	36%
• ENDOWMENT	\$2,652	0%
• OTHER	\$573	0%

2018 EXPENSES

\$1,046,318

• PROGRAM	\$748,946	72%
• FUNDRAISING	\$151,489	14%
• M & G	\$145,883	14%



TOTAL UNDUPLICATED SERVED IN 2018

• Therapeutic Riding Participants	282
• Bradford Woods Summer Campers	614
• Discovery Camp Campers	59
• Character Development Participants	503
• Veterans/Military Programming/IMPD/IFD	168
• Mobile Participants	125
• One-Time EFL Participants (Field Trips, Leadership Workshops, etc)	113



OF LESSONS BY PROGRAM = 10,895

• Therapeutic Riding Lessons	5,981
• Equine-Facilitated Learning & Character Development Lessons	4,018
• Veterans/Military Programming	41
• Mobile Lessons	125
• One Time Lessons/Leadership Lessons	113
• Bradford Woods Summer Camp	614

OF VISITS/CLASSES BY PROGRAM = 2,363

• Therapeutic Riding Classes	1,868
• Equine-Facilitated Learning & Character Development Classes	464
• One Time Experiences/Leadership Workshops	18
• Mobile Visits	3
• Veterans/Military Programming	10

VOLUNTEERS

• # of lesson volunteers across central Indiana	374
• # of service groups	49

TOTAL NUMBER OF
VOLUNTEER HOURS
DONATED TO AGAPE:

13,306



**EQUIVALENT VALUE OF \$312,206.84 DONATED BY
VOLUNTEERS TO AGAPE IN 2018!**

FACTS

- 97% of Therapeutic Riding participants reported meeting or making significant progress towards their goals for improving their physical, emotional, and mental well-being
- 100% of Group program partners reported seeing positive changes in students as a result of their time spent at Agape in areas of emotional, social, and/or cognitive goals
- 100% of Group program partners said they would recommend Agape to others
- 14% of all Agape participants received a full scholarship
- 56% of all program costs Agape underwrites & fundraises for to keep costs low

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

DEMOGRAPHICS

- Special Needs Served: 63+ different diagnoses
- # of Counties Served: 38 Counties in Indiana



AGAPE NORTH



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

• Therapeutic Riding Participants	157
• Therapeutic Riding Classes	1,090
• % on Scholarship	13%
• Equine-Facilitated Learning & Character Development Lessons	2,149
• Equine-Facilitated Learning & Character Development Classes	298
• One Time Experiences/Leadership Workshops	7

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

• # of Active Weekly Volunteers for Cicero	105
• # of Service Groups for Cicero	33
• Total # of Cicero Volunteers	210
• Total # of Hours Donated at Cicero	8,460



When Moya started therapeutic riding at Agape, sitting up in the saddle for 5 seconds was a success. Now she can sit up assisted for the entire lesson.





ASCENT 121

“Working with girls who have experienced trafficking, we often find they struggle with finding their voice. They often have trust issues and lack healthy boundaries needed to connect with others around them. Agape becomes a substantial part of their journey in learning these skills. One teen served at Ascent 121 said, the most valuable lesson I learned at Agape was ‘Assertiveness, trust and boundaries.’ Along with another who said she will always take with her in life ‘respect for myself and others and how to use boundaries.’

Although some of the girls are initially intimidated by the horses while others are able to immediately enter in, the consistent theme is that they all grow from day one. The staff at Agape immediately make the girls feel welcome and they are instantly engaged because, well, they all love horses. This sets them up to be able to have discussions of boundaries,

respect, communication, assertiveness, etc, in a non-clinical setting.

BECAUSE THE HORSES ARE SO SIMILAR TO HUMANS IN NEEDING TRUST, SAFETY AND LEADERSHIP, IT NATURALLY CALLS THESE GIRLS TO EXERCISE THE SKILLS IN A PRACTICAL WAY.

They learn quickly that horses are dominating animals and will take charge unless they exert assertiveness. One young lady put it this way, ‘The most important thing I learned at Agape was how to be assertive and how to be in charge like say no; no means no.’ Ascent 121 is proud to work with Agape in this journey towards healing for these young women.”

Jill Steenbarger, Case Manager, Ascent 121



AGAPE SOUTH



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

• Bradford Woods Summer Campers	614
• Veterans/Military Programming/IMPD/IFD	168
• Therapeutic Riding Participants	84
• Therapeutic Riding Classes	565
• % on Scholarship	19%
• Equine-Facilitated Learning & Character Development Lessons	1,744
• Equine-Facilitated Learning & Character Development Classes	149
• One Time Experiences/Leadership Workshops	9

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

• # of Active Weekly Volunteers for Agape South	41
• # of Service Groups for Agape South	8
• Total # of Agape South Volunteers	96
• Total # of Hours Donated at Agape South	2,740



RANDI'S STORY

Randi is a little horse with a big heart that did a very special job in her service to Agape, and she did it for 12 years! This 13-hand mustang joined Agape in Nov. 2006 and retired after the Christmas party in 2018. In her time at Agape, she served 8 years in Cicero and 4 years at South. She was great with independent riders — able to walk, trot, and canter steadily as riders gained new skills. She was incredible with our highest needs riders — she was often the horse of choice for riders that needed multiple sidewalkers, or to lay down, or special adaptive equipment. And she was tireless in summer camp — she was often a favorite among campers and staff because of her dependable nature and willingness to work all day.

Before coming to Agape she was a wild mustang, born in Nevada in 1994. Once rounded up, she came to a BLM auction in Indiana and was adopted in 1996. Her first human family worked patiently to gentle her and she spent 10 years loving them. She carried their children in parades, 4-H, and open shows, she had two babies, and she was just as dependable to them as she was at Agape. When their children outgrew Randi, her family chose to share her with Agape. And as luck would have it, they were able to join us at Randi's retirement celebration and share many a wonderful story with the team. We were blessed to have such a wonderful mustang in our herd for so many years!



CELEBRATING THE OPENING OF AGAPE EAST

May 8, 2018 was a momentous day. It was the first day of classes at Agape in Greenfield. As we look back on that day and on the first season of Agape in Greenfield we think about the successes of our participants. Agape had the opportunity to share in many special moments with over 50 participants at our Greenfield location in our first season there. Students who longed to get back in the saddle mounted their horses and gained greater knowledge and skills allowing them to be more independent with their horses. They were able to groom, tack and ride more independently. Students who had the goal of getting a job learned employment skills from the horses by working with a team to complete tasks alongside their equine partners. Students who were scared of horses overcame their fears and were able to gain enough courage to mount their horses and began learning to communicate with their horses while riding. None of this would have been possible without the people who served Agape's mission. Three instructors, over 30 volunteers, and many supporters each donated in time, love, and dedication. We owe so much of our success to the dedication of all these people, and the families we served in our programs in 2018.

Looking forward to future years at our new location in Greenfield, we plan to serve more individuals in need of our services in Hancock County. We are excited for new riders, new partnerships with schools and organizations, and new connections in our community. We are actively working towards and looking forward to a new partnership with New Palestine High School. We also will be adding more times to offer our therapeutic riding classes so that we can serve the need for our services in Hancock County. We are so blessed to be able to offer this unique program at three Agape locations.

~ Rebecca Spitzig, *Agape East Site Manager*



AGAPE EAST

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

• Therapeutic Riding Participants	41
• Therapeutic Riding Classes	213
• % on Scholarship	11%
• Discovery Camp Campers	59
• Equine-Facilitated Learning & Character Development Lessons	125
• Equine-Facilitated Learning & Character Development Classes	17
• One Time Experiences/Leadership Workshops	2

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

• # of Active Weekly Volunteers for Agape East	33
• # of Service Groups for Agape East	8
• Total # of Agape East Volunteers	68
• Total # of Hours Donated at Agape East	2,106





TRIBUTE TO *Dolly*

Words that we often hear describing Dolly are words like, “Calm, patient, strong but gentle, beautiful, and intuitive.” And these traits could not be more true about her. She was full of grace and beauty — power and patience — strength and stability. When someone has experienced pain, fear, or anxiety because of circumstances in life, Dolly has been...

CALM TO THE CHAOS

SPACE AND PAUSE FOR THE SADNESS

EASE TO THE ANXIETY

STABILITY TO THE UNPREDICTABLE & UNBALANCED

So how do you measure the gifts of a horse like Dolly? The greatness of her service and life? It is not easy to quantify but it is easy to feel. She was one of those special horses that served our community faithfully with her many gifts. Dolly was part of our team for eight years, but it seems like a lifetime. She joined the Agape herd on Oct. 5, 2010 and faithfully provided joy and hope to everyone around her until her last day. She was 29 years old (nearly 30) and had been experiencing a decline in her health this year, which had recently turned more serious. Due to the serious nature of her diagnoses, the Agape team came together and unanimously agreed that the kindest thing we could do for her was to humanely euthanize Dolly. She was laid to rest on Nov. 2, 2018.



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Over 520 champions gave to Agape in our Wranglers Club in 2018! Yee-Haw!!! Thank you so much!

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