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AMARO TAN

Amaro Tan: a place for at-risk Roma, Balkan Egyptian, and Albanian children to learn and grow. 140 students per year, ages kindergarten through ninth grade. Public school doesn't offer the supports these boys and girls need, and Amaro Tan is their best chance at an education. Students receive nutritious meals, basic medical and dental care, and a team of caring, dedicated staff who serve as teachers, mentors, and role models. Amaro Tan is funded entirely through donations.

Picture: Jasmina, age 7, is a first grader at Amaro Tan. She started coming to preschool in 2018

NEHEMIA SCHOOL

Nehemia School: a top-notch private school on the NG campus near Pogradec, with 470 students ages kindergarten through 12th grade. 98% of graduates attend university, and 38% attend university outside of Albania. The school is largely self-sustaining through tuition fees, with a growing number of alumni contributing to the school. Every year, the Nehemia School provides financial support for a few students. Academically outstanding students can't always afford tuition fees, but their participation benefits everyone. Additionally, some students receive need-based assistance every year. The supportive environment at the school helps children facing some sort of crisis to stay on a good path as they grow.

Picture: Egli (left) has attended Nehemia School since 2020, supported by the alumni-funded Dr. Jorgji Jajcari Academic Excellence Scholarship.



Dear friends,

Enjoy rediscovering some of NG USA's ongoing programs and current focal points of involvement. We are so grateful to be able to undergird these efforts in Albania and beyond, thanks to your partnership.

Best wishes from us to you during this holiday season!

Michelle Mann,
Executive Director
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NG UNIVERSITY

Nehemiah Gateway University: a small school for people seeking to make a big impact. NGU enrolls 15 students per year in a Bachelor of Arts in Economy and Business program. The program is based on the German "dual study" model, and is accredited in the US, Germany, and Albania. The student body is a mix of Albanians and international scholarship students who have been selected because of their high potential to use their skills to help their communities. Nehemiah Gateway University is supported by fees and donations.

Picture: Karla Cuca studies at NGU. When she graduates next year she will bring her skills to Guatemala and to the service of the NGO she came from—as an emerging leader.

GJIROKASTËR



Sonja, age 7, is a new student at the NG Gjirokastër program. She is in the first grade.

NG operates a small soup kitchen and after-school program in the southern Albanian city of Gjirokastër. Services include a daily hot lunch (in Albania, the biggest meal of the day) and medical and humanitarian support for 40 people, and an after-school program that provides 14 at-risk Roma children with the supports they need to stay in school.

DANIEL 1:8



Benjamin, Emmanuel, and Kelvin from the D1:8 program

D 1:8, headquartered in Sunyani in northern Ghana, provides children and young adults with education and mentorship opportunities so that they can build vibrant and positive lives for themselves. Faith-based programming instills values that will help these amazing young people make good choices in life. COVID-19 has reduced access to school for young people in Ghana, and NGOs like D1:8 are helping to fill growing gaps in service.

VILLAGE AID



Mersya lives alone with her animals in a remote village. She looks forward to the visits of the humanitarian team for the company as much as the meals.

Village Aid has been at the heart of NG's Albania work from the very beginning. Urbanization has left Albania's remote villages crumbling and inaccessible. Those few who remain are old or otherwise unable to leave and live at a level of poverty that is shocking even to their fellow Albanians. NG's humanitarian team visits the villages at least four times per year. They bring aid parcels and donated goods, as well as social and medical aid where needed, to people whose circumstances have caused them to be left behind—but not forgotten.

CLINIC/LEARNING CENTER



Working with a student at the Children's Learning Center

Free or very low-cost care for people in need in the Pogradec/Buçimas area. This includes physiotherapy and other care for people with long-term conditions on an outpatient basis and through home visits. Our Children's Learning Center offers year-round speech and developmental therapies free of charge to 60 children in the Pogradec area who have learning differences such as Down Syndrome and autism. These services are not available through the public school or healthcare systems.

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