

CAMP AGAPE HAPPENINGS

healing hurting hearts



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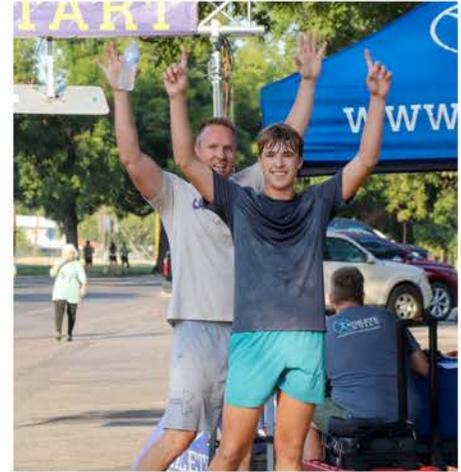


Our 10th Annual Camp Agape Fundraising Run in Marble Falls

Camp Agape's fundraising run in Marble Falls was an incredible event that brought the community together for a worthy cause. On that sunny day, runners of all ages and fitness levels gathered at the picturesque Marble Falls Park, sporting matching T-shirts and determined smiles. Cheers and laughter filled the air as participants embarked on their individual journeys, supported by enthusiastic volunteers and spectators.

The route, winding through scenic trails and along the tranquil lakeshore, provided a breathtaking backdrop for this noble endeavor. As each runner crossed the finish line, a sense of accomplishment and camaraderie permeated the atmosphere, knowing that their collective efforts would contribute to enhancing the lives of children attending Camp Agape. Through this memorable run, the community demonstrated its unwavering commitment to nurturing a supportive and inclusive environment for all.

[10th Annual 5K Run Photos](#)



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I didn't really know what to expect

by
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Camp Agape 2023

When I was first told about this camp, I didn't really know what to expect. I had never really thought of a grief camp before, and I certainly didn't know how this could be done with such young kids. I was told that I would be a Buddy, which is basically an adult volunteer with the camp that is partnered with a young kid who has experienced recent grief.

The first day that I went to go meet my kid, I was a little nervous. I didn't know if we would connect well, and I also didn't know what level of grief he was experiencing. The staff did a good job of giving us some background of our kid well before the camp, but there was still a level of unknown that caused some acute anxiety. Thankfully for me, my camper's family was super grateful that he was getting the opportunity to go through this camp, mainly because it is faith-based and as we know, that makes a tremendous difference in complete and long-term healing.

Activities: The camp blew me away with how they deal with the child's grief in such a gentle, creative, and impactful way. Associating colors with emotions is such a clever thing. If a kid is experiencing sadness and the color of sadness is blue, they can choose blue in an activity to express how they feel about their grief.

Fellowship: While at this camp, you meet so many people that you can tell God orchestrates the matches between Buddy and camper, but not only that you can tell that everyone at the camp serves a purpose. The defining moment for me was seeing Buddies and Campers express their lost loved ones in a circle together during a candlelight service. You realize then how grief can affect so many people regardless of race, social class, occupation, or denomination. It was a surreal moment for me that I believe is so beneficial in the grief process.

Hearing the vision of how this camp got started with a small vision was so surprising to me because when you go through the camp, you feel as if someone just automatically knew how everything should be. I'm not saying the camp is perfect, but you can tell that a lot of prayer, Gods guidance, and called people orchestrated the camp. There is so much more that I could have written or included but it would go on. I plan to volunteer again next year Lord willing.

Camp Agape sets the standards for dealing with grief and specifically with the fragile heart of a child. This is a blessed camp and vision, and I know that the Lord will continue to move in it.

A very special **Thanks**



2023 Kid's Summer Camp Helper, Deaglan, went above and beyond by making 10 dozen outrageous cookies for campers and volunteers. Thank you for sharing your sunshine.

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— Ann, 2022 attendee



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