



Class AGAPE

밀알 사랑의교실

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“My Friend, Natalie”

Isabel Jang (LA Class AGAPE Volunteer)



Every Saturday, high-school students volunteer at LA Class AGAPE, solely with the pure heart and mind to serve individuals with disabilities (participants). The environment LA Class AGAPE provides for the participants allows opportunities to experience activities they might not have outside this program. In their typical lifestyle, the participants have limited freedom due to their disabilities. Society limits them opportunities to express themselves freely in a world full of judgment. However, the volunteers make it possible for our participants to run around, showcase their creativity through art classes, feel active through physical recreations, and most importantly express themselves. LA Class AGAPE arranges many outings such as: Universal Studios, Sky Zone, Marathons, and other fun and safe activities that allow the participants to encounter new and unfamiliar places. LA Class AGAPE allows volunteers to take part in a change. I was fortunate to have received the opportunity to volunteer and make a place for the participants to experience a new lifestyle outside of their usual restricted atmosphere.

I approached the participants on my first day not knowing what to expect. However, the participants took me completely by surprise. Their communication, intellectual, and creative skills exceeded any ambiguous expectation I held prior to the class. During the first year I volunteered, I took care of one particular participant, Natalie Yoo. Natalie is diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy, a neurological disorder that affects body movement and muscle coordination. Despite her disability, she is one of the sweetest and smartest eighth graders I have encountered. She has difficulty speaking and communicates with the volunteers through her iPad. Using her index fingers, she relays all kinds of stories: her daily life at school, what she wants to eat for lunch and snack time, and which colors she wants to use to color her drawings. Although it was difficult to approach her at first, through constant encouragement and attempts to become friendlier with her, she slowly opened up to me. She began to hold my hand, laugh at my jokes, and even tell me some of her secrets. There were times when she even attempted to talk and I could understand her. I was so grateful to be part of an opportunity where I witnessed her improvements, her growth, and to have made a friend like her.

Many people may find that the volunteers at Class AGAPE contribute a lot to the community but we have received many valuable things in return. Class AGAPE gave me the opportunity to create special bonds that I would never have imagined to make elsewhere. I no longer see Natalie as a participant I have been paired with for six hours on a Saturday morning, but as a friend, a little sister with whom I love to spend time.

LA Class AGAPE forced me look at people with disabilities in a new light. They are the same as every other person in the world. They simply have their own distinct methods of expressing their feelings of joy, sadness, and love. Participating in this program makes me feel very proud that I am giving back to our community and making it a better place for ALL of us.



03/03 (LA)	Joseph Noh	03/14 (Irv)	Austin Hwang	03/19 (OC)	Beomgyu Lee
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(Irv)	Kyle Park	03/17 (OC)	Jung Jun Lee	03/21 (OC)	Tae Eun Kim
03/10 (OC)	Esther Lee	(Irv)	Katelyn Lim	03/27 (OC)	Crystal Pak
(OC)	Rachel Kwon	(Tor)	Jun Young Kim	(ELA)	Hanna Wang
(ELA)	Yicheng Pan	03/18 (OC)	Kryssie Kim	03/30 (Irv)	Alex Pak
				03/31 (LA)	Joon Choi

2016 Camp AGAPE

The date for **2016 Camp AGAPE** has been set and now we are kicking off the Fundraiser to be able to help prepare for the program and help individuals with their fees! **NEW ITEMS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO OUR FUNDRAISER!** Of course, take part in the fundraiser and it will help raise funds for your own fee! Make sure to get your family and friends all on board to **RAISE AWARENESS** and *let* them take part in making a difference for individuals with developmental disabilities! Believe it or not, some people wish to be more active in serving individuals with disabilities but just can't make enough time for it – so this is their chance! Take part in serving individuals with developmental disabilities by raising funds!

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3

"섬마을 미역"
(Dried Seaweed)



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