

BIG *Dreams* & BIGGER *Blessings*



 A G A P E

2022
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-assisted experiences.

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As I reflect on the outstanding past year we had, and imagine countless new opportunities to provide unbridled hope and healing in the years to come, four words come to mind: **Big dreams and bigger blessings.**

Last year we were blessed to **serve 1,597 individuals through 6,700 lessons** in therapeutic riding, equine-assisted learning and unique one-time camp experiences. We were able to help them find hope and unlock their potential at the barn and beyond. None of this would be possible without **over 500 volunteers** who show up to side walk, horse handle, clean lots, care for the horses, help keep our facilities clean, and so much more. One of the biggest blessings was the **\$1,052,443 raised through fundraising** to provide rider scholarships, program support, facility maintenance and horse care.

Last year, we continued to see a tremendous increase in the demand for therapeutic riding and equine-assisted learning. As more and more people come to Agape for help, our passion for guiding them to the discovery of the wonderment of horses has also increased. It is this passion that inspires our four words: **Big dreams and bigger blessings.**

Over the last three years we have been able to see dreams come true at our East Greenfield location by investing over \$200,000 in facility improvements—all thanks to generous grants from local foundations.

Perhaps our biggest dream, officially launched in 2022, was our “Beyond the Barn” capital campaign. We have already been blessed with donations totaling \$3.5 million dollars towards our \$16 million goal to expand our mission delivery and serve the ever growing needs of the community through our future home at the Stonycreek Farm property in Noblesville. Once completed, this new facility will allow us to:

- create 2 indoor riding arenas for year-round programming,
- have 47 acres and modern facilities to have 20+ horses and expand the number of individuals served,
- ample outdoor arena riding space along with wooded trails,
- and be the gold-standard for PATH Premier Accredited Therapeutic Riding Centers in the United States!

As we move through the final design process of this new space and the fundraising that needs to take place, we will be eager to engage you in conversation.

But the dreams and blessings we are most grateful for are those of our riders and partners. None of this would be possible without the generous support of people like YOU! Whether the challenge is large or small, we know that every smile and each laugh at the barn is a well-earned celebration of accomplishing a goal and realizing their potential. Those moments are the biggest blessings of all and we cannot wait to be a part of more of those moments in 2023!



With heartfelt gratitude,

Stephanie Amick

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Executive Director





ORGANIZATION HIGHLIGHTS & PROGRAMMING NUMBERS

TOTAL UNDUPLICATED SERVED IN 2022

Therapeutic Riding Participants:	188
Arc of Hancock County Discovery Camp Campers:	189
Equine-Assisted Learning/Mental Health Participants:	294
One-Time Experiences at the Barn Participants:	380
Mobile Visit Participants:	450
Ascension St. Vincent Hippotherapy Patients:	96

Total Individuals
Served in 2022:Over 1,597 Individuals Impacted

NUMBER OF LESSONS BY PROGRAM

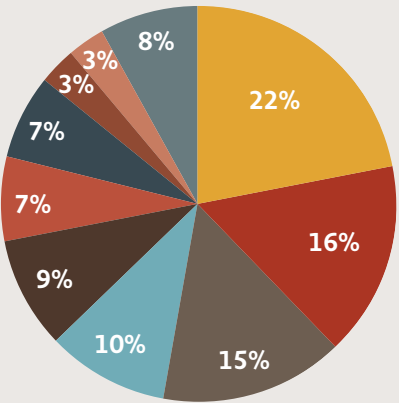
Therapeutic Riding Lessons:	3,879
Equine-Assisted Learning/Mental Health Lessons:	1,481
One-Time Lessons at the Barn:	380
Ascension St. Vincent Hippotherapy Appointments:	960

Total # of lessons and appointments provided in 2022: 6,700 Lessons Provided

Total number of hours spent serving riders, partners, and the community in 2022: 1,924 Hours

DEMOGRAPHICS

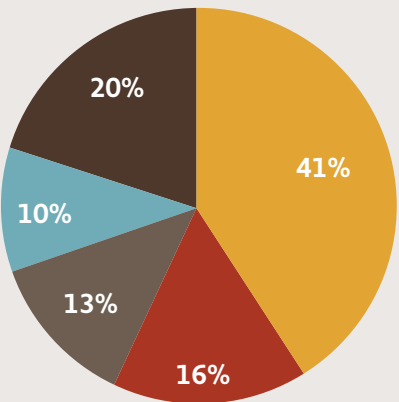
46 Different special needs diagnoses served in 2022



Autism
Depression/Anxiety
At Risk Youth/No Diagnosis
Cognitive/Developmental Delay/MID
Addiction Disorder
ADHD
PTSD
Cerebral Palsy
Down Syndrome
Other Social/Emotional/Physical/Cognitive Disabilities

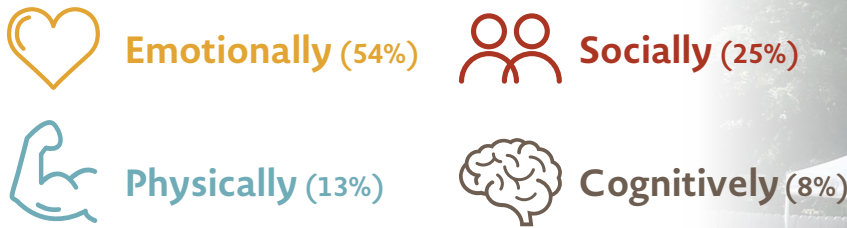
COUNTIES SERVED

14 Counties represented among participants in 2022



Hamilton County
Hancock County
Marion County
Madison County
Other surrounding counties

WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE **PRIMARY AREA OF GROWTH** THEY HAVE SEEN IN THEIR RIDER, FAMILIES RESPONDED:



12% of all Agape Therapeutic Riding participants received a scholarship

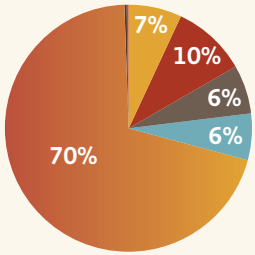
100% of therapeutic riding participants benefited from generous donations to keep lesson costs affordable to all riders Agape serves

69% of all program costs are underwritten by fundraising

FINANCIAL PROFILES

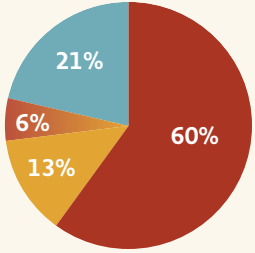
2022

REVENUE	\$4,908,269
Programs	\$341,858
Grants	\$488,861
Events	\$303,740
Donations	\$307,451
Capital Campaign	\$3,450,756
Endowment	\$7,783
Other	\$7,820



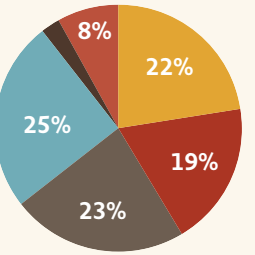
EXPENSES

Program	\$733,708
Fundraising	\$161,705
Capital Campaign	\$67,098
M & G	\$259,489



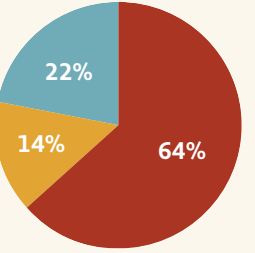
2021

REVENUE	\$1,383,390
Programs	\$314,644
Grants	\$261,700
Events	\$318,214
Donations	\$347,887
Endowment	\$31,113
Other	\$111,327



EXPENSES

Program	\$681,616
Fundraising	\$156,429
M & G	\$233,824



RIDER *Spotlight*

KEATON'S STORY

Keaton was born with a congenital heart defect known as Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome in which the left side of his heart was severely underdeveloped. Simply put, Keaton was born with half of a heart. He has undergone three open-heart surgeries and numerous procedures. Following his first surgery, Keaton suffered 2 strokes. Because of the significant damage from his strokes he now suffers from epilepsy and faces a number of challenges daily. He is a true warrior.

Recently, Keaton has struggled with anxiety and has lacked confidence in his ability to overcome challenges. Because of this, we pursued an opportunity at Agape.

There are truly not enough words to describe the impact that riding has had on Keaton's confidence. Keaton now believes that he can do "hard things;" a mantra that his incredible Agape Instructor, Miss Dana, has him repeat each week at the barn. Keaton's love and respect for his horse, Lexi, is something that warms my heart. **He truly adores her and the bond they share is honestly indescribable.**

We are forever thankful for Agape, for Lexi, for the volunteers and for the confidence Keaton has gained while riding. Keaton has been able to carry over the lessons and values learned while riding into his daily life and continues to believe he can do "hard things."

—ALISA, KEATON'S MOTHER



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THE IMPACT OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

Randy's Story

Many years ago, Doneta (Agape Director of Finance) gave a presentation about Agape at a meeting of the professional association to which we both belonged. The mission and the daily work really resonated with me, so when Doneta contacted me about joining the Agape Board I was delighted. In addition to serving on the Board, I also wanted to work in the day-to-day operations in order to experience firsthand the healing nature of what we do.

Clearly, one of the true blessings one can receive is to see what happens when a student interacts with the horse and the horse with the rider. It is amazing. Working with the riders on Thursdays has allowed me to see firsthand and experience the magic, often subtle, sometimes profound. Riders Joshua, Jack, Mathias and Ben have been role models for me in their kindness, connection with the horses and staff, and the excitement they enjoy.

Serving at Agape has helped me in so many ways. **I love being part of a "herd" and I am finding my place in that social structure which makes me feel like I am part of something bigger than just myself.**

I feel like the small contribution I make through my work and goodwill makes a difference in the lives of the students and their families, the horses and my co-workers. The friendships I have developed with the remarkable people at Agape have been a source of great joy, humor, and camaraderie which have been more than I could have imagined.

—RANDY, VOLUNTEER



543

Volunteers across central Indiana



12

Work groups



13,337

Hours given by volunteers for the year



\$399,443

Equivalent value donated by volunteers



Impacting COMMUNITY PARTNERS

THE REFUGE CENTRAL INDIANA TEEN CHALLENGE'S STORY

A group of our girls visit Agape once every other week. They love it so much. They really enjoy getting out of the house and getting to learn different things. They do not just learn about horses, they learn a lot of life skills. **They learn what it takes to be a good teammate and to be loving and gentle with one another as they are with the horses.** I can attest that when the girls come home from Agape they are in such a lighter mood and are so excited to tell us about what they learned that day. They love sharing their personal experiences with the horses and really enjoy the fact that the staff there love them back! Agape is an amazing place for our teen girls to expand their horizons and they learn something new every time they go. I am very happy The Refuge gets to be a part of Agape and their teachings. We as staff also enjoy that they get to be creative and learn different ways of communicating with each other and do team activities. Some of the girls go not knowing anything about horses and they come home raving about how much fun they had and how they enjoyed being around the horses and they can't wait to go back.

Working with Agape has brought a unique aspect to The Refuge that has affected the students in a beautiful way. As a program that is focused on helping teenage girls through all sorts of debilitating obstacles, we have been able to see the impact that this source of therapy brings. They are able to love on the gentle horses which helps them relax and unwind. When I observe the students in a session, they are challenged to pay attention to body language in order to achieve goals with the horses they work with. They practice communicating patiently with one another, organizing group activities, and problem solving, which is important in relation to the way that they treat one another in our home. **We love to see the girls united and when they go to Agape, we see them lift each other up and come together.** We are grateful for this organization, and I know our ladies are grateful as well!

—THE REFUGE CENTRAL INDIANA TEEN CHALLENGE

Agape has helped The Refuge Teen Challenge and me in so many ways. I used to be very passive-aggressive, I didn't have any boundaries, and I didn't know how to let my emotions show in a healthy manner. When I first heard about horse therapy I was very against it. I didn't think horses could help me, but I learned they could.

We go to Agape every other Monday. When we get there we go into a classroom and learn a character trait. We talk about how we either have used the character trait or could. After we discuss it, we go and get the horses. We go into the arena, and do a group activity. The group activity uses the character traits with the horses to put it into practice.

In horse therapy we develop character traits, healthy relationships with the horses and others, and better mental health.

I've learned the importance of being assertive, having boundaries, and correctly expressing my emotions. Agape Horse Therapy has brought freedom through Jesus in a very creative and effective way.

—GLORIA, TEEN CHALLENGE PARTICIPANT



MOBILE MINI VISITS

Anderson High School
Northview Preschool
Brickyard Health Care
White River Christian Church
Lutherwood Residential Treatment Center
Joy's House
Magnolia Springs Senior Living
Wellbrooke of Westfield Senior Living
Riverside Intermediate School
LifeStream Services, Inc.
(Virtual Mini Horse Program)

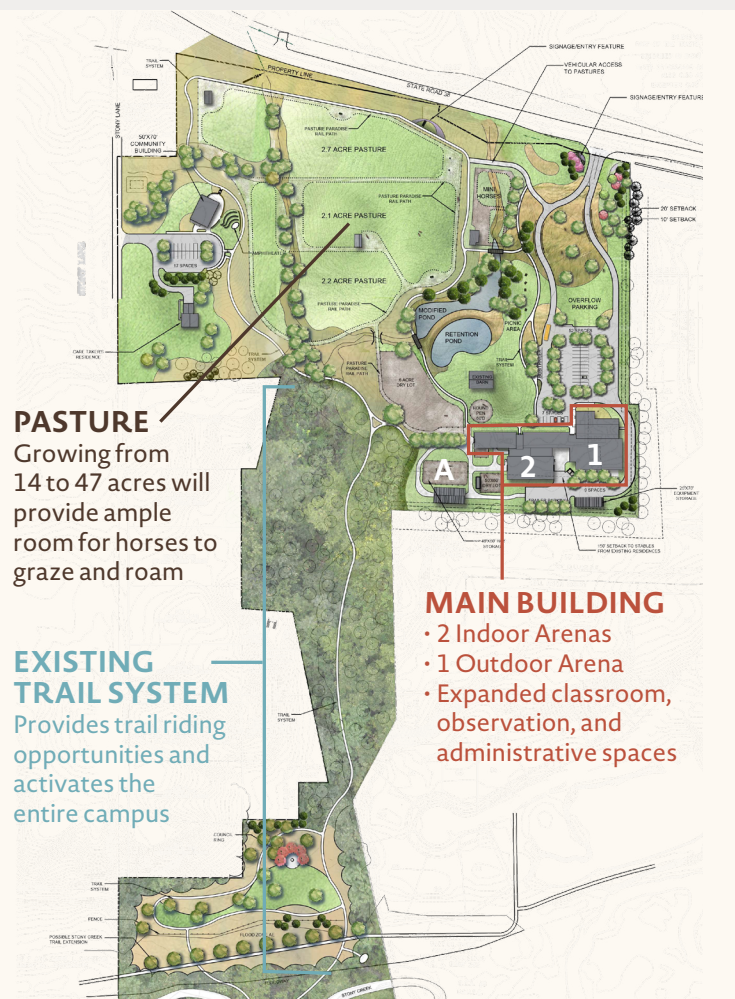
EQUINE-ASSISTED LEARNING PARTNERS SERVED IN 2022:

The Anderson Center -
St. Vincent Regional Hospital
Arc of Hancock County
Ascension St. Vincent
Pediatric Therapies
Ascent 121:
Trauma Recovery Services
Bridges of Hope Treatment Center
Brookes Place for Grieving
Young People
Dayspring Center
Department of Veterans Affairs
Down Syndrome of Indiana
Easterseals Crossroads
Elwood Community School
Corporation
Gigi's Playhouse: Down Syndrome
Achievement Center
Grit into Grace Inc.
Hamilton Heights School
Corporation
Hamilton/Madison/Boone
Special Services & Mosaics
Indiana School for the
Blind & Visually Impaired
Indiana School for the Deaf
Lawrence Central High School
Noble of Indiana
Pathway to Recovery -
Substance Free Supportive Housing
Prevail Inc.
The Refuge - Central Indiana
Teen Challenge
Rush County Schools
Sheridan Community Schools
Trinity Haven Indy
Wheeler Mission

BRINGING TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE TO CENTRAL INDIANA



2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
FALL 2019 Board approved expansion	SUMMER 2021 Preliminary designs approved	SUMMER 2022 Capital campaign launched		WINTER 2023 Secure all leadership gifts	SPRING 2024 Construction begins	FALL 2025 Move into new center

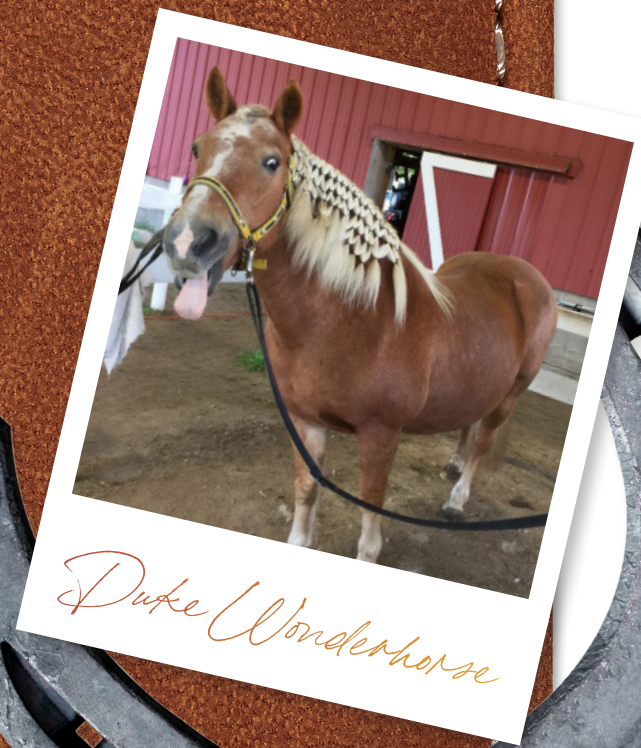


Agape’s bigger dreams kicked off in 2022 with the launch of our “Beyond the Barn” capital campaign and we’ve found the perfect location for our next chapter: **Stonycreek Farm in Noblesville**. Stonycreek presents an opportunity for Agape to preserve a beloved agricultural area while also expanding our capabilities to better serve the community. But we need your help—transforming this land to maximize its potential will take a **community-wide lift of \$16 million**. This investment will fuel expanded operations, increasing the number of individuals Agape serves each year with the potential to eventually triple our current numbers.

With your help, we are confident we can help more people see beyond the barn—help more people experience unbridled hope and unlock their potential.

CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$16,000,000
TOTAL PLEDGED & COMMITTED IN 2022: \$3,500,000

Two of a Kind BEAU & DUKE WONDERHORSE



Imagine this: It’s early morning at Agape East. The sun has risen and it’s shining brightly over the fields. Campers will be arriving in a few hours for a boisterous day of summer camp, but right now the only activity is horses eager to eat breakfast. No one is more eager than Beau and Duke Wonderhorse. They both crowd around their gate, Beau nickering and tossing his head while Duke rolls back his upper lip in his signature smile. They are excited about breakfast, but they enjoy the company of their people almost as much. Once breakfast is done, they will gladly come up to the grooming area to get ready for camp. They will then greet camper after camper with the same goofy smile or little head shake before settling into their routine with the kids.

That snapshot really does sum up the two blonde boys, as they were sometimes called. Beau and Duke Wonderhorse served as therapeutic riding horses for a combined total of 16 years—8 years each! They started their service in 2014 with Edelweiss. Even back then, they would sometimes spend winters with Agape because Edelweiss didn’t offer classes in the winter. When Edelweiss became Agape East in 2017, Beau and Duke Wonderhorse came right along for the ride. And what a glorious ride it’s been! Duke truly was a Wonderhorse in classes—he was the horse instructors could depend on to carry riders with the highest needs, or who were working to overcome anxiety or fear. He was patient with them, would help them find balance, and even move under them to help them stay in the saddle. Beau always made the smallest riders beam with pride and confidence as they completed tasks that may have been too challenging on bigger horses. He was steady, knew his job, and helped multiple children reach independence.

Beau and Duke Wonderhorse, thank you for many years of service! We hope you enjoy retirement together for many years to come.



THANK YOU FOR DONATING IN 2022!

Thank you to all of our 2022 supporters. Last year was an amazing year at Agape because you chose to partner with us in bringing people and horses together to impact people’s lives, contribute to our community, and cultivate unbridled hope.

Thank you!



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2022 EVENT AND IN-KIND SPONSORS:

- Bowen Engineering
- Caesars Entertainment
- The Capital Group Companies Charitable Foundation
- Capitol Construction Services, Inc.
- Care for Kids Foundation
- Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF)
- Chance & Kyer Benbow
- Chick-fil-A Noblesville
- Community Foundation of Hancock County
- Conner Insurance
- Cowpokes Work & Western Wear
- Crosser Family Foundation
- Duke Realty
- E.A. and Frances Reichart Charitable Foundation
- The Grove Family
- Hamilton County Community Foundation
- Indiana Air Search & Rescue
- Indiana Orthopaedic Hospital Foundation, a fund of CICF
- Invesque
- J.E. Fehsenfeld Family Foundation
- Janssen Veterinary Clinic
- JP Morgan Chase Foundation
- Kenny Irwin Jr. Foundation, Inc.
- Lilly Endowment, Inc.
- Matjack
- Meyer-Najem Corporation
- National Christian Foundation
- Nicholas H. Noyes Jr. Memorial Foundation
- NineStar Connect
- Seabury Foundation
- The Schulstad Family Foundation
- Site Architecture
- Stonecrest/ Raymond James
- Sundae’s Ice Cream
- Sweet Family Foundation, Inc.
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- White Family Foundation

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A Look Back AT 2022



HOOFIN' IT
for hope
16 TEAMS
344 DONORS
\$38,064 RAISED



PAR
FOR THE HORSE
124 GOLFERS
17 SPONSORS
\$67,422 RAISED



**49 RIDERS
69 VOLUNTEERS
17 STAFF MEMBERS
12 HORSES
4 SPONSORS**



B&B 2022 **BOOTS & BOWTIES**
AN EVENING WITH AGAPE
366 GUESTS
9 SPONSORS
\$188,805 RAISED



**CHRISTMAS
AT THE BARN**





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