



**Gateways to Opportunity**  
2018 Annual Report





## **Our Mission**

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

**Dear Friend:**

Quite often, an annual report can seem to be a perfunctory function of a nonprofit. Of course, it is important to communicate how an organization's finances were managed. Or, to describe worthy projects accomplished through donors' generosity. But for me, the greater value in being able to share an annual report with you, our donor, is the chance to show you a glimpse of the investment you've made into lives changed.

The programs and projects represented in this report would not have been possible without your generous financial engagement in the work of Nehemiah Gateway USA. In this report you will read about scholarships given to majority world students who want to "give back" with their lives after improving themselves at NG University. You will read about the investment you made into young lives at the Amaro Tan Roma school, in Pogradec, Albania. And, there is so much that is not able to be covered in this report - from humanitarian aid deliveries to helping the handicapped in areas neglected by society.

In a nutshell, your support of Nehemiah Gateway USA has made a difference in 2018. Your investment has been life-changing for many.

I hope you enjoy this look back at a wonderfully productive and successful year of working together. And, once again from all of us at Nehemiah Gateway USA – thank you for your partnership this past year.

Sincerely,

**Douglas Mann**  
**President**

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## Ambra's Story

The Amaro Tan Project, NG's kindergarten-9th grade school and social center, offers at-risk children in Pogradec the chance to build a brighter future. Some students, like Ambra, who is now on scholarship in 10th grade at the Nehemia School, hope to go much farther. Ambra was in the first class of students to participate in the after-school tutoring program at Amaro Tan. That program, supported by generous NG donors in the US and Germany, provides additional help to students so that they can successfully bridge to high school... and beyond.

Ambra loves school. She says that “everything is wonderful at Nehemia: the food, the teachers, the environment.” She dreams of finishing high school and going on to medical school to become a doctor. She has a strong orientation toward helping people, and this summer she even spent three weeks at Amaro Tan's summer camp, working with the youngest children. Says Ambra, “I feel I must be useful and give something in return.”

NG donors were essential to Ambra's successful move to one of the best high schools in Pogradec, and with their support, she will continue on in her education, realizing her potential to build a successful life that helps others.



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Helping Everyone Reach Their Potential

## Work with Special Needs Children

In Albania, children with special needs don't get a lot of support. Although disability inclusion is mandated by law, schools are generally not accessible, and do not have staff trained to work with people with learning differences or physical disabilities. Many children with special needs never go to school, and family members stay home as primary caregivers. A small stipend from the government does not go far in covering lost income or costs of specialized care and medicine.



Nehemiah Gateway supports special needs families and their children. We currently offer speech and physical therapy, free of charge, to 63 children. This is care most families could not otherwise afford, and which helps the children reach their potential in society. Summer camp and periodic activities bring them together with other children who are like them, as well as offering support and relief to their parents.

NG donors in the US and Germany sponsored two weeks of camp in summer 2018. In 2019, NG donors in the US are helping fund a new "Children's Learning Center" that will expand capacity to provide free therapy services in the Pogradec community and help more children with disabilities access school.

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Doing Good, and Doing Well

## Hallelujah and Enock's Story

Hallelujah and Enock Johannes Kasimba-zi graduated from the Nehemiah Gateway University bachelor's degree program in 2017. They are originally from Bukoba, in the north of Tanzania, where their father runs an orphanage. After graduation, both young men returned to Tanzania, and found jobs in Dar Es Salaam. Enock works for Coca Cola, while Hallelujah works for PricewaterhouseCoopers. Both are studying to become CPAs and aspire to earn MBAs someday.



In keeping with the spirit of Nehemiah Gateway University, their ultimate aim is to help others. Enock is already volunteering for Nehemiah Tanzania as an accountant in his spare time. Hallelujah plans to use the skills he is developing at PricewaterhouseCoopers to help Nehemiah Tanzania, creating new income streams that will broaden their funding beyond exclusive reliance on foreign donors.

Scholarship support from NG donors gives future leaders like Enock and Hallelujah the opportunity to develop their skills and knowledge at Nehemiah Gateway University, creating the foundation for their current success.



# Financial Accountability

## Organizational Information and Financial Accountability

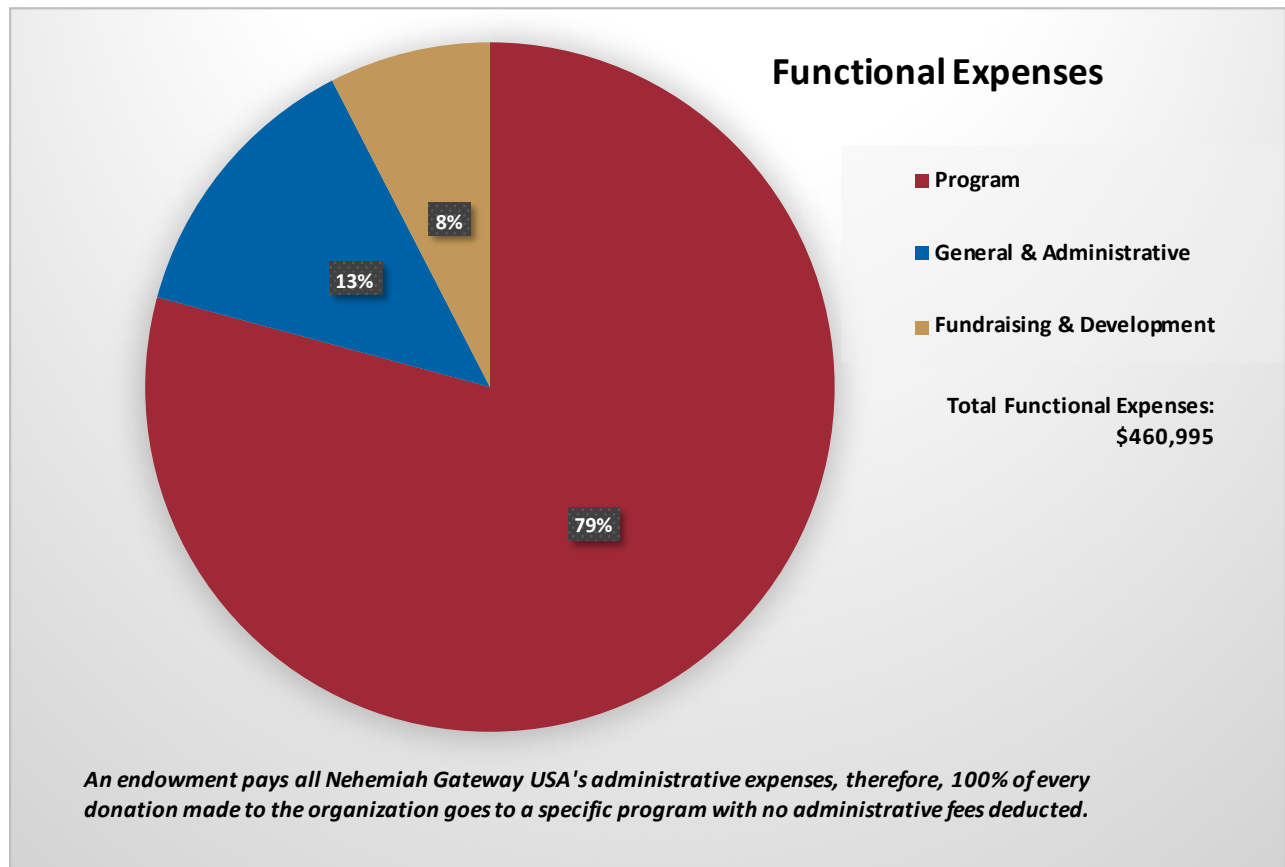
Nehemiah Gateway USA is a not-for-profit organization according to section 501(c)(3) of the federal IRS tax code. Gifts are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law and contributions are solicited with the understanding that Nehemiah Gateway USA has authorization for the distribution of all donated 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.*
- *An endowment pays all NG-USA administrative expenses therefore, 100% of every donation made to the organization goes to a specific project or program with no administrative fee deducted. Not a single postage stamp or paperclip is paid for with donors' dollars.*
- *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.*
- *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.*

If you have any questions or comments in regard to how we operate or handle your gifts, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to answer your questions.

# Financial Overview

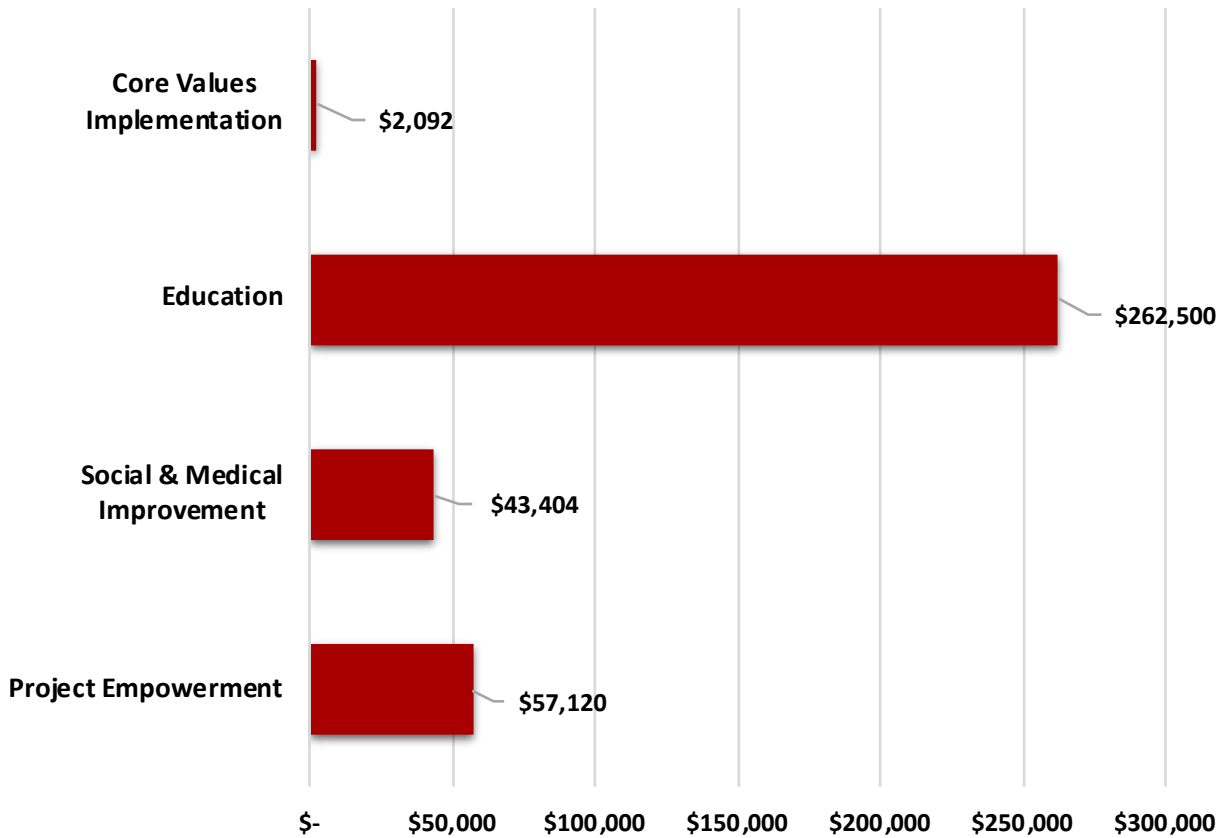




# Audit Overview

## 2018 Program Expense Allocation

Total Program Expenses = \$365,115



*Nehemiah Gateway USA's 2018 financial statements received an unqualified audit opinion by independent auditors, JLM Financial Services, Inc. To view our financial statements and audit report, visit [www.ng-usa.org](http://www.ng-usa.org)*

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