OUR ANNUAL REPORT

The Agape Fund, 2026



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This document serves to inform those interested regarding our organization. While we are young, we're committed to transparency and accountability. If you should have any questions related to the information provided, please feel free to reach out at info@theagapefund.org.

In this report, we provide information regarding our mission, structure, fundraising, grant areas, grant examples, and vision. We aim to bring along our community in our philanthropic journey.

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What is The Agape Fund?



The Agape Fund was formed in honor of Thomas Byrne, a member of the Byrne family who has a strong impact in the schools and communities he is a part of, including American Martyrs Catholic School, Cathedral Catholic High School, and Manhattan Beach. His inspiration drew our name: agape (uh-gah-pay) — a profound sacrificial love that transcends and persists regardless of circumstance. By virtue of our lived experience with Thomas, we have a unique position that lends itself to supporting the neurodivergent community, with relevant relationships and know-how.

Who are we?

The Agape Fund is a mission-driven organization that allocates philanthropic capital to advance medical research in neurological conditions and neurodegenerative diseases and improve care delivery systems. We are dedicated to supporting the most impactful, evidence-based initiatives that serve individuals and families across this spectrum of need. **We are structured as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charity** in California (Agape Fund, Inc., EIN: 99-4102585), as well as operate a Donor-Advised Fund to enable aligned philanthropists to participate and co-invest in our grant-making efforts.

What is our mission?

Our lived experiences have guided us to focus on 'leverage points' within the system with the highest probability for affecting positive change. Therefore, our mission is to enhance our understanding of neurodivergent individuals by funding medical research, improving care delivery, and fostering community engagement. To-date, we have funded pre-clinical trial research, supported medical fellowships at institution-leading hospitals, and enabled early-stage pilot studies investigating innovative therapy programs.

Our Board of Directors

John Byrne President, Chairman	**Mollie Baumer** Board Member	**Kerry Burnight** Board Member	**Magaret Byrne** Board Member
Ryan Parks Board Member	**Andrew Byrne** Board Member	**Bryce Tournat** Board Member	

Our Vision

Through our family member Thomas, **we have seen firsthand what works and what doesn't** for those in the neurodivergent community: schools, therapists, social programs, hospital providers, healthcare insurance, governmental programs, etc.

This experience drives us to create a better future for those with neurological conditions and neurodegenerative disease, by enabling that which most uplifted Thomas and those similarly affected.



Areas We're Focused On:

1. Increasing Medical Research & Clinical Practitioners

Neurodivergent conditions receive a smaller share of interest, research funding, and clinical expertise relative to conditions such as cancer, infectious diseases, or Alzheimer's. Therefore, it is difficult for families to find answers to an almost constant set of questions regarding a neurodivergent family member.

Our goal is to increase medical research into conditions such as Down syndrome and Autism, as well as neurogenerative diseases like Regression. In doing so, we will work to attract the greatest medical talent and build the most effective research and clinical teams, all in Los Angeles.

2. Making Los Angeles into a Premier Research & Clinical Hub

We envision Los Angeles to becoming the premier research and clinical hub for neurodivergent conditions and neurodegenerative diseases. We're committed to building the infrastructure needed to enable this city to grow its capabilities in the medical care world, such as funding exposure, medical community engagement, and commercial partnerships to scale. Our close ties to the Neurological Institute at Children's Hospital lend us a unique position to collaborate on future projects to build this infrastructure.

3. Building Bridges Between Hospital & Therapy Programs

We understand healing happens both in the hospital and outside in the real world. We see great opportunity in better integrating holistic, active therapies into the prescription given by clinicians. Therefore, we must build bridges between the hospital rooms and nonprofits in our communities, such that patients are supported and uplifted through activities like ocean-therapy, animal exposure, after-school programs, art and education, and active lifestyle.

Our Areas of Work

We believe that medical research, therapy, and community are the greatest levers for affecting positive change for the neurodivergent community. We envision a world where affected families access world-class, cohesive clinical care, holistic therapies outside the hospital, and programs that enable social connection and independence. Our particular focus is on medical research and clinical care, especially in the greater Los Angeles geography including Children's Hospital of Los Angeles.



What we've supported?

Medical Research | ~$275K Granted

This support has largely been allocated to Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, specifically to Dr. Jonathan Santoro and his research into Down syndrome Regression Disorder in the form of equipment, clinical trial resources, and fellowship opportunities.

Community & Education | $26K Granted

Includes educational initiatives and community engagement. We recognize that educational support allows social connection and preparation for the workforce, enabling independence post high school.

Therapy Programs | $0K Granted

Includes therapy programs that drive positive health outcomes outside of the hospital, including but not limited to ocean-therapy, active lifestyle, and animal exposure therapies. We have no granted in this category to-date, though are strongly considering in the future.

What are the most common grants?

Medical Research **Equipment, Resources** & Clinical Trial

- Ultrasound equipment, epigenetic test kits, surveys, and other necessary resources related to research studies or clinical trials

Medical Clinical **Fellowship** & **Training**

- Fellowship & short-term training grants to attract young medical talent to Los Angeles and Dr. Santoro's research & clinical team

The Agape Fund



Grant Overview:

Recipient	Category & Reason	Year
Children's Hospital of Los Angeles	Medical Research (Dr. Santoro) – Clinical Trial	2021
Children's Hospital of Los Angeles	Medical Research (Dr. Santoro) – Clinical Trial	2022
Anglia Ruskin University	Medical Research (Dr. Gordon) – Mindset Study	2022
Children's Hospital of Los Angeles	Medical Research (Dr. Santoro) - Equipment	2023
Children's Hospital of Los Angeles	Medical Research (Dr. Santoro) – Clinical Trial	2024
Loyola High School	Community & Education – Option's Program	2025
Anglia Ruskin University	Medical Research (Dr. Gordon) – Research Study	2025
Children's Hospital of Los Angeles	Medical Research (Dr. Santoro) – Neurology Fellowship	2026

Grant Examples:

Children's Hospital – Dr. Santoro	Anglia Ruskin – Dr. Gordon	Loyola High School
• Initial seed grant in 2021 was instrumental to the production and completion of the first clinical trial in DSRD (May 5th, 2026)	• Funded systematic meta-analysis on the benefits of aerobic exercise on health outcomes of adults with DS	• Initial seed funding for the school's Option's Program *(see page 9)*
• Completion of preventative study using Transcranial Doppler Ultrasound to detect moyamoya vasculopathy and stroke	• Provided seed money for a state-of-the art survey evaluating the exercise habits of those living with DS	
• A total of 17 publications on topics related to DS, including liver inflammation, therapies, etc.	• Test kits that evaluate the genetic age of each participant for research study	
• First Down syndrome Neurology fellowship at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles		

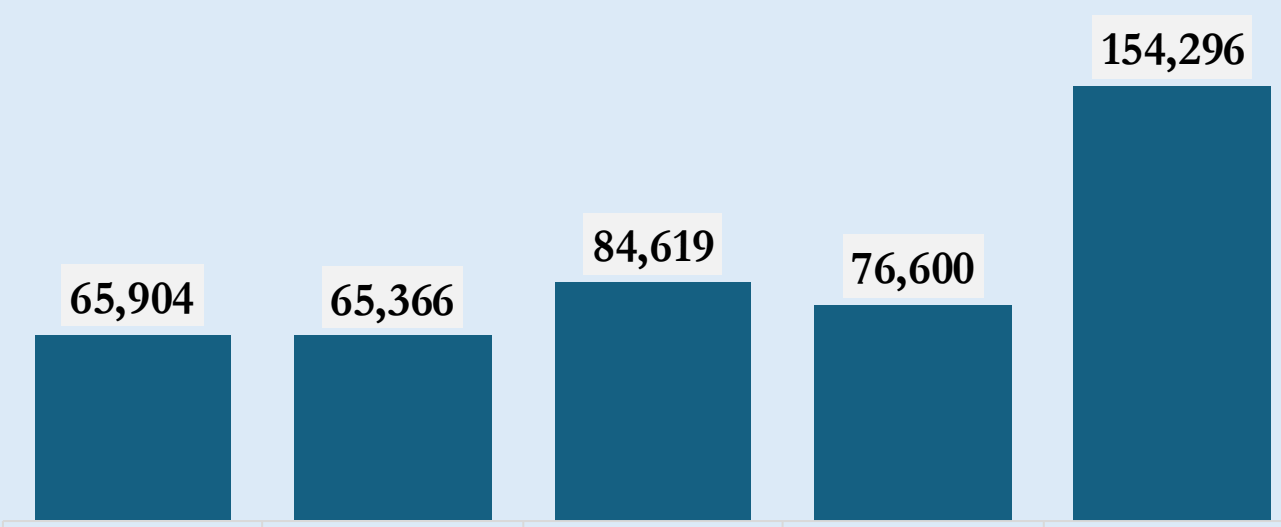
Note: DS defined as Down syndrome, DRSD defined as Down syndrome Regression Disorder
For more information, please visit our website at theagapefund.org

Milestones & Progress

Each year, we have grown significantly as an organization related to our operations, fundraisers, grant strategy, and deployment of donated capital. We are committed to continued growth in the way that we function and work as a collective team. See below for organizational milestones.

- Achieved +$150K per year total fundraised in 2025, +2x increase from prior years, driven by our fundraiser strategy and expanded network of foundation partners
- Executed first Down syndrome Neurology fellowship to Children's Hospital, signifying our continued commitment to medical research and growing a strong talent base of clinicians in Los Angeles
- Current collaboration with ocean-therapy organization designing programs for neurodivergent community, showing our commitment to expanding therapy programs outside of the hospital
- Clearer vision for building Los Angeles into clinical and research hub for neurological and neurodegenerative disease, enabling targeted and effective grants
- Total annual grant deployment of +$113K in 2025, a +2x increase from prior years

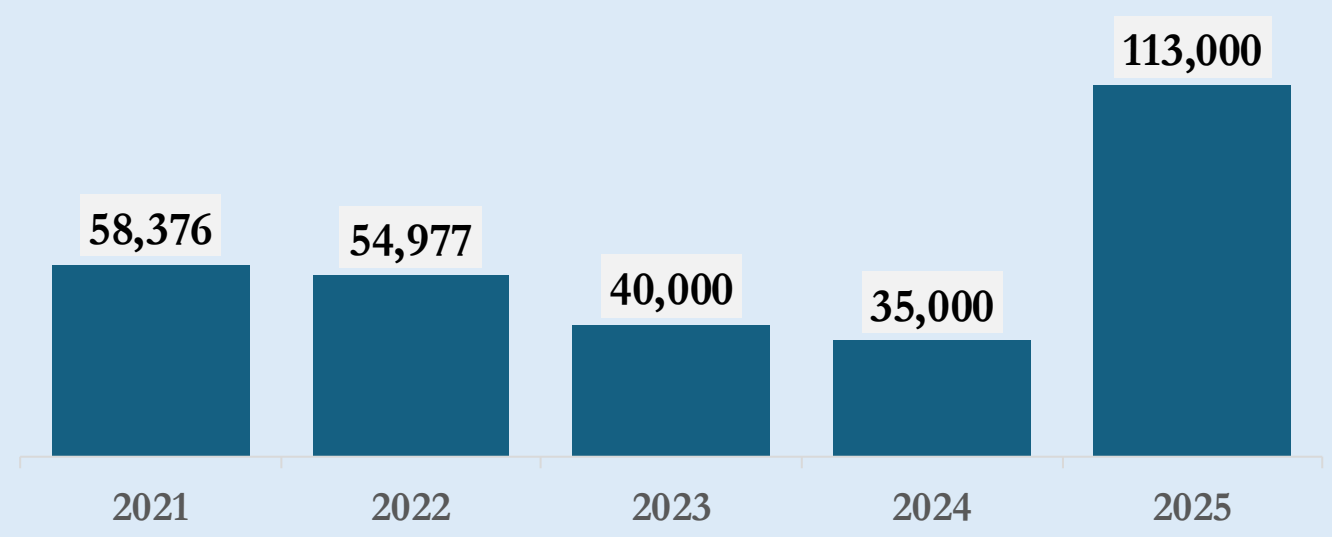
Total Fundraised Amount Per Year:



Commentary:

- From 2021 to 2024, average fundraised capital of $73K per year, driven by fundraiser income
- In 2025, total fundraised capital grew by 100% vs. 2024, a +2x increase relative to prior average annual fundraised amounts
- This +2x increase was largely driven by fundraiser income, partially supported by higher foundation income

Total Grant Amount Per Year:



Commentary:

- Average grants per year of $47K from 2021 to 2024, with vast majority to Children's Hospital of Los Angeles
- In 2025, total grants increased to $113K[(1)], a +2x increase from prior averages, driven largely by medical fellowship to Children's Hospital

Note fiscal year ends June 30, 2026

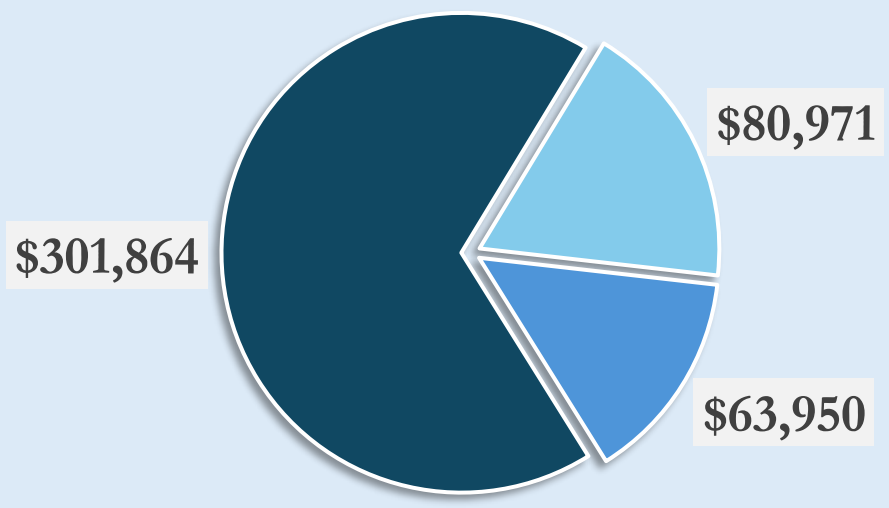
The Agape Fund *(since inception)*

About:

2021	446K	301K	6
Year founded	*$ Fundraised*	*$ Granted*	*Fundraisers*

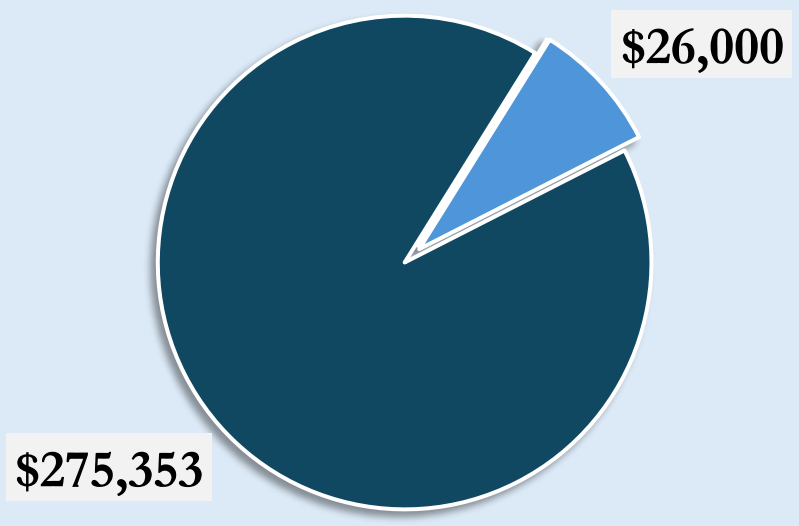


Revenue:



- Fundraiser Income
  - *Includes: Sponsorship, Cash Donations, Ticket Sales*
- Individual Income
  - *Includes: Individual Donations, Retirement Contributions*
- Foundation Income

Grants:



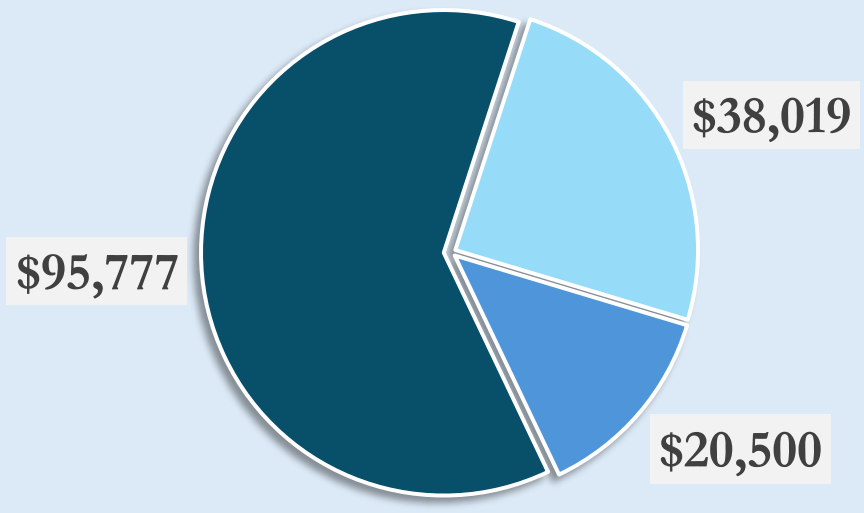
- Medical Research
  - *Includes: Research, Fellowship, Clinical Trial, Equipment*
- Therapy Programs
- Community & Education
  - *Includes: Education Initiatives, Community. Engagement*

The Agape Fund *(fiscal year)*

2025 to 2026 Fiscal Year:

11	154K	113K	1
Months into fiscal year	*$ Fundraised*	*$ Granted*	*Fundraiser*

Revenue:



Fundraiser Income

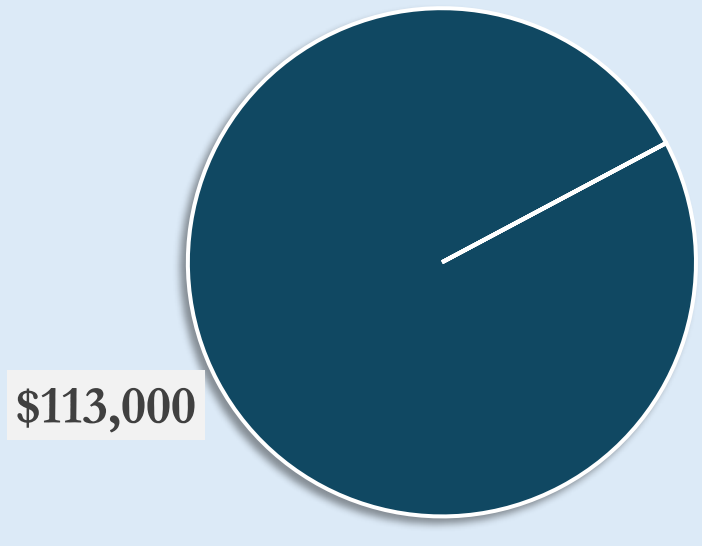
Includes: Sponsorship, Cash Donations, Ticket Sales

Individual Income

Includes: Individual Donations, Retirement Contributions

Foundation Income

Grants:



Medical Research

Includes: Research, Fellowship, Clinical Trial, Equipment

Therapy Programs

Community & Education

Includes: Education Initiatives



Fiscal year ends June 30, 2026

Medical Research

Medical research is our first and foremost priority at The Agape Fund, where we have granted hundreds of thousands over the past six years. We believe that advancing medical research, improving clinical care, and increasing our understanding of neurological and neurodegenerative diseases are the greatest leverage points for improving the system of care we have today. Too often we are left incapable of improving and protecting the lives of those we love most. We therefore find it essential to support the research and personnel dedicating their lives and capabilities to solving these issues.

Supporting **medical research** means**:**

- Proposed research studies & clinical trials, including resources necessary to the study
- Fellowship & training grants, enabling emerging talent to learn from and join our research teams
- Lab equipment & clinical resources to help diagnose and treat patients more effectively
- Pilot studies targeted at emerging therapies with high potential for efficacy

Our Most Recent Grant - January 2026

First-Ever Down Syndrome Neurology Fellowship



We're proud to support the launch of the first Down Syndrome Neurology Fellowship in the United States. Fellow **Mackenzie Silverman will train over a 12-month period** in hypotonia, epilepsy, Alzheimer's disease, Down syndrome Regression Disorder, cardiovascular disease, neurosurgery, and infantile spasms. This program will be the first dedicated clinical training pathway in Down syndrome in the United States and will address a longstanding national gap in specialized care for individuals with Down syndrome across the lifespan.

The fellow will work with a multidisciplinary team of clinicians and researchers including Dr. Jonathan Santoro, Dr. Michael S. Rafii, Dr. Robert Rissman, Dr. Laura Saucier, Dr. Sucheta Joshi and others. He will spend roughly 75% of his time at CHLA and 25% of his time at the USC Alzheimer's Therapeutic Research Institute. Success will be measured in terms of clinical competency (assessments, approval), research productivity (grants submitted, manuscripts published), and programmatic impact (involvement, research potential). This fellowship opportunity develops a pathway for training the next generation of physicians and researchers dedicated to careers focused on individuals with Down syndrome.

Therapy Programs

We understand **that healing happens in both the hospital as well as the world outside**, driving our focus to support thoughtful therapy programs uplifting those with neurological and neurodegenerative disease. We are especially motivated to support therapy that combines social connection, active exercise, and exposure to the natural environment. While we have dedicated few resources to this area, we believe that most effective approaches to neurodegenerative disease combine both clinical knowledge and holistic programs and remain motivated to prove out its efficacy.

Supporting **therapy** means**:**

- Pilot therapy programs for those with neurological or neurodegenerative disease
- Ocean-based therapy, including targeted cohorts of those with similar conditions
- Animal exposure therapies, including equestrian or ranch-based concepts

Our collaboration with:
Jimmy Miller Foundation

- Develop a cohort-based therapy program of those with Down syndrome
- Ensure proof-of-concept with select cohorts prior to scaling
- Spearhead a pilot study in collaboration with CHLA, with long-term goal of proving efficacy of the program
- Work with insurers and local programs to support families in accessing related therapy programs based on need and scope



Community & Education

We are dedicated to serving the needs of those with neurological conditions and neurodegenerative disease, especially as it relates to community and education. We believe it important to foster a community that accepts and includes those with these conditions, which comes to life through the **advancement of educational initiatives, social acceptance, and work programs.** Integration drives empathy for those underserved by our society and enables those with neurological conditions the opportunity to be independent and productive members of society.

Supporting **community & education** means**:**

- Innovative educational & 'mentor' initiatives
- Work & training programs
- Social awareness and education initiatives
- Family support initiatives
- Community engagement



Inspiration from:
Cathedral Catholic High School

Located in San Diego, Cathedral Catholic provides an Option's Program, a faith-based college-prep education for students with intellectual disabilities or developmental delays. The program emphasizes individualized instruction, peer mentorship, and full campus integration.

In particular, the program utilizes 'Options Mentors', a general education student who applies for the position as 'Mentor' and if accepted -- volunteers time with the 'Mentee' to help with socialization, classwork, and campus activities. The 'Mentee' has an intellectual disability or developmental delay.

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Forward-Looking Statements:
This report contains forward-looking statements regarding The Agape Fund's plans, priorities, and anticipated programs, including proposed therapy initiatives, expansion of fellowship programs, and the vision for Los Angeles as a research and clinical hub. These statements reflect current intentions and are subject to change based on funding, partnerships, and other factors outside our control. Actual outcomes may differ.

Medical & Research Information:
References to medical research, clinical trial, fellowship programs, and therapeutic approaches in this report are provided for informational purposes only and do not constitute medical advice. The Agape Fund funds research and programs conducted by qualified medical institutions and professionals; it does not independently conduct clinical research or provide medical services.

Third-Party References:
This report references organizations including Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, Loyola High School, Anglia Ruskin University, Jimmy Miller Foundation, and Cathedral High School. Reference to these organization does not imply endorsement of The Agape Fund by any third party, nor does it imply endorsement by The Agape Fund of any third party beyond the specific programs described herein.

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