

CAMP AGAPE HAPPENINGS

healing hurting hearts
WINTER 2022



A WEEKEND FOR THE FAMILY



About Family Retreat

Families walk through the grief process together by engaging in side-by-side activities and individual therapeutic opportunities at 2022 Family Retreat. We understand that every situation is different, and we do our best to meet your family where you are in your grieving process. We hope to provide encouragement along with the tools necessary for your family to grieve together.

History of Family Retreat

After 16 years of working with children at Camp Agape, we realized we were missing an essential part of the healing process—that is adults and other family members also experience grief. In 2017, Camp Agape adapted the camp curriculum to apply to the family unit while emphasizing faith, fun, and connection.

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Family Retreat offers:

Professional Speakers & Counselors

Leaders in the field of grief, marriage, and family therapy assist families with their grief.

Activities

Learn therapeutic exercises to take home to help your family through your grief journey.

Childcare

We encourage families to enjoy the outdoors and take time for themselves.

Adult Time

Adult sessions are focused on helping parents process their grief.

Family Time

Family Retreat creates space for families to spend quality time together.

Community

Individuals and families create lifelong friendships.

Footprints



Footprints is a community-wide program serving children and their families experiencing grief and loss.

We provide a safe and caring environment where children can learn to identify and cope with emotions. Most importantly, our goal is for children to complete the program and to understand they are not alone in their grief. They see that others are experiencing the same kind of grief and emotions.

Who can attend?

Children ages 6–10 and 11–15 who are experiencing grief due to the death of a loved one. Footprints provides an environment where grieving children can express their feelings and learn that they are not alone in dealing with the tough circumstances life sometimes brings.

Footprints effectively places children in a peer support group with other children their age who have experienced loss. During the registration process, children are screened to help identify a need for professional assistance beyond what Footprints provides. In these cases, the family is referred to appropriate care.

When and where are Footprints sessions held?

Footprints is typically provided at a local community center, scheduled as needed. The program is one hour a day, once weekly, for eight weeks.

Volunteering

Administrative Volunteers

We will work with individuals to find a position that fits their interests, schedule, and availability.

Workshop Facilitators

Volunteers with a compassionate heart and an interest in helping children heal may be considered for the role of Workshop Facilitators.

Other Opportunities

Footprints has organizational positions open for those looking for an active leadership role.

All volunteers receive orientation and training and must pass a criminal background check.



The history of Footprints

by George Harrivel
Footprints Highland Lakes Director

You can help!

The Footprints Program is supported entirely by donations. I want you to know that your help will make a difference.

Donate

Donations may be made to Camp Agape to support the Footprints Program.

Checks should be made payable to:
Camp Agape
P.O. Box 1484, Marble Falls, TX 78654

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In 2016, I began looking for a grief recovery program to offer to our community through our church.

GriefShare, a church initiative, offered a biblical based program free of any denominational ties. Our church began offering GriefShare to our community in 2017. It proved to be a very good ministry touching the lives of every participant. When my wife passed away in May 2018, I attended GriefShare at another church and through that program I learned to live successfully through my loss.

Many of the participants in GriefShare were parents looking for a similar type of program to help their children. GriefShare did not offer such a program. So I began looking again. At a joint meeting of churches offering GriefShare, the speaker was Kim Turk, the founder of Camp Agape Texas.

Camp Agape started, as the name implies, with a children's camp but has grown to now offer several new programs, including Footprints. As Mrs. Turk was speaking, the Lord God was speaking to me. I found, through His leadership, what I believe to be the great need of every church: offering GriefShare and Camp Agape programs.

In the spring of 2022, I observed a Footprints program offered in Round Rock, Texas. The best way to explain the impact of Footprints is to tell the story of a 14-year-old girl who attended this program.

She had lost an older brother and a baby sister by death within a 12-month period. This young lady was devastated. She was walking death. The mother and father had attended GriefShare twice and acknowledged their daughter's need for help. After driving an hour and 20 minutes from home to the site of Footprints, another 15 minutes was required to convince their daughter to enter the building. The young lady lowered her head, eyes closed, did not respond to anyone, and tears continued to fall. The evening she arrived for the third session, she was outside playing with the other children in her age group.

On the evening of the eighth and last session, the father told me their family discussed the emphasis of each evening's session on the travel home that day. "We are now closer as a family than ever. I was blessed to watch Jesus work a healing ministry in my family's life."

I plan to schedule a Footprints program at least once a year in one of the four cities in the Highland Lakes area—Burnet, Llano, Marble Falls, and Kingsland.

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21st Annual Kid's Summer Camp

July 3rd-6th

COMING SOON



Looking Back

Summer Camp 2022 was filled with success, healing, memories, and new friends. Camp Agape is the ministry we hope you never need but we are committed to sharing God's light wherever we are called. We are honored to serve every individual we encounter.

Join Us This Year!

What if you could help a child navigate the same feelings and emotions of grief in a camp setting?

Volunteer

Are you available to serve July 2nd to the 6th? Join us in the healing of little broken hearts.

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.

Do you know a child who needs Summer Camp?

JULY
3-6

Ages 7 - 12
Four Days, Three Nights
One-to-One Volunteer Ratio
Located at Camp Capers | Comfort, TX

Register

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