



# 2022 IMPACT REPORT

Dear Friends of Agape Ranch,

In 2022, you chose to step into this arena of standing in the gap for the vulnerable, foster, and adoption-ready children. Children who cannot speak up or advocate for themselves. You have chosen to stand in the gap and do it with them. I call our space of work an arena because what we get to do together, is not an easy space to choose.

It's an arena where being a spectator would be a whole lot easier. If only someone would do something about children living through the mental health challenges due to the trauma of abuse. If only someone would care for the baby born into a generational cycle of poverty and/or abuse. If only someone would mentor a teenager who believes that she is not valuable due to her history of being assaulted. If only... But for you, 2022 was a year that you chose to learn more, engage in the arena, and stand in the gap.

With you, the reach of Agape Ranch has grown beyond what we could have ever imagined. Serving vulnerable children in foster care is more than a housing crisis. In 2022 you marched forward, strengthening our programs so that children would know that they are loved and valued. Respite providers and volunteers increased to serve children and families through more Foster Parent Night Out events, respite care opportunities, and general support. We launched new programs like Foster Family Days to strengthen the bonds between foster parents and their children to create strong attachments between children and their caregivers. The Church responded as we piloted our Agape Acts program to bring real, tangible support to the every day lives of our children and families. You said, "Yes" to connections and not pushing away when the challenges arise. You said, "Yes" to giving of your talents to do the hard and show every child that is impacted by Agape Ranch unconditional love and his or her value.

Thank you for serving in this arena with us. We understand every opportunity to serve God's children allows us to reflect His love. Please take a moment now to pray for God's guidance and blessing for Agape Ranch. May He continue to use our simple, powerful vision to inspire His people and to reveal His true heart to the world for His children.

For His glory, His Kingdom, and His children,



Susan Klaus  
Founder & Executive Director



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# MISSION STATEMENT

Many children in foster care feel unlovable because of the abuse they've suffered all their lives. Agape Ranch breaks that cycle by providing compassionate care, connections within the community, and now by creating a neighborhood to give them a place to call home with families that provide unconditional love.

## MEET THE 2023 TEAM



**Susan Klaus**  
Executive Director & Founder



**Melissa Faux**  
Director of Operations



**Tad Gilstrap**  
Program Manager



**Jonathan Stubbs**  
Operations Manager



**Jessica Blakeslee**  
Program Coordinator



**Rose Ruiz**  
Program Coordinator II



**Shannon Murphy**  
Community Coordinator



**Jorden Tramp**  
Donor Relations & Event Coordinator

## 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# CHURCH PARTNERS

The success of our programs and services in 2022 would not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of our church partners engaging in the mission of Agape Ranch, each responding to God's call to care for vulnerable children.

## 2022 Church Partners

Asbury UMC

City Church

Community of Faith

Corpus Christi Christian Fellowship

Kelsey Memorial UMC

Oso Creek Church

First Baptist Church Portland

First UMC Portland

GracePoint Church

New Life at the Cross

New Life Church

River Hills Baptist Church

Rock City Church

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Yorktown Baptist Church



VOLUNTEER AS  
A CHURCH BODY



BECOME A  
CAREPORTAL CHURCH



HOST AN  
AWARENESS EVENT



SUPPORT AS  
A LOCAL MISSION



SPONSOR AN  
EVENT





# PROGRAMS



# AREAS OF IMPACT

## Prevention

CarePortal

## Foster Care

Agape Acts  
Children without Placement  
Christmas Store  
Foster Family Day  
Foster Family Retreat  
Foster Parent Night Out  
Respite Care

## Adoption

Agape Connection  
Trust Based Relational Intervention Training

## Aging-out Youth

Advocacy  
Thrive Youth Coaching

# CAREPORTAL



**\$61K+**

ECONOMIC IMPACT



**248**

CHILDREN SERVED



**97**

REQUESTS MET



**24**

BEDS BUILT



As the Implementing Partner of CarePortal in the Coastal Bend, Agape Ranch connects children in need to people who want to help. This gives child welfare professionals the opportunity to share real needs in real-time.



Each request represents a child in crisis potentially facing foster care due to poverty, not abuse or neglect, and assists in preventing children from entering into Foster Care unnecessarily. Also, it may be to meet the request of a biological family getting ready for reunification.



# AGAPE ACTS

Agape Acts is a supportive care network for foster parents. It exists to empower church communities to tenderly care for the foster families that are within their midst. However, with sound supportive care, we aim to mitigate this turnover while revitalizing our foster parents, thus allowing for a stronger, healthier family unit.

We support foster families through Agape Acts Teams that provide services such as meals, mowing lawns, prayer, and babysitting.

**This care is imperative, for unfortunately, the turnover rate for foster parents in the United States is as high as 30-50%.**

## CHILDREN WITHOUT PLACEMENT



**549**  
MEALS PROVIDED

Due to a lack of available homes in the Coastal Bend, there are times when children and youth come into care and there is not a home available for them. In cooperation with the Department of Family Protective Services (DFPS), Agape Ranch has made targeted efforts to reach this specific group of children to let them know they are loved and valued.

# CHRISTMAS STORE



The annual Agape Ranch Christmas Store blesses at-risk families in the Coastal Bend with gifts for the holidays. Often, families that are caring for vulnerable children have large sibling groups in their care. To help fight the challenges of providing beyond basic needs, we offer the Christmas Store.



**21** GIFT PARTNERS

**106** VOLUNTEERS

**940** CHILDREN SERVED



## 2022 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Adamson & Co  
Ashley Cocke  
Church Unlimited  
City Church  
Coastal Bend Pregnancy Center  
Contender CrossFit Padre Island  
Corpus Christi Christian Fellowship  
Corpus Christi Financial Group  
CrossFit Kohen

Crossbridge Fellowship Church  
DFPS Kinship Care  
Elim Assembly of God  
First United Methodist Portland  
Gibson Elementary  
Higginbotham  
Hollon Safe  
IACC  
Kaffie Middle School

MC Least of Saints  
Oso Creek Church  
Padre Island Baptist Church  
STCH Ministries  
Trinity Baptist Church  
Turning Point Family Church  
Yorktown Baptist Church  
100 Women of the CB



# FOSTER PARENT NIGHT OUT

## Foster Parent Night Out

Foster Parent Night Out allows foster parents to enjoy a well-deserved child-free evening at no cost to them. This event welcomes foster parents to register their foster children, adopted children, and biological children.

## 2022 Host Churches

- Oso Creek Church (March)
- First United Methodist Portland (June)
- Emmanuel Baptist Church of Alice (June)
- New Life Church - South Campus (July)
- New Life Church - South Campus (October)
- Asbury United Methodist Church (December)



**52** FAMILIES SUPPORTED

**182** CHILDREN SERVED

**365** VOLUNTEER HOURS



# FOSTER FAMILY DAY & RETREAT



19

CHILDREN  
SERVED

"We left the weekend feeling so blessed to be part of the Agape Ranch family."

-Wilson family

During the hot summer months, we treated foster families to a day out at the movies! Families gathered to enjoy a cool activity with all-you-can-eat popcorn. For some children, it was their first movie theater experience!



36

FAMILIES  
SERVED

New in 2022, the Foster Family Retreat is an opportunity for foster families to connect at a deeper level with both their foster children and biological and/or adoptive children.

The demands placed on foster parents are great. Dedicating a time away as a family and gathering in a distraction-free environment allows the time and space needed for all to recharge and create lasting memories.

# RESPITE CARE



**2,082**  
HOURS SERVED



**62**  
CHILDREN SERVED



**28**  
FAMILIES SUPPORTED



**32**  
ACTIVE PROVIDERS

Agape Ranch works with the Department of Family and Protective Services and local Child Placing Agencies (CPAs) to license individuals to become certified childcare providers, known as Respite Care Providers.

Foster parents face unique challenges due to the challenges that arise when caring for children coming from a place of trauma. In order to avoid burnout, their sacrificial lifestyle must be balanced with support

"For months, I've felt alone, unsupported, incapable, and in general, not enough.

I am absolutely overwhelmed by the support and kindness I have been shown."

-Darra, Foster Mom



# AGAPE CONNECTION



## Agape Connection

Agape Connection is an annual festival in May for Texas foster children, who are eligible for adoption. Adoptive parent prospects, who have completed an adoptive home study, attend this stress-free environment that allows children and families the opportunity to play, connect, and interact with the goal of forming forever families. Participants engage in a variety of activities that include crafts, sports, bounce houses, photo booth, bookstore, and lunch.

**63** CHILDREN  
SERVED

**36** FAMILIES  
SERVED



# TRUST-BASED RELATIONAL INTERVENTION (TBRI)

Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) training is a practical therapeutic model that trains caregivers to provide effective support and treatment for at-risk children. Agape Ranch conducted this valuable training for foster parents, child advocate professionals and volunteers, and caseworkers.

The TBRI method, developed by Dr. Karyn Purvis and Dr. Davis Cross, is an attachment-based, trauma-informed intervention that is designed to meet the complex needs of vulnerable children.

7

PARTICIPANTS  
TRAINED

84

TRAINING  
HOURS  
COMPLETED



# THRIVE COACHING

The Thrive Program works directly with youth ages 16-23 that have or will age out of the foster care system and connects them to coaches and organizations to help them succeed as they enter into adulthood. While many events are scheduled throughout the year, below you can learn more about our graduation celebration and Christmas event.



**85** YOUTH SERVED

Agape Ranch celebrated six bright individuals in the foster care system that graduated from High School in May 2022. Four graduates were in attendance during the graduation ceremony held at the Agape Ranch office.

Agape Ranch hosted a Christmas party for aged-out foster children and coaches in December. A total of 31 youth gathered to play games, gather in community, and celebrate the joy-filled time of year together. We also hosted a March Madness networking event and a summer fun at Hurricane Alley.



**90% of youth aging out of foster care will end up**



HOMELESS



TRAFFICKED



IN PROSTITUTION



INCARCERATED



DEAD

**within 3 years.\***

\*According to the Department of Family and Protective Services.



# EVENTS





# LEAVE A LEGACY 5K/10K

FEBRUARY 12, 2022

Leave a Legacy 5K/10K raises awareness and funds for foster, adoption ready, aged-out, and vulnerable children, youth, and families in the Coastal Bend.



**\$24K+**  
FUNDS RAISED



**283**  
RACE PARTICIPANTS



## 2022 SPONSORS

### Legacy Sponsor

Everest Water

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### Ranch Sponsors

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First Baptist Church Portland

Fleet Feet

KCTA 1030 AM Radio

Postal Annex

Todd Hunter Law

Yorktown Christian Academy

# NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

MAY 2022

National Foster Care Month is a time to recognize that we can each play a part in enhancing the lives of children and youth in foster care.

**\$**  
**\$94K+**  
FUNDS RAISED

**💡**  
**200K+**  
EDUCATED

**🕒**  
**249**  
HOURS SERVED





# LADIES LEGACY BRUNCH

MAY 2022



The inaugural Ladies Legacy Brunch welcomed 100 ladies from around South Texas to learn about the mission of Agape Ranch.

Thank you to our Sponsors



# THE LEGACY GALA

SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

Presenting Sponsor



**\$125K**  
FUNDS RAISED

Social Hour Sponsor



Valet Sponsor



Floral Sponsor



Hope Sponsor



Agape Sponsors



Table Sponsors

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| Hose of South Texas       | Jamin & Rebecca Welch           |
| Mrs. Vicki Loeffler & Dr. | Bill & Bailey Wilson            |
| Rodney Johnson            | Yorktown Baptist Church         |
| Nash Pressure Washing     |                                 |



Thanks to the generous support of Gala sponsors, Gala attendees, and the community, \$125,000 was raised in support of the mission of Agape Ranch during 2022 Legacy Gala: A Starry Evening. The continued development and The Ranch as well as the existing programs and services offered to support foster children and the families that serve them is critical in our community.

Thank you to all of those that provided financial support, volunteered, and prayed for the success of the event.



# NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

NOVEMBER 2022



  
**1.6 Million+**  
EDUCATED

Stand Sunday provided seven churches with videos, information, and engagement ideas to support vulnerable children and youth in our community. On that day, all across Corpus Christi, churches learned about the needs of vulnerable children and opportunities to serve via Agape Ranch.

A total of 125 volunteers wore custom Agape Ranch T-Shirts. These advocates received inquiries regarding how to serve, give, and become a licensed foster parent.



'Stand Sunday' Taking a Stand Sunday for children in foster care.

Kiii  
November 13, 2022



Agape Ranch raises awareness for National Adoption Month

KRIS6  
November 23, 2022





# THE RANCH

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## UPDATES



- First House 90% complete.
- Water/sewer access from City of Corpus Christi and Planned Unit Development expected by Summer 2023.
- In 2023, begin construction on Phase 1 of the Ranch, including 10 homes, Community Center and Multi-Purpose Building.



Master Site Plan Provided by CLK Architects

# 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

## **INCOME**

Fundraisers - \$266,142  
General Support - \$122,614  
Program Support - \$13,949  
Grants - \$416,679  
Interest - \$22,145  
Other Types of Income - \$54,718  
Total - \$896,247

## **EXPENDITURE**

Programs - \$96,428  
Operations- \$25,500  
Fundraiser - \$65,668  
Payroll Expenses & Taxes - \$128,550  
Total - \$316,146

## **ASSETS**

Land, Development, and House - \$378,890



# CALL TO ACTION

## **PRAY**

As we look forward to 2023, will you join us in prayer? We are seeking wisdom in continuing to innovate our programs to best meet the needs of the foster children, youth, and families.

## **DONATE**

You can support the work that Agape Ranch is doing to serve foster and adoptive children, youth, and families. [www.agaperanch.org/donate](http://www.agaperanch.org/donate).

## **BECOME A LEGACY MAKER**

Your monthly commitment allows us to be able to plan more effectively and efficiently for Agape's programs, The Ranch, and events.

[www.agaperanch.org/legacymaker](http://www.agaperanch.org/legacymaker)

## **VOLUNTEER**

There are many ways you can get involved to make an impact. Volunteer for several hours at one of our events, be an ongoing support for foster families by becoming a part of Agape Acts or Respite Care programs, purchase a Christmas gift, provide a meal for a foster family, or become an adoptive or foster family. [www.agaperanch.org/volunteer](http://www.agaperanch.org/volunteer)

## **BECOME A FOSTER OR ADOPTIVE PARENT**

Agape Ranch partners with six Child Placing Agencies in the Coastal Bend.

Should you be interested in opening your home as a foster or adoptive parent, please contact us at [admin@agaperanch.org](mailto:admin@agaperanch.org).



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## **DESIGNATED FUNDS**

The Ranch Development and House - \$628,452

## **UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

\$1,745,072