

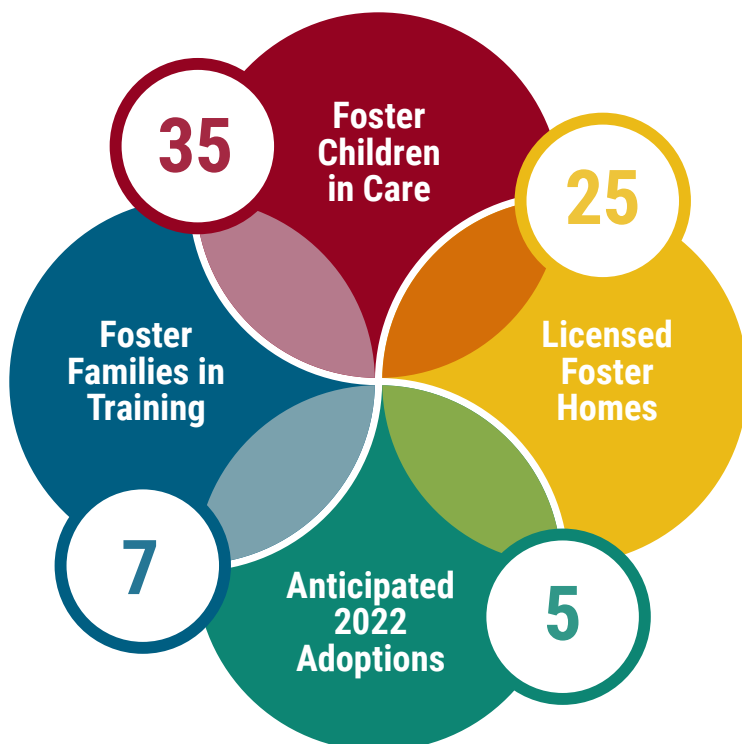


**AGAPE**  
— of north carolina —

*Strengthening Families One Child at a Time*



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# JOIN US!

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1st

9 am—12 pm | Buffalo Road Athletic Park



WE ARE **JUST DAYS AWAY** FROM OUR  
**1st ANNUAL FAMILY DAY & FUN RUN.**  
**THERE IS STILL TIME TO RSVP!**

The event is **FREE** and **open to the public** so it's a great time to gather friends and family to join us in all the fun activities we have planned!

**RSVP Today!**



# WORTH IT!

FOSTER • ADOPT • SUPPORT • LOVE

This event will also be the kick-off for our  
**7th annual giving campaign, "Worth It!"**

Be sure to follow us on social media for all of the exciting updates!





# AGAPE of NC JOINED CAROLINA BIBLE CAMP FOR 10th ANNUAL BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

FOR ANOTHER YEAR, AGAPE OF NC WAS PROUD TO SUPPORT THE CAROLINA BIBLE CAMP BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

We sponsored the popular Kids' Activities tent including free arts and crafts projects, old-fashioned sidewalk games, a GaGa ball demonstration, nature walk, and more.

*The weather may have been rainy, but the mood of those who attended this year's festival was filled with laughter and smiles. Twenty-plus years' worth of friendships were renewed.*

Several families shared touching stories of their past foster care and adoption experience and how the next generation wants to pursue foster care!



Let us know if you have an upcoming event or occasion when AGAPE Staff or Board Members may inform you and others about our mission to Strengthen Families One Child At A Time!

[Contact Us](#)

## AGAPE'S TEAM UPDATES



**LEAH HAYES**  
Foster Care Recruiter

A graduate of North Carolina Central University Leah chose to leave her career in education to join the AGAPE family as our **Foster Care Recruiter**. After working closely with children and families for over 10 years, Leah strives to put her passion to work hoping to enhance and strengthen families.

**"I've been asked if leaving education was the right choice, or if I regret my decision to shut the doors of the classroom. Becoming part of the AGAPE family is an honor. I know this is how God will use me, this is how I fulfill my purpose while being the woman God allows me to be".**

When Leah is not working she is spending time with friends and family, and her son Elijah. Leah enjoys reading, gardening and going to the beach.



**JOE HALL**  
Director of Development

Joe recently joined Agape as the **Director of Development** after serving on Agape's Board of Directors for 8 years. Joe spent 20 years in the Air Force and after that taught Air Force JROTC for over 14 years.

**Joe and Cathy have been married for 38 years and while foster parents, adopted a sibling group of four.**

Joe and Cathy have six kids and six grandchildren.



**VALLARIE MASSEY** | Board Member

Vallarie Massey is a "behind the scenes" wife, daughter, sister, friend, and servant. Most of her professional career has been spent as a CPA and VP of Wells Fargo Bank. But **her true passion lies in serving those around her, by sharing God's generous loving care and provision in the ordinary moments of everyday life.** Her outreach efforts have included leading mission trips to Mexico, organizing church-wide community service projects, coordinating enrichment seminars, launching a local Pride for Parents store, hosting youth gatherings, and serving as a volunteer Guardian Ad Litem.

After growing up in KY/OH/IN/VA, she has become a true NC Tar Heel. Vallarie supports her husband of 31 years, Kent Massey, who uses his amazing God-given talents providing pastoral care, teaching, and preaching. They currently serve the Providence Road Church of Christ, in Charlotte, NC.



# TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE RESOURCES

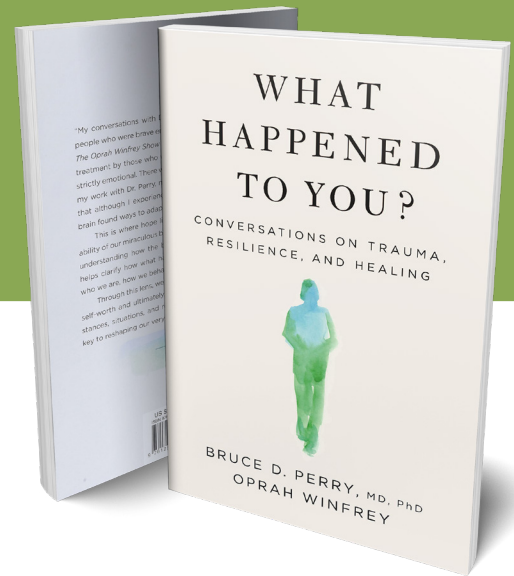
Our earliest experiences shape our lives far down the road. "What Happened to You?" provides powerful scientific and emotional insights into the behavioral patterns so many of us struggle to understand. Through deeply personal conversations, Oprah Winfrey and renowned brain and trauma expert Dr. Bruce Perry offer a **groundbreaking and profound shift from asking "What's wrong with you?" to "What happened to you?"**

The question "What's wrong with you?" implies that a person is inherently broken and seeks a label to fix. It judges and blames.



## AGAPE OF NC'S ANNUAL TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE TRAINING BEGINS SEPT 20TH

Last year's 7-week trauma-informed, skills-based training course was a big success and **we are excited to offer this program again to train our newly licensed Foster Families.** The program aims to help Foster Parents build and maintain supportive and involved relationships with the children in their care. The goal is to equip them with the tools they need to face trauma-related behaviors that many foster children will bring with them.



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*The more compassionate  
and effective question*

*"What happened to you?"*

*aims to understand the behavior and  
identify past experiences that  
may have shaped it.*

*This subtle shift opens the door  
to resilience and healing.*

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For more information about fostering and/or trauma informed care, contact **Kia Carter, AGAPE of NC's Director of Foster Parent Recruitment & Retention**

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## AGAPE OF NC'S 40th ANNIVERSARY

AGAPE IS CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF PROVIDING ADOPTION, FOSTER, AND COUNSELING SERVICES TO NORTH CAROLINA FAMILIES AND CHILDREN!



To celebrate, we will be sharing some **amazing stories of impact** and highlighting AGAPE's rich history. Please follow along on our website and social media channels as we share with you the "**Faces of AGAPE**".

### And we want to hear from you!

Please fill out the brief form on our website and help us mark this important milestone for our organization.

[Share Your Story](#)

**OUR MISSION:** AGAPE of NC exists to provide professional social services as a compassionate Christian outreach to strengthen children and families.

**OUR VALUES:** Children deserve Christian families, care and compassion, excellence in the provision of services, best interest of clients, financial integrity, responsible stewardship and ethical Christian standards.

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