

A close-up, high-resolution photograph of a horse's eye. The eye is dark and glossy, reflecting a bright, outdoor scene with trees and a sky. The surrounding fur is a rich, warm brown color. The lighting is soft and directional, highlighting the texture of the horse's coat and the detail of its eye.

*Reflection
& Renewal*

 MAGAPE

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

OUR VISION

Agape is creating a haven for **unbridled hope** that promotes **life-changing transformation** through unconditional love and the wonderment of horses.



OUR MISSION

Agape cultivates **physical, emotional, and cognitive growth** for individuals in Central Indiana through unique and **therapeutic experiences with horses**.

Reflection & Renewal

VOLUNTEER IMPACT



1,049

Volunteers across central Indiana



5

Work groups



9,203.5

Hours given by volunteers for the year



\$308,225

Equivalent value donated by volunteers

A MESSAGE FROM AGAPE'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM

As we look back on 2024, what rises to the surface is a sense of deep gratitude—for the lives impacted, the community strengthened, and the path forged toward an even brighter future.

This past year brought with it important moments of reflection and renewal. Like any organization with a growing mission, Agape experienced natural transitions that came with changes, challenges, and opportunity. Through it all, what remained steady was our unwavering commitment to the individuals and families we serve, and the exceptional, life-changing opportunities our equine-assisted programs provide.

With the support of a dedicated community, Agape stayed true to its mission during a season of renewal—welcoming new team members, maintaining a strong and healthy herd, and advancing our capital campaign to bring Stonycreek Farm to life. Above all, we remained committed to cultivating physical, emotional, and cognitive growth for individuals in Central Indiana through unique, therapeutic experiences with horses. **In 2024, more than 1,440 participants took part in over 7,460 equine-assisted experiences.** These numbers represent far more than sessions—they reflect moments of transformation, courage, and connection made possible by the collective efforts of our staff, volunteers, donors, and partners.

The heart of Agape has always been its people—and this year was no exception. The generosity of those who give their time, talents, and resources continues to be the engine that moves our mission forward. Whether you supported us through a fundraising event, a monthly gift, or by showing up to volunteer, your belief in Agape's impact has never meant more.

Agape is more than a barn. It is a place of discovery, belonging, and unbridled hope. As we celebrate the milestones of 2024, we do so with a strong sense of momentum—and with anticipation for all that lies ahead.

Thank you for standing with us, embracing change with us, and continuing to believe in the transformative experiences that happen here every day.

With appreciation,

Agape Board of Directors

In partnership with the **Executive Leadership Team**

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Senior Operations Director

Tricia Hudson
Director of Finance

Kimberly Watts
Director of Fundraising & Marketing

Amanda's STORY

Diagnosed with Autism and speech apraxia at three years old, Amanda's early years were filled with various therapies—speech, developmental, occupational, and physical. While these therapies helped her tremendously, **it wasn't until we found Agape that we saw a whole new side of Amanda bloom.**

Our Agape story began during a visit to the Stonycreek Farm Pumpkin Festival in 2014. Among the many activities, there was a pony ride. At that time, Amanda was still working on her speech and spoke very little, so we weren't sure what to expect. **But the moment Amanda got on a pony, her face lit up in a way we hadn't seen before.** That moment sparked an idea: maybe Amanda would benefit from horseback riding.

An internet search led us to Agape, and from the very first visit, it was clear this was a perfect fit for Amanda. Amanda began riding at the Cicero location in 2016, and she hasn't looked back since.

Agape has given Amanda so much more than therapy; it has given her a passion ... [and] a sense of purpose.

Riding at Agape has been transformational for Amanda. In the early days, she amazed us by memorizing the names of all the horses and even the mini horses. Through her riding sessions, Amanda began achieving goals we never thought possible. She improved her speech, learned to follow instructions, and developed adaptability—skills that were challenging for her to master but were made easier with the help of a horse.

Agape has given Amanda so much more than therapy; it has given her a passion. She has expressed a desire to work with animals for a potential career, and we're now exploring jobs that align with this passion. It's incredible to see how Agape has not only nurtured Amanda's skills but also given her a sense of purpose.

Watching her ride and grow in confidence over the years has been one of the greatest joys of our lives. **Agape is more than a therapeutic riding center; it's a place where Amanda feels empowered, valued, and inspired.**

—MELISSA, RIDER PARENT



Joe's STORY

For over 25 years, Joe Sullivan has been a cornerstone of Agape's community. **At 88 years young, Joe's story is one of unwavering dedication, compassion, and the incredible power of giving back.** Though Joe recently decided to retire from his volunteer role, his legacy will forever inspire those who walk through Agape's doors.

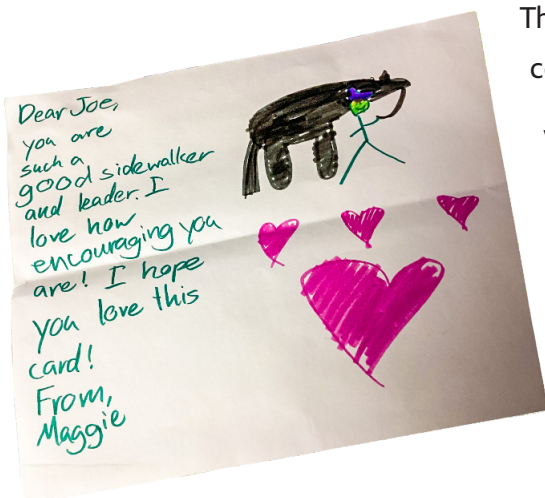
Joe's journey with Agape began in 1998, thanks to his late wife, Shirley, who introduced him to Agape's mission. Shirley, after raising their four children, worked part-time at a dentist's office in Cicero. There, she met Cheryl Miller, Agape's Founder, who shared stories about Agape and its life-changing work during her regular dental check-ups. **Moved by the stories that Cheryl told, Shirley decided to encourage Joe to get involved.**

Joe had spent many years working in the feed and grain business, but Shirley's passion for Agape's mission sparked something in him that motivated him to seek out ways to help. He started as a sales manager for Agape but quickly realized that his heart belonged with the riders. It didn't take long for Joe to roll up his sleeves and become one of Agape's most devoted volunteers.

For Joe, the riders were the heart of his experience. One of his favorite memories is the moment he received a gift from an 8-year-old rider who gave him a drawing featuring a horse and Joe himself as the horse handler.

That picture now hangs proudly in Joe's home as a symbol of the joy and connection he has experienced at Agape.

When asked what he would tell others to inspire them to volunteer at Agape, Joe said: "Come to Mane Event or any other events Agape hosts. You really get a chance to see the riders and the success they get from the horses." Though Joe has officially "hung up his cowboy hat" as a volunteer, he will remain a cherished member of the Agape family.





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



Communication



Confidence



Following Directions



Independence



9%

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



100%

of all program costs are underwritten by fundraising

FINANCIAL PROFILES

2024

REVENUE \$1,736,551

Programs \$288,309

Grants \$308,204

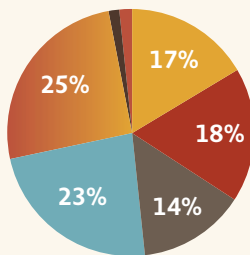
Events \$244,893

Donations \$406,005

Capital Campaign \$440,446

Endowment \$21,112

Other \$27,582



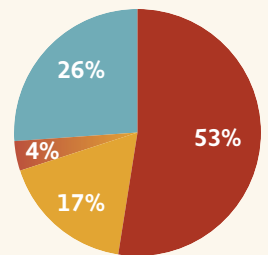
EXPENSES \$1,324,986

Program \$698,188

Fundraising \$230,852

Capital Campaign \$50,787

M & G \$345,160



ORGANIZATION HIGHLIGHTS & PROGRAMMING NUMBERS

TOTAL UNDUPLICATED SERVED IN 2024

Therapeutic Riding Participants:	102
Equine-Assisted Learning Participants:	182
Mental Health Participants:	31
One-Time Experiences at the Barn Participants:	201
Mobile Visit Participants:	730
Ascension St. Vincent Hippotherapy Patients:	96

Total Individuals Served in 2024:Over 1,279 Individuals Impacted

NUMBER OF LESSONS BY PROGRAM

Therapeutic Riding Lessons:	2,528
Equine-Assisted Learning Lessons:	1,430
Mental Health Lessons:	227
One-Time Lessons at the Barn:	201
Ascension St. Vincent Hippotherapy Appointments:	960

Total # of lessons and appointments provided in 2024: 5,346

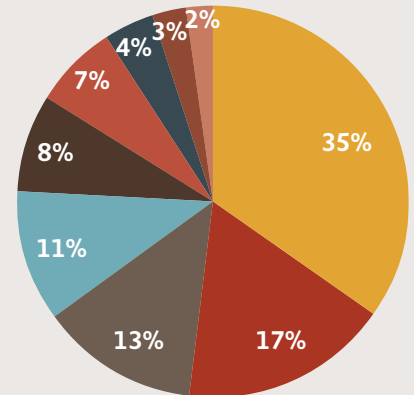
NUMBER OF VISITS/CLASSES BY PROGRAM

Therapeutic Riding Classes:	632
Equine-Assisted Learning/Mental Health Classes:	189
One-Time Experiences Visits at the Barn:	12
Mobile Visits:	19
Ascension St. Vincent Hippotherapy Weekly Sessions:	40

Total # of visits and classes provided in 2024: 892

DEMOGRAPHICS

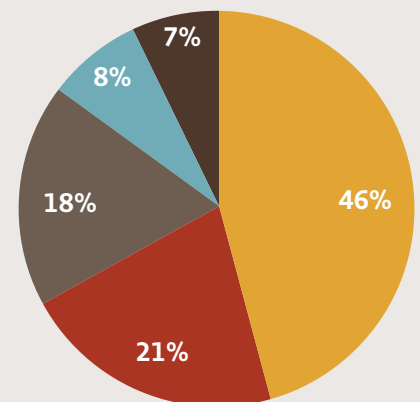
Different special needs diagnoses served in 2024



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

COUNTIES SERVED

Counties represented among participants in 2024



- Hamilton County
- Hancock County
- Other surrounding counties
- Marion County
- Madison County

A Look Back

AT 2024



PAR
FOR THE
HORSE

124 GOLFERS
19 SPONSORS

\$68,792 RAISED



THE
MANE
EVENT
CELEBRATING **AGAPE**

25 RIDERS • 31 VOLUNTEERS
11 HORSES • 3 SPONSORS



BOOTS & BOWTIES
AN EVENING WITH AGAPE

229 GUESTS
30 SPONSORS

\$150,013 RAISED

Special thanks

TO OUR 2024 EVENT AND IN-KIND SPONSORS:

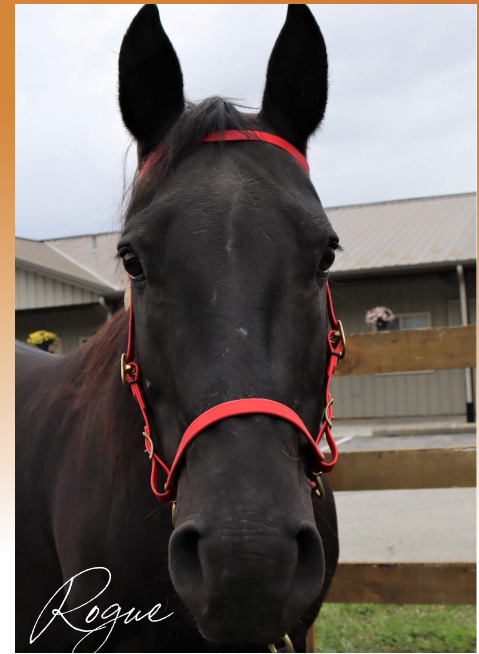
AGM Auto	Lilly Endowment, Inc.
Assessments 24x7	LJI Wealth Management
Boar's Head	MatJack
Bradford Consulting Group	Meyer-Najem Corporation
Bradway Properties	Morse Golf Academy
CarDon & Associates	Nexsyis
Care for Kids Foundation	Ninestar Connect
Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF)	Noah's Animal Hospital
Community Foundation of Hancock County	Open Gate
Conner Insurance	Parlor Doughnuts
Cooper's Hawk Winery	Peyton Manning Children's Hospital Rehabilitation
Cosgrove Partners	Piel Farm
Cowpokes Work & Western Wear	Proactive Clinical Partners
Don Hinds Ford	Quality Ingredients Cooking
EA & Frances Reichart Foundation	Ripple Bug Studios
Eye 4 Group	Shepherd Insurance
GBC Bank	Site Architecture
Glick Philanthropy	Sundae's Homemade Ice Cream
Hagerman Group	Susan Schaub
Hamilton County Community Foundation	Tactive
Harrah's Hoosier Park	Taylor's Bakery
Heartland Church	Tesco Solutions
Indiana Air Search & Rescue	The Capital Group Companies Charitable Foundation
Intersection	The Hoosier Company
Janssen Veterinary Clinic	Veridus Group
Leo's	Wells Fargo
	White Family Foundation

EQUINE-ASSISTED LEARNING PARTNERS SERVED IN 2024:

Ascension St. Vincent Pediatric Therapies
Options Charter School
Ascent 121: Trauma Recovery Services
Noblesville Schools
The Anderson Center - St. Vincent Regional Hospital
Sheridan Community Schools
West Street Christian Church - Tipton Boys & Girls Club
Department of Veterans Affairs
Brookes Place for Grieving Young People
Westfield Middle School
Teen Challenge
Elwood Schools
Coburn Place
Noblesville Youth Assistance Program
Easterseals Crossroads
Rush County Schools
Lawrence Central High School
Grit into Grace Inc.
Arc of Hancock County
Boys and Girls Club of Hancock County
Eastern Hancock High School
Greenfield Central Schools

MOBILE MINI VISITS

Eastern Hancock High School
Shepherd Community Center
Easterseals Crossroads
Boys and Girls Club
Joy's House
Mephibosheth Ministries
Vernon Township Public Library
Hamilton Southeastern High School
Same As U
Carriage House



Healers, Teachers, Friends

A Tribute to Our 2024 Retirees and a Beloved Friend

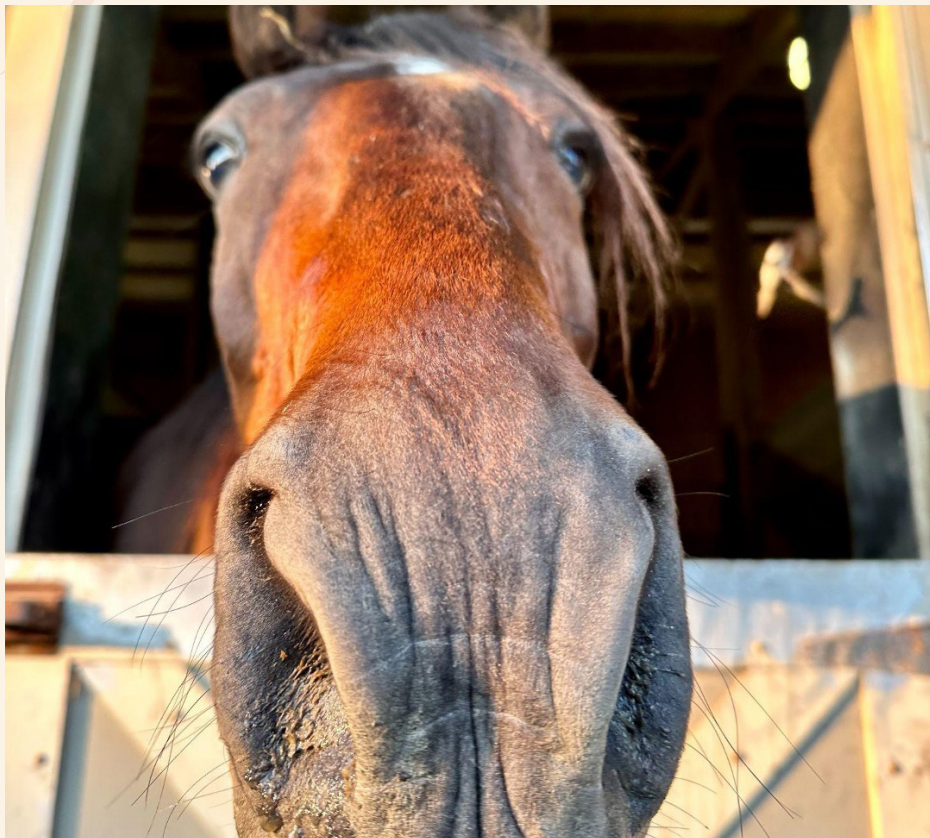
At Agape Therapeutic Riding Resources, our horses are more than partners—they are healers, teachers, and friends. They meet each participant with patience and strength, helping carry the weight of challenge, and offering steady reassurance with each step. This year, we honored the retirement of three incredible horses—Porschea, Beauty, and Rogue—and said a final, heartfelt goodbye to our cherished Captain.

Saying goodbye to horses who have given so much is never easy. Porschea, Beauty, and Rogue each played a meaningful role in our programs, impacting countless lives during their years of service. Their retirement is a moment to pause and reflect on the many ways they helped cultivate unbridled hope—step by step, ride by ride. Their contributions will remain a lasting part of our story.

And then there is Captain—a horse whose quiet presence and gentle spirit touched so many. Captain crossed the rainbow bridge in 2024, and his absence is deeply felt. We are grateful for the years we shared with him and for the joy, strength, and comfort he brought to our community. His legacy lives on in the memories and milestones made possible by his time with us.

These horses gave selflessly and helped shape the heart of Agape, and we honor and remember them with deep gratitude. Their impact continues to ripple outward through every life they touched and every moment of healing they made possible.

Thank you, Porschea, Beauty, Rogue, and Captain. You will always be a part of the Agape herd—and always in our hearts.



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