

# CAMP AGAPE HAPPENINGS

— healing little hearts —  
SPRING 2022



## CELEBRATING OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Camp Agape is a safe place that provides a fun and supportive atmosphere while fostering faith, healing, and hope for children, teens, and families through their grief journey.



Camp Agape Bereavement Camp for Children was conceived in 1994 to create a healing place for hurting hearts but it was not until 1999 that camp was established. Based on a “Walk To Emmaus” spiritual retreat weekend the name “Camp Agape” was born— inspired by an arched rainbow, over connecting figures of children, and the number twelve. In May of 2000, the IRS recognized our program as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and in 2002 we held our first camp

program with just six children in attendance. It was held at the Buckner Boys’ Ranch Orphanage in Burnet, TX. This year marks over a thousand children served since the inaugural camp in 2000. Thank you to those who have contributed to the Camp Agape ministry so far. We couldn’t have reached these children without you.

### A LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER



As we enter the new year, we are reminded to reflect on all that God has provided for us. This is also the perfect time to acknowledge others who have blessed us! On behalf of Camp Agape, I want to express our sincere gratitude for our volunteers and donors! In Galatians 6:2, it asks us to “carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the Law of Christ.” Through your gifts of time, talents, and treasure we are able to continue our mission to provide support to little hurting hearts and share about God’s love and promises, even in our times of despair!

May God bless you as you have blessed Camp Agape.

Kim Turk  
Camp Agape Founder

JULY 27-30

# 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CAMP AGAPE SUMMER CAMP



2021 was filled with success, healing, memories, and new friends. The wet weather didn't dampen our fun at Summer Camp 2021, the super-soakers helped our runners finish the annual 5K strong, and the retreat over Halloween weekend was a treat!

Camp Agape is the ministry we hope you never need but we are committed to sharing God's light wherever we are called, and we are honored to serve every individual we encounter.

**Camp Agape 2022 will be held June 27-30**, at Camp Capers. Camp Capers, is located in central Texas, seven miles outside of Comfort.

“Camp Agape literally helped save our family.

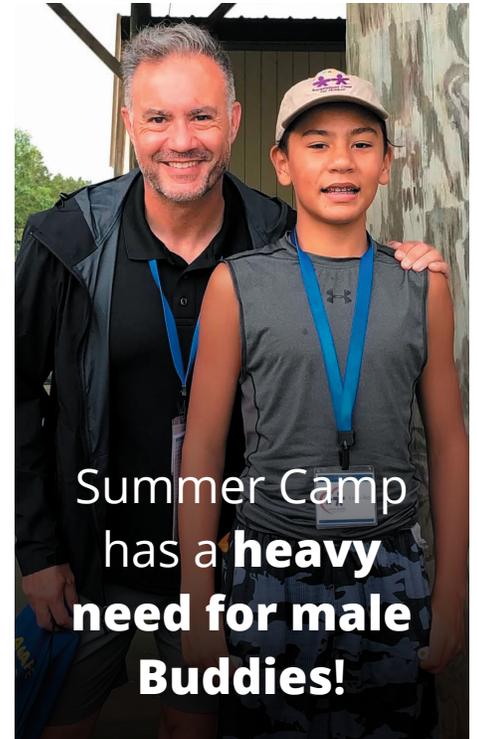
— Danielle Williams Pillans

This is a perfect setting for both children and adults to take time to worship and grow closer to our Lord, all while having fun!



At Summer Camp, expect to play gaga ball, swim, and tell great stories with friends while incorporating art, music, and play, all while helping children through their grief journey.

We want all Camp Agape campers to know that they are not alone in their grief. This four-day, three-night camp is intended for children ages 7-12.



Summer Camp has a **heavy need for male Buddies!**

Men, if you're willing to help our mission of offering grief support to children, consider applying today.

### Other Roles Needed:

Audio Visual, Music, Life Guards, Experienced Female Buddies, Mighty Prayer Warrior Team

Apply: [CampAgapeTexas.org](http://CampAgapeTexas.org)

### VOLUNTEERS: THANK YOU!

We are so grateful to have received an abundance of volunteer applications for Summer Camp 2022. Most of our volunteer positions were filled by the end of February, which is unprecedented. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

# HONORING FOOTPRINTS FOUNDER LARRY TERRELL



From left to right: Roger Gregorio, Shevawn Walzel, Sharon May, Larry Terrell, and Kim Turk

Camp Agape presented a crystal award to acknowledge and show appreciation to Larry Terrell who is the founder of the Footprints Children's Grief Ministry program.

Camp Agape is excited and humbled to continue the **Footprints** program for generations to come.

## **Footprints Workshop**

Thursday Evenings

First United Methodist Church

Round Rock, Texas



The Footprints program leads children and their parents through an eight-week, no-cost workshop that deals with life changes, awareness of feelings, anger management, problem-solving, and lastly, the hope that lies ahead. During the workshops, many children experience true miracles in their school performance and family lives. In addition, Footprints has been providing outstanding services

for children experiencing grief due to a death in the family. We continue to look for children and families in need of our services. And with the assistance of you, schools, churches, and other organizations we are able to reach the many grieving children in Williamson County. If you know of someone, please contact us.

**OCT 28-30**

## **FOURTH ANNUAL FAMILY RETREAT**

Whereas many of our programs are for children, the Family Retreat is for the entire family.

In this weekend getaway, the whole family will find comfort, hope, and healing while making friends with other families who are also grieving a death.

Families learn to communicate and face their grief through games, grief coaching, bonding activities, relaxation, and adult time. The camp's purpose is for each family member to be individually strengthened and supported to move forward together on their grief journey.

Each family leaves the Family Retreat with a Gratitude Jar. The family fills the jar with notes of the many small, unseen, or forgotten blessings that the family receives, and during times of doubt or turmoil, they can pull out reminders of the many things for which they are thankful. If you're crafty and willing to donate time by making gratitude jars for families, please get in touch with [laurie@campagapetexas.org](mailto:laurie@campagapetexas.org).

Register online at [www.CampAgapeTexas.org](http://www.CampAgapeTexas.org)



# SPONSOR OUR MEMORIAL RUN



2021 1st place runner: Joseph Fry

Through sponsorships, we cannot only pay the costs of holding the race but also ensure children and families can attend our programs at no charge!

- Title Sponsor** – \$5000
- Gold Medal Sponsor** – \$1000
- Silver Medal Sponsor** – \$500
- Bronze Medal Sponsor** – \$250
- Pass The Hat Sponsor** – \$125

Contact [Jeanne@campagapetexas.org](mailto:Jeanne@campagapetexas.org) for sponsorship opportunities.



Our 9th annual run will be on August 27, 2022. Every summer since 2014, Camp Agape has held an annual 5K and children's Memorial Run in the heart of Marble Falls, TX, focused around the memory of lost loved ones and their families. We have hundreds attend every year as they bring their kids, dogs, and hearts in a selfless effort to support those affected by a loss.

Money raised through the event allows children to attend summer camp for free. In addition, each pre-registered participant will receive a t-shirt upon check-in.

Don't feel like running? Why not gather a team for our Kickball tournament? We will have local food and shopping vendors throughout the day as well!



## THANK YOU TO THE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BELIEVED IN OUR MISSION

Without you, none of this would be possible.



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