

# AGAPE INTERNATIONAL

*Loving hands, living hope for AIDS orphans.*



“CHILDREN ARE AT THE HEART OF ALL WE DO.”  
 LYNNE VOGGU,  
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## Agape Celebrates 10 Years of Saving AIDS Orphans

It has been a busy, challenging and extremely rewarding decade for Agape International. The generous care of people like you has helped hundreds of children devastated by HIV/AIDS to find a home, hope for the future, and healing.

Ten years ago Agape’s founder, Lynne Voggu, came to Hyderabad, India to help children whose lives have been ravaged by AIDS. She arrived with little more than a suitcase, limited funds, some training, a heart full of compassion, and a great deal of determination.

First, she found a building suitable to house several children. Then she recruited caring house parents to fill a vital role in the children’s lives and daily care. She visited slums and met families in desperate need of help. While the stories were heartbreaking, she had come to bring hope to...

- » Children whose parents were deceased or too sick from AIDS/HIV to work and provide care.
- » Parents who knew they were dying and longed for someone to entrust their children to because

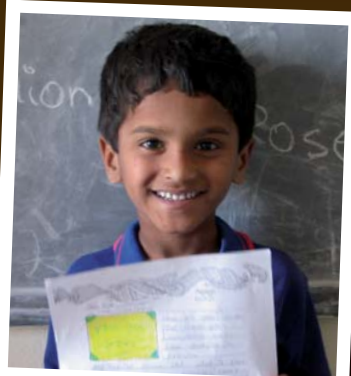
they had no family or were outcasts due to HIV/AIDS.

- » Poor, elderly grandparents using all their resources to raise grandchildren, yet were unable to meet even the most basic needs.
- » Children who could not attend school because they had to beg or work for meager funds so their families could eat.
- » Sick and starving children who had no access to nutritious food, medical care or proper education.

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AGAPE'S ORPHANS HAVE PLACES TO EAT,



LEARN,



PLAY,  
 THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT!



## MEET OUR AGAPE FAMILY



### Srinu

11 YEARS OLD

Srinu lived in a plastic hut in the slums with his elderly, widowed grandmother, four siblings, and several rats. Both of his parents had died of AIDS, and the poor family attempted to survive on the meager funds the oldest siblings earned selling idol rings and trinkets outside of Hindu temples.

Srinu's grandmother was relieved to entrust this four year old, along with his sister Shoba, to Agape's care in March of 2005. Srinu was Agape's first HIV positive child. This affectionate boy has welcomed many new "brothers and sisters" to his Agape family over the years, and he is cherished by them all!



# IN INDIA

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It did not take long to fill the home with precious children whose parents or guardians gratefully entrusted their children to Agape's care. Amazing transformations have been quick and plentiful as a result of proper nutrition, medical attention, and a lot of Agape love. One child asked, "How long will this continue?" She thought she was getting preferential treatment as a newcomer, but was thrilled to learn she would enjoy three meals a day, every day, at her new Agape home.

Meanwhile, in the U.S. a board of directors was formed and Agape International was incorporated as a non-profit 501c3 in 2004. The word was spread and much needed funds were raised.

Many thanks to our board and founding supporters who have played a vital role in the establishment and ongoing success of Agape. It is your compassion, dedication and care that have enabled Agape to grow despite

many challenges, difficulties and the overwhelming need in India.

One such challenge was education. Local schools would not welcome the HIV positive children, about one third of Agape's population. Agape is committed to ensuring the children get a good education as it is the key that unlocks doors for a promising future. So Lynne decided to create a school.

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While the learning curve was challenging and construction of a facility seemed eternal, the rewards have been extraordinary. Today, Agape's school is admired throughout the area; many local parents wish their children could attend to receive an education in English. (Many of Agape's children have had little to no prior education, so Agape offers classes in the native Telugu as

well, with bridge classes that transition students into English.)

Agape now operates seven orphanages housing 220+ children. Most recently, new accommodations were developed to provide 24/7 care for four infants living with HIV/AIDS. They were brought to Agape by regional government and non-government organizations. These professionals often refer children to us because of Agape's positive reputation and willingness to accept children living with HIV/AIDS. They know the children will get the care and attention every child deserves.

As Agape has grown in India, our U.S. support base has as well. The generosity of donors is foundational to all we do. We are most grateful for long-term and new supporters alike. We invite you to join us as we celebrate our successes and continue working to positively and powerfully impact even more children's lives. Thank you!

## IN THE U.S.



### Meet Agape's Newest Board Members

These exceptional individuals are now working with long-standing board members Doug and Julie Macrae, Ken and Debra Brede, and Lynne Voggu to continue bringing hope, love and care to the children of Agape.

**Eleanor Stoppe Gorse**, Ph.D., is a dedicated educator and avid supporter of Agape. She is the principal of the Bedford Learning School, a certified public school supervisor and teacher. She was also an Assistant Professor at Southern Illinois University and Parks College of St. Louis University. She is pictured with some of her precious friends at Agape.

**Greg Hopwood** is the Senior Pastor of the Vineyard Metrowest Church in Framingham, MA, where Lynne attended before founding Agape. He has lived in the Middle East, has a BA in Intercultural Communications & Missions from Cedarville University, an MBA in Urban Economic Development from Eastern University, and a Doctorate of Ministry from Bakke Graduate University. Greg is pictured with his sponsored child, Tulasi.

**Sam Rodriguez** is passionate about children. He earned a BS at Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations and a Juris Doctor law degree from State University of New York. He has developed two children's outreach centers; provided legal, educational, and advocacy services for many children. He is also a founding member of the AMSA Academy in Marlborough, MA, and he is an active board member of a relief organization in Haiti.



“NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF COMMITTED PEOPLE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD. INDEED, IT IS THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS.”  
~ MARGARET MEAD

## IT ONLY TAKES A LITTLE TO MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!

Agape’s work is funded by compassionate people who want to make a difference in the lives of children in need.

Discover how easy it is to make an impact as a:

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- ✓ Social Networker

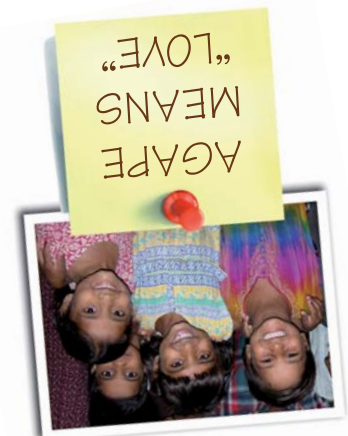
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