

2020



Agape Adoptions

ANNUAL REPORT

FROM THE DIRECTOR

It was a year that none of us will soon forget. There were high points, low points, and so many in between.

Agape Adoptions started 2020 with families traveling to China! We were happy to see three families travel, especially because one of them was adopting a child who was in the process of aging out. Thankfully, the family was able to get to him in time and complete the adoption.

Unfortunately, February and March brought COVID-19 to China and the United States. At the first sign of trouble, we organized a drive for supplies to send to China. As COVID hit the U.S., Agape remained committed to serving our families and providing adoption services. We continued to provide home study and post placement services, as well as dossier preparations, despite the challenges that we faced.

Our office staff and social work staff worked together to ensure that we were following new guidance related to COVID. We pivoted to working from home and virtual home visits when necessary. Together, our team overcame challenges and formed new plans to approve families to adopt and to support adoptive families in new and innovative ways.

In June, we celebrated with families in our Bulgaria program because we learned that the adoption authority in Bulgaria was going to allow virtual visits, which meant families were able to move forward in their adoption processes. We supported our families who were able to travel to Bulgaria, and were delighted that even though it required a lengthy quarantine, several families were able to bring their children home!

We were thrilled to see countries, such as India and Colombia, open up for adoption-related travel. Several Agape families in our home study program were able to bring their children home in the fall! Agape was also able to see one family travel to Romania to complete their adoption process and several families travel to the Dominican Republic to complete final steps in their adoption process.

Throughout the year, we continued to provide adoption services and even began the process to open a new adoption program in Honduras! We are more convinced than ever that children need families. It is our privilege to come alongside families as they move through the international adoption process.

As I reflect on this year, I remain honored and humbled to walk the adoption journey with families. It has been a tough year, but I'm encouraged by the number of people who believe in the work and mission of Agape Adoptions as illustrated by the record-breaking donors who supported Agape's mission this year. On behalf of the children and families we serve, I am grateful for your support!



Myriam Avery, Executive Director

HONORED & HUMBLD

Our entire team is honored & humbled by the opportunity to advocate for children in need and to partner with adoptive families.

A NOTE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT



Hello, I am John Wilson, your new Agape Board President, elected in 2020. It is my honor to serve on the Agape Adoptions Board of Directors with six other committed Board members. We bring a shared love of adoption and varied expertise to our roles.

The Board meets four times per year to plan, budget and assist Executive Director Myriam Avery to work through the complexities involved with operating an international adoption agency. Agape is fortunate to have such a competent, committed Executive Director. Each day, Myriam pours her soul into helping families navigate the international adoption process. She also stays informed of everything happening in international adoptions around the nation and the world. Thank you, Myriam, for your outstanding leadership.

The most gratifying part of being involved in adoption – for Agape’s board members and staff -- is seeing the love of children that our families share. That love has transcended the challenges of 2020, including COVID-induced delays.

In 2010, my wife Cheryl and I completed the lengthy but necessary steps to be matched with a special needs child in China. Home study, immigration approval, dossier documents, and fees were all officially behind us. The day we were matched with our daughter is a day we will never forget. We were over the moon with excitement to travel to China to bring her home. But then, unexpectedly, international red tape delayed our travel by several months. Those were some of the hardest months we have ever experienced, knowing that our daughter needed us, and that each day that passed before we could travel was a lost one.

Over the last year, Agape families have experienced similar heart-wrenching delays, preventing them from traveling abroad and uniting with their children. The Agape Board empathizes with our many families who are stuck in limbo. You have our support as you await the glorious news, hopefully one day soon, that you are cleared to travel. We are thankful for and encouraged by the perseverance of families who have started and moved through the adoption process, even in these most difficult of times.

The Board would also like to extend a special thank you to the families and individuals who supported Agape in 2020. These donations assisted Agape families by eliminating financial barriers that otherwise may have kept them from adopting. We are grateful for your generosity!

I am eager for the day that our families receive news of finally being able to travel to bring their children home. Please know that everyone at Agape Adoptions is here to support you in any way that we can. We are honored to be a part of your adoption journey.

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COVID-19 China Fundraiser

After 23 families donated over \$2,000, we were able to ship boxes of hand sanitizer, gloves and sanitizing wipes to orphanages in China.



Family Travel to Bulgaria

Bulgaria permitted virtual visits in place of the 1st trip. Families traveled on their pick-up trip and quarantined for 2 weeks. Two children came home in July!



Virtual 5K Run/Walk

Ninety-three participants ran or walked over 288 miles!



Forever Family

Even in a pandemic, 9 children arrived home to join their forever families!

Year-End Appeal

We are thankful to our generous donors who helped us raise \$48,185 to continue our important work.



2020 was a year we'll never forget!



FAMILY MATTERS

In 2020, 24 children were matched with their forever families from two of our country programs. Agape Adoptions believes that family provides the unconditional love and acceptance that children need to grow & thrive. We're excited to see how these children flourish within their adoptive families!

PASSIONATE ADVOCACY FOR WAITING CHILDREN

This year, **24 waiting children** were matched with forever families.



COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING FOR ADOPTIVE FAMILIES

In 2020, Agape Adoptions completed home studies for **37 families**, providing education and comprehensive training.

ONGOING SUPPORT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Agape Adoptions completed post adoption reports for **99 families** in 2020, ensuring the whole family received ongoing support.



5K

Since life looked different this year, our team decided to try something new and organized a Virtual 5K to raise funds and awareness.



**93 PARTICIPANTS
ACROSS 9 STATES**

RAISED \$2900+



WE RUN BECAUSE THEY WAIT

TRAVEL



We are hopeful that in 2021, families in our China program will be able to travel to bring their children home.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2021



We are excited to announce that starting in 2021, Agape Adoptions will begin advocating for children in need of families from Honduras!

HONDURAS

DONORS

We are thankful for the generosity of our 2020 donors. Without your partnership, we would not be able to advocate for children and assist families. Thank you for coming alongside our mission this year.

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Grants Received for Families

\$21,810.00

Other Designated Donations

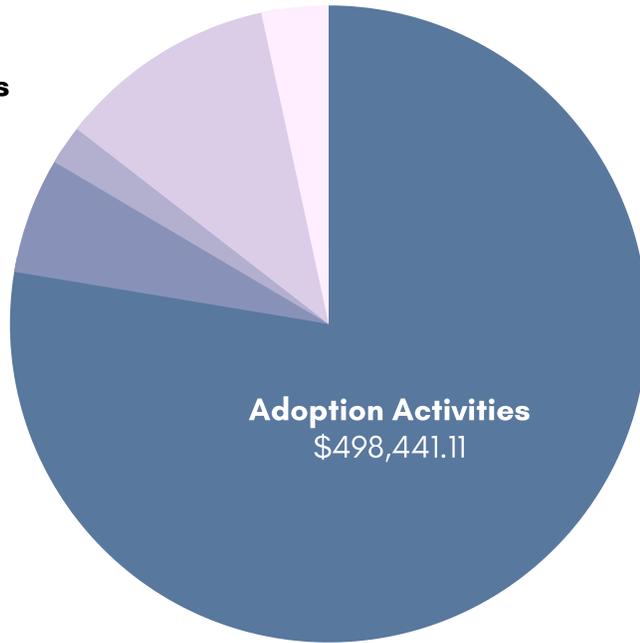
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Zoe Fund Donations

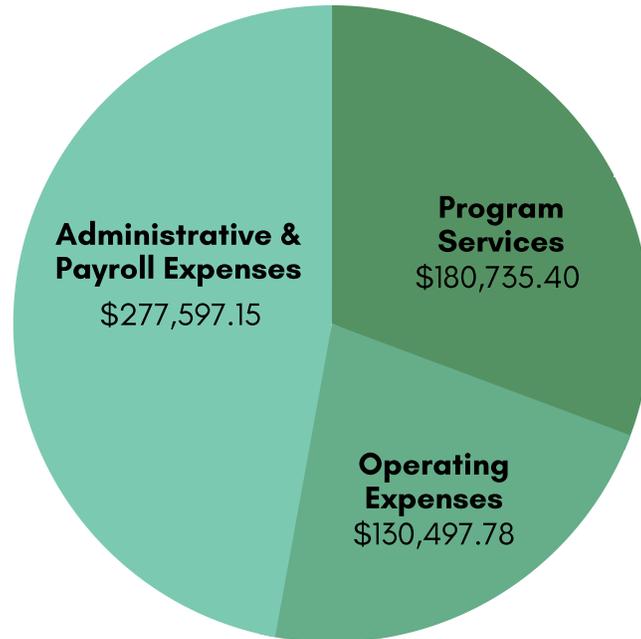
\$12,827.83

General Donations

\$37,736.49



REVENUE
\$642,161.27



EXPENSES
\$588,830.33

Statement of Position

Total Assets: \$364,323.93

Total Liabilities: \$22,984.28

Total Equity: \$341,339.65