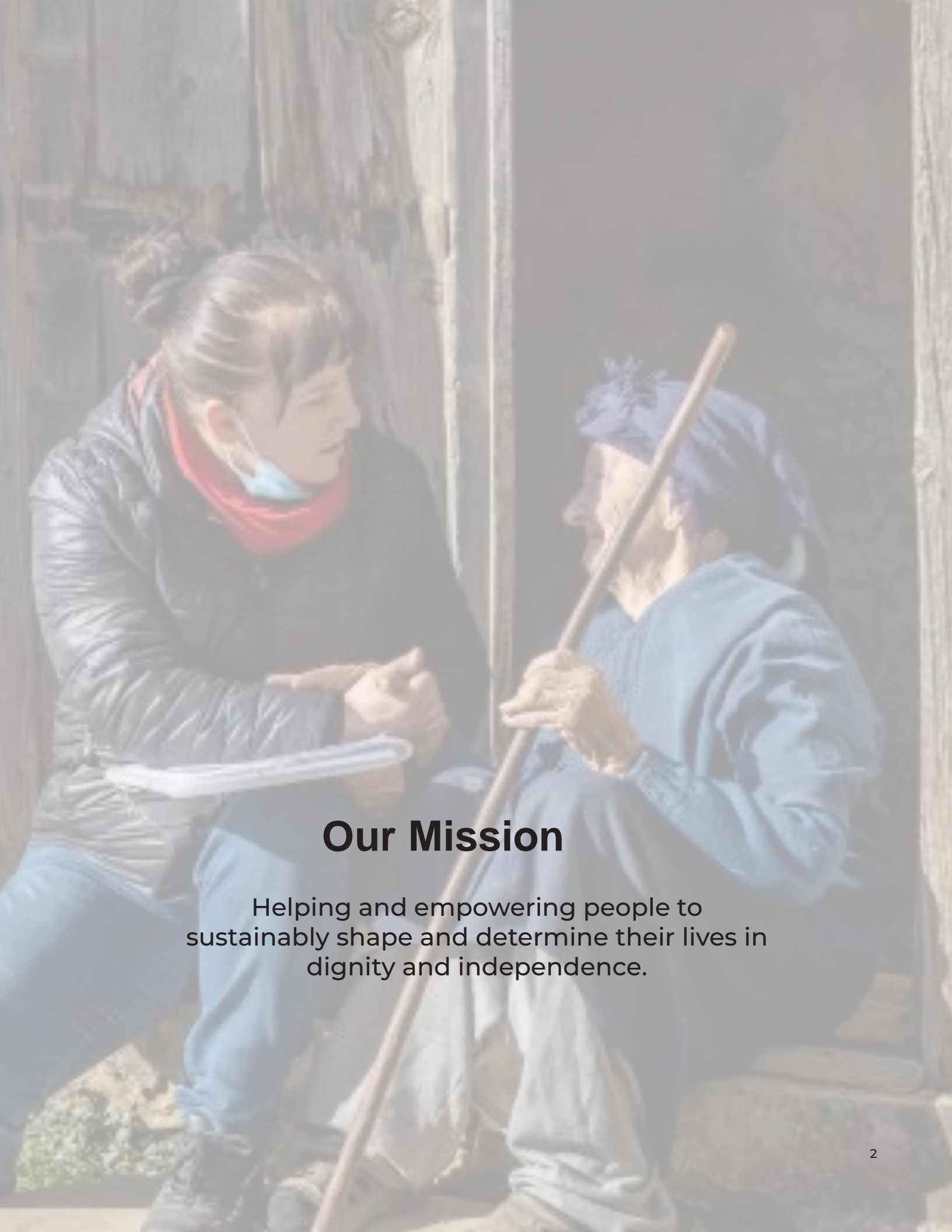




NEHEMIAH
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USA

**Better
Together**
2020 Annual Report



Our Mission

Helping and empowering people to sustainably shape and determine their lives in dignity and independence.

Dear friends,

We have all experienced the effects of separation and remote interactions during the Year of the Pandemic, 2020. There have been positive lessons learned but we were also left with a yearning for the day when we could socially interact, in a tangible, non-electronic way.

2020 has highlighted the primal need humans have for contact and togetherness. We are all better by being in community. We need each other.

Nehemiah Gateway USA has worked to bring people together during this year of COVID-19. We've highlighted extreme need that lockdowns brought to at-risk families and, working with our supporters and partners, we've provided aid packages that have helped bridge the gap of isolation-related lack during this time.

We also shone a light on the stresses experienced by Albanian teachers who were trying to keep their classes functioning in an on-line format, while lacking adequate tools. We again brought together friends and supporters, linked arms with these teachers, providing them with the means to better succeed in educating Albania's future leaders and citizens.

By coming together with our generous supporters, we have been able to provide ongoing assistance to keep afterschool programming running for children at-risk of exploitation and desperate choices, both in Albania and West Africa.

We faced a challenging year with you, dear friends. Together we were able to rise to the occasion and meet unique needs that were unforeseen and sudden, all the while providing for core programming that is empowering people to sustainably shape and determine their lives in dignity and independence.

We acknowledge what makes Nehemiah Gateway USA succeed. Staff, board members, volunteers, supporters, international colleagues, teachers, students, clients, and partners. We are all better together.

Michelle Mann
Executive Director

Aid During the Crisis



Before the COVID-19 pandemic hit Albania in March, 2020, the family of Vjollca Hoxhallari had achieved a precarious balance. Vjollca earned some money by cleaning houses, and her husband, paralyzed in 2018, brought in a modest stipend from the government. They were able to keep food on the table for their three children—until COVID-19 hit. The national lockdown shut down Vjollca's ability to earn money, and then, in April 2020, Vjollca's husband died. The situation of this newly widowed mother quickly became desperate. As her husband had been a regular patient at NG's Buçimas clinic, in the lockdown she appealed to NG to receive aid parcels of food and cleaning supplies.

Vjollca's family was one of hundreds that received aid parcels from Nehemiah Gateway in 2020. The pandemic upset the livelihoods of many, and turned bad situations desperate for people who make their living day by day. NG's aid program helped them survive, and provided attention and care during a time of isolation.

Helping our Teachers



Rovena Tasellari has been teaching English to grades 7-12 at Nehemia School in Pogradec for 16 years, providing students with a solid foundation in the English language to prepare them for their future endeavors. When Albania locked down in early March to prevent the spread of COVID-19, Mrs. Tasellari moved her classroom to the three-room apartment she shares with her husband and two daughters. Moving her whiteboard and personal cell phone between the kitchen and bedroom, she continued connecting with her students using a variety of digital platforms. Despite heroic efforts, the personal cell phone was the weak link at the center, as it was unable to handle things like video conferencing, power point presentations, homework and school documentation.

In summer 2020 Nehemiah Gateway USA led a fundraising campaign to purchase laptop computers for teachers at Nehemia School, including Mrs. Tasellari. The computers helped the teachers keep the learning going during a disrupted year. They were able to instruct remotely for students who were home sick or quarantined; break class sizes down with some students learning offsite; and take advantage of new educational resources available online.

Helping Families in Gjirokastër

In Gjirokastër, Thomai, age 10, and Aleksandri, age 7, are participants in the Roma school program. They receive material aid, equipping them for school and daily after-school meals, activities, and homework help. Pre-COVID, the family's only income came from the boys' mother collecting recyclables on the streets. When the lockdown started, that tiny income stream dried up. Aid deliveries from the NG Gjirokastër team allowed the household to keep some food on the table. "We are happy to have the opportunity to eat and go to school like other kids," says Thomai.

In 2020, Thomai and Aleksandri's schools were intermittently closed due to COVID-19 lockdowns, and meals and activities at the soup kitchen were not always available. In the absence of these necessary supports, the NG Gjirokastër team went to their home every two weeks with food and aid to help them get through the crisis.



Mentoring Youth in Ghana



Nehemiah Gateway USA partners with D1:8, an organization based in the Brong Ahafo Region of Ghana, with headquarters in Sunyani.

D1:8's mission is to mentor young people from every background so that they develop into vibrant, capable adults with Godly principles. D1:8 provides inspiration, mentorship, and support through weekly club meetings, discipleship, outreach, workshops and summits, and vocational training to help young people make good life choices and build dignified and sustainable futures for themselves.

Nehemiah Gateway USA supports D1:8 by providing financial oversight, donations, volunteers and a communication platform for promoting its work and vision.

Financial Accountability

Organizational Information and Financial Accountability

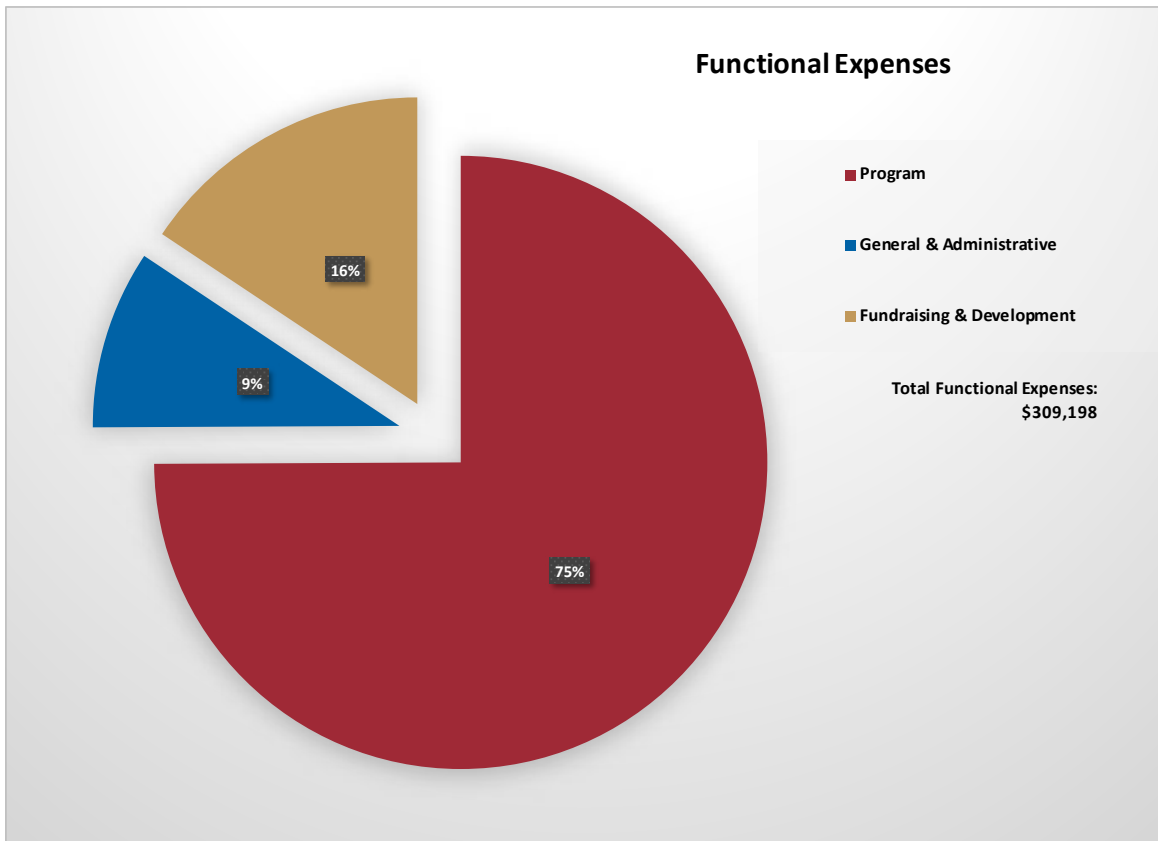
Nehemiah Gateway USA is a not-for-profit organization according to section 501(c)(3) of the federal IRS tax code. Gifts are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law and contributions are solicited with the understanding that Nehemiah Gateway USA has authorization for the distribution of all donated funds. Donations to NG-USA programs represent a contribution to the entire global mission of NG-USA and may be used where most needed.

As an organization, we adhere to the belief of the utmost importance of good stewardship and accountability to our donors for each donated gift. In order to be accountable to you, our donors, and so that we may also maintain strict practices of financial accountability, the following standards have been adopted by the NG-USA Board of Directors:

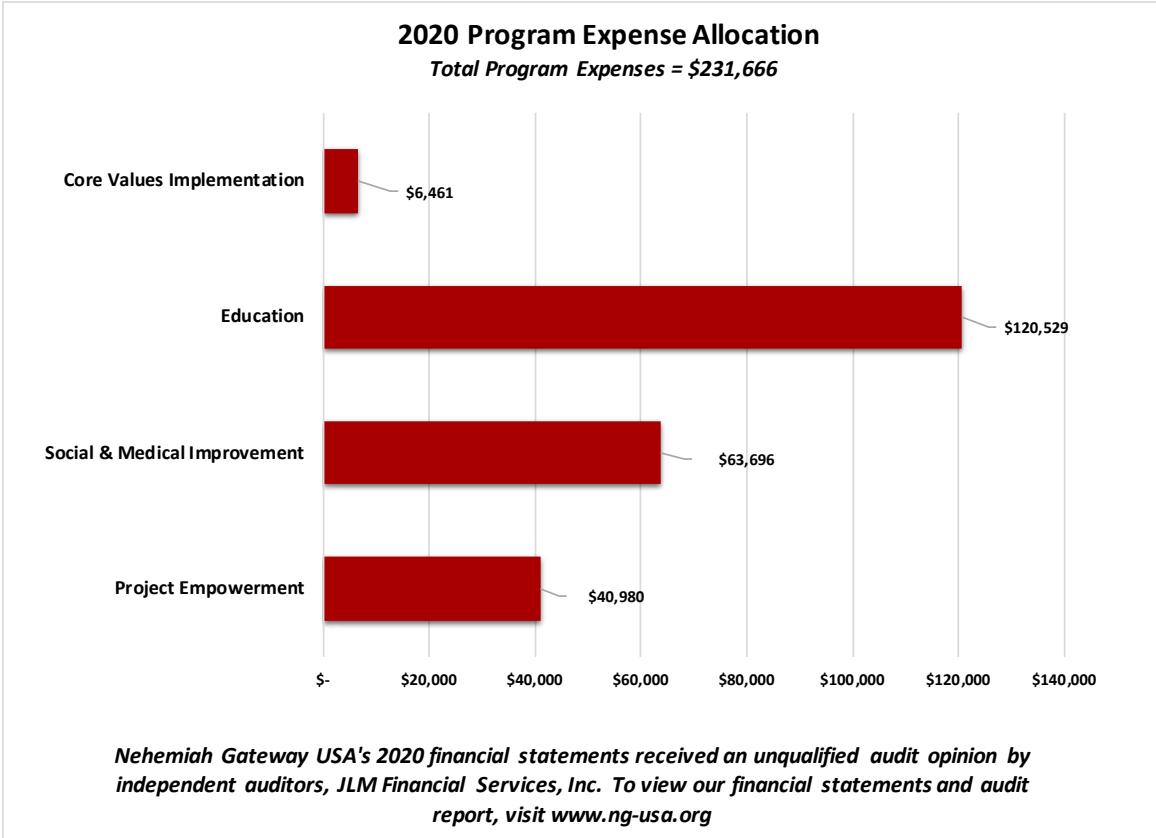
- We are governed by an active and responsible Board of Directors. None of the members are related, and the Board has full oversight of all of the NG-USA staff, organizational operations, budgets and financial issues, as well as policies and procedures.*
- Our fundraising appeals are designed to specifically promote and fund certain organizational projects and programs. On the rare occasion that a donation is made for a project that is overfunded, those donated dollars will be applied to a similar, urgent need.*
- Our financial statements and required government filings are prepared by a Certified Public Accountant. If you would like a copy of our latest annual return, exemption confirmation, audited financial statements or other related information, please send a request indicating the desired information, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope or an email address for the information to be sent, to Nehemiah Gateway USA, 1630 30th St. Suite A #345, Boulder, CO 80301*

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