# 2023 Impact Report





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### A Letter from Our Director

Dear Agape Family,

As we look back on the past year, I'm filled with gratitude for the incredible moments that define our shared journey.

In 2023, the long-awaited reunions of three families added a beautiful chapter to our story. These heartwarming moments were the culmination of years of anticipation and resilience, showcasing the strength of our Agape community.

Your unwavering support has been the guiding light, making it possible for these families to finally embrace their children. While we anticipate the day when China's borders reopen, your commitment continues to inspire hope and foster connections.

Thank you for being the heartbeat of Agape Adoptions. Together, we navigate the complexities, celebrate the triumphs, and create a loving home for every child.







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#### A note from our Board President

Dear Friends of Agape Adoptions,

Warm greetings for 2024! Your incredible support sustained us through a successful 2023, marked by Agape's re-accreditation. Kudos to Myriam and our dedicated team!

Exciting news—the past year witnessed three heartwarming reunions as families brought children home from China.



These joyous moments highlight the impact of your generosity. As we celebrate these successful adoptions, we eagerly await the day when China reopens its doors for more families, expanding our reach and creating more forever homes.

Looking ahead, Agape is committed to building upon existing partnerships in Bulgaria, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Hong Kong, Romania, and Sri Lanka. We aim to deepen our impact and explore new collaborations in 2024.

Your steadfast support is the cornerstone of our success, and we invite you to continue this journey with us. Together, we can make a lasting difference in the lives of children awaiting loving homes.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment.

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## Year in Review



Had 14 children arrive home with their new families - this is 10 more than last year!



Received our Hague reaccreditation.



Completed 30 home studies and 58 post-placement reports.



Advocated for 76 children, assigned \$32,500 in Zoe! Fund grants.



Matched 16 children with families - more than a 200% increase over last year!



Submitted our first two dossiers to Sri Lanka.



Traveled nearly 50K miles to advocate for kids in need; from Sri Lanka to Honduras to WA and back again.

# Agape's Class of 2023

Bulgaria



Bulgaria



Bulgaria



China China



China

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Dominican Republic

# Agape's Class of 2023



Dominican Republic



Dominican Republic



Dominican Republic



Dominican Republic



Honduras



Honduras

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Romania

### It's a Match!

### Dominican Republic















Honduras



This year, we matched 16 children with their forever families!









Bulgaria







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# **Community Outreach**

#### Sri Lanka



New Program Alert! Adopting from Sri Lanka

Our Social Presence

Agape's community expanded this

year in more ways than one!

Agape's Facebook Page reached over

18,000 more people this year than last,

a 130% increase, and 2,170 on

<u>Instagram</u> (57% increase).

We had 66 new people follow our

Facebook page (83% increase) and 124 people follow our Instagram (211% increase).

We had 46 new members join our Bulgaria Facebook Kids Group and 900 people subscribe to our

newsletter.



Myriam's Memo: Welcome to Sri Lanka!



Myriam's Memo: Sri Lankan Adoptions



Myriam's Memo: Preparing families to adopt from Sri Lanka

### Dominican Republic



A Long Stay can go a Long Way: Meet the Tejada-Acosta Family



Q&A with the Harrison Family: Big rewards of a long

### Bulgaria



Myriam's Memo: Adopting from Bulgaria



in-country stay

#### China



Update: Adopting from China (Welcome Home!)

# Community Partnerships & Events

We hosted a hybrid (virtual or in-person) Run, Walk, or Roll event, and it was incredible! Together we had 56 participants, and raised \$4,160 from registrations and sponsorships.

Thank you to everyone who participated and keep a lookout for our next Run, Walk, or Roll in May.





Thank you to our Sponsors!

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## Community Partnerships & Events

We partnered with Seattle Women's Sport bar, <u>Rough and Tumble</u>, <u>Urban Family Brewery</u> (UFB) and <u>OL Reign</u> during the Fifa Women's World Cup to kick off Agape's Vitality IPA.



During the event, we held a raffle with donated items from OL Reign, including signed cleats, signed jerseys, and tickets to the 2024 season opener. We had more than 160 people join us, with a line out the door. We raised over \$3,000 in raffle donations!







Above, UFB Founder, Andy Gundel, and his son, adopted from China, speak at Rough & Tumble.

To the left, is our Executive Director, Myriam Avery, and two OL Reign players, Tziarra King and Jess Fishlock.

# **Community Support**

Our 2023 End of Year appeal was a huge success. We had 58 donors help us raise \$50,242, surpassing our goal of \$50,000.



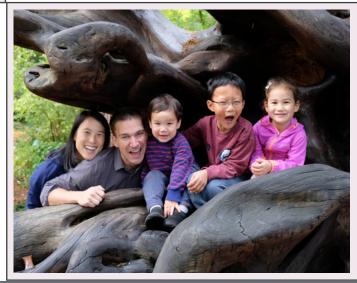


We truly have some of the best adoptive families. This year we had a group of families come together to TRIPLE every donation up to \$12,000.

Thank you to our families!

Five years ago, the Gehrett Lee family adopted their son, Ethan, through Agape. This year, the Gehrett Lee family doubled every donation up to \$25,000 for the third year in a row.

Thank you to both the Gehrett Lee family!



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### Thank You, Donors

Alexander Blanton & Jennifer White

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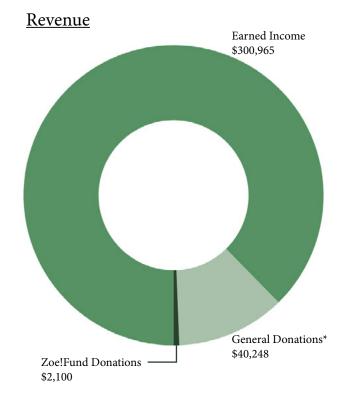
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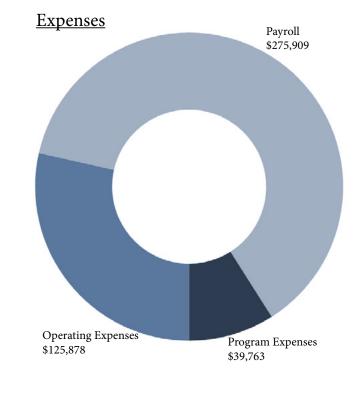
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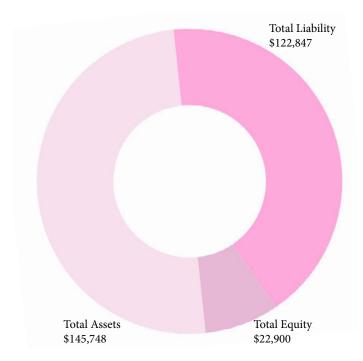
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Your Adoption Finance Coach

# Financial Highlights







<sup>\*</sup>Agape Adoptions operates on a cash accounting basis. A number of large donations, totaling over \$25,000 were pledged in 2023 but given in 2024 and, therefore, will be reflected in the 2024 financial picture.

# Looking Forward to 2024

Launching our Cornerstone Supporter Program.



Distributing \$35,000 in Zoe! Fund grants for waiting children.



Opening intercountry adoption programs in two new countries-Stay tuned!



Arrival home of 26 children from all our programs.



Completing 75 home studies and 215 post-placement reports.