

# Agape Works!



Quarterly Report on Agape's Two-Generational Programs, June – August 2018



## Agape Means Love.

Everyone deserves love, hope and encouragement. Our faith-based ministry works to lift children and families in need through unconditional love, the very meaning of our agency's name. We are blessed to serve thousands of children and families every year in an effort to keep them safe, smart and successful through community-based services, school-based support, workforce readiness, homeless services, adoption, foster care and counseling.

In partnership with the Tennessee Department of Human Services, Agape and its community partners have expanded services via a two-generation model, wholly serving youth and parents in a poverty-reduction strategy, providing support, permanency, and sustainability in Frayser, Hickory Hill and Whitehaven.

This report provides an overview of the performance of Agape's Two-Generational Approach Pilot Program, in partnership with TDHS, over the past quarter.

## The Impact of ACEs:

An ACE is an adverse childhood experience such as abuse, neglect, or being witness to domestic violence or substance abuse. Nearly half of those we serve have four or more ACEs. Research shows, without intervention, ACEs can be a barrier to success at school, home, work and in the community. Agape aims to support, encourage and heal children and families as they recover from trauma.

## Focus Areas:

Agape measures performance in outcomes in a multitude of areas including:

- Health & Well-Being
- Education (including Early Childhood)
- Economic Supports
- Social Capital

In the past quarter, Agape's Two-Generational Approach Pilot Program delivered services to 743 individuals (1,224 YTD) representing 307 families.

## Poverty Reduction:

This approach aims to reduce poverty for those served by 1% annually for the next 10 years. Through Q2 in year two of Agape's DHS contract, the poverty rate has changed to 98.53% for those in Agape's two-generation programs, indicating that **1.47% of those families are no longer living in poverty.**

## Health & Well-Being Highlights

### Housing & Basic Needs

**Goal:** 30% of families pay their rent on time and are no more than five (5) days late

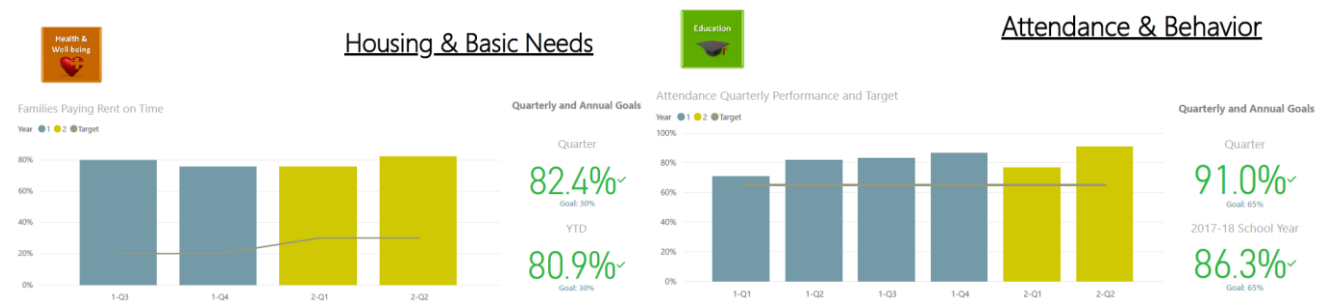
**Actual:** 82.4% of the 42 renting families paid their rent on time this past quarter (80.9% YTD), far exceeding the goal of 30%. Also, 46 families served were able to avoid eviction via Agape's homeless prevention program. One family set a goal of home ownership and will work with Agape staff on this for the next two years.

## Education Highlights

### Attendance & Behavior

**Goal:** 65% of Stars students will attend school at system expected levels (miss < than 10% of school)

**Actual:** 91% of students attended school at expected levels in the past quarter. Youth served by Agape exceeded the quarterly goal of having less than 10% of students experiencing office referrals and suspensions.



## Economic Supports Highlights

### Employment

**Goal:** 20% of adults served will earn a living wage via secured or enhanced employment

**Actual:** 25% of those served by Agape's workforce initiative, TeamWorks, now earn a living wage

### Transportation

MATA and Agape launched a pilot program to alleviate transportation barriers for 60 individuals (20 families) served by Agape to enable them to get to work and school, furthering their efforts to become self-sufficient.

## Social Capital Highlights

### Family Feedback

**Goal:** Hold three Community Cafés with youth and parents to hear what resources families need to succeed.

**Actual:** Visited with hundreds of individuals via four sessions across Hickory Hill, Whitehaven and Frayser.

Agape also added to its team a privately funded Director of Faith Formation/Engagement who has connected with more than 20 local faith communities to provide connection for families if/as they choose to engage.

To find out more about how to help families in Memphis, call 901.323.3600 or visit [www.agapemeanslove.org](http://www.agapemeanslove.org).



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