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# **AGAPE INTERNATIONAL**

Loving hands, living hope for AIDS orphans.





EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LYNNE VOGGU IS THE ADVISOR FOR AGAPE'S COOKING CLUB.

# After School Activities can Change a Child's Life

Dancing is a cultural tradition and a favorite pass time in India. From classic folk dances to the big screens of Bollywood, dancing is a vital element in India's culture. It is at Agape as well!

Agape's children include dance in many of our celebrations and often perform for special guests that visit Agape. The children have learned beautiful traditional pieces, plus popular favorites from movies like Slum Dog Millionaire.

Whether preparing for a per-

formance or goofing around in the school yard, Agape's kids get a good work out and have a lot of fun.

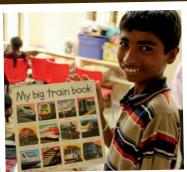
Children with other interests have lots of skill-building extracurricular activities to choose from, including toys and games.

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Agape's clubs are well attended - and enjoyed! They include:

- √ Cooking
- √ Geography
- ✓ Crafts
- ✓ Newspaper
- √ Dance
- √ Sewing
- √ Drama
- √ Singing
- √ Gardening ✓ Music

These clubs play a vital role in the children's development by helping to identify their interests and strengths. They provide a fun, safe environment to build self-esteem and important skills as well as lasting friendships.



AGAPE'S CHILDREN LOVE BOOKS!



TWISTER ANYONE?



A FEW STARS EXCEL IN THEIR CLUBS AND GET TO TAKE THE LEAD!

# MEET OUR AGAPE FAMILY











# Ammulu 15 YEARS OLD

This HIV positive girl was extremely malnourished when she arrived at Agape in July of 2007. Just five weeks later, the transformation was dramatic! With regular, nutritious meals, proper medical care and the love and support of her Agape friends, Ammulu has grown in to a beautiful young lady.

Ammulu was very sick and did not attend much school before coming to Agape. She went through Agape's Bridge program and is now in  $6^{th}$  class. She is a well behaved, sweet spirited girl.

### IN INDIA

Agape will celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year! Here is what we've accomplished thus far...

- ✓ Agape opened its first orphanage in 2003 to help children impacted by/infected with HIV/AIDS.
- ✓ Agape now operates six orphanages in the Hyderabad area, two for children with HIV.
- ✓ 230 children live, learn, grow and play in their Agape homes.
- ✓ They range from 9 months to 19 years of age.
- ✓ The children come from government and nongovernment agencies as well as local families.
- Agape has created a school to prepare our children for the future.
- ✓ Pre-K through 10<sup>th</sup> Class (high school) classes are provided in English.
- ✓ Agape also offers 4<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> Class in Telugu, plus classes to "Bridge" children into English.
- ✓ Agape's school has a computer lab, a science lab, and a library.
- ✓ Many students have completed high school.
- Agape is currently putting nine students through college.

We could not do all we do without your generosity and support. Thank you!







JAMES, LYNNE & DR. RATNAM VOGGU

"Agape's children's lives have been changed forever thanks to the support provided by caring people over the years. We look forward to celebrating the children with you this November, and meeting new friends who'd like to learn how they can help."

Lynne Voggu,
Founder & Executive Director



### IN THE U.S.

#### PLEASE JOIN US!

MEET AGAPE'S FOUNDER LYNNE VOGGU AT ONE OF THESE UPCOMING EVENTS.

You'll have fun and get a chance to have a profound impact on the lives of children impacted by and/or infected with HIV.

#### 2ND ANNUAL BENEFIT FOR AGAPE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2012, 6 PM EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH HINSDALE, ILLINOIS

Tour fine homes in Hinsdale, enjoying heavy hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. Then meet at the church for silent and live auctions, delectable desserts, "Cellisimo" music, an Indian dance presentation plus an update on Agape.



#### 9TH ANNUAL FALL DINNER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2012, 6 PM MARRIOTT GRAND BALLROOM BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Enjoy fabulous cuisine catered by Masala Art and a Bollywood dance presentation. Shop the silent auction loaded with goods from India. Visit with Lynne and Ratnam Voggu and enjoy an Agape update.





YOU CAN HAVE A PROFOUND IMPACT ON THE LIFE OF A CHILD IMPACTED BY AND/OR INFECTED WITH HIV/AIDS.

### **REACH OUT**

#### LEND A HAND

A little support goes a long way at Agape, where costs are low and the need is great. Please help your friends and family learn how they can make a difference. Simply...

- √ Tell a friend about Agape
- √ Share this newsletter
- √ "Like" and "Share" us on Facebook
- ✓ Attend one of our upcoming events, and
- ✓ Bring a friend!

They will be surprised at how easy it can be to reach across the world to help a child in need!

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