

International School Helps Roma NGO support child education by Helping Mother

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As the school year came to a close for the American High School in Tirana students and staff kicked off the summer by helping out a local Roma non-profit and doing their part for the environment. On June 18th the school held a day of festivities and concerts to celebrate another successful year and showcase students' achievements over the past two semesters. School officials were kind enough to allow CAAP to participate in the event and demonstrate our gratitude



for the school's cooperation over the past year.



The High School has been collecting recyclable materials for a CAAP project in Tirana that helps Roma NGO Romani Baxt generate income for child education and for Roma families that are employed as collectors.

Each month CAAP collects bins of paper from about 35 collection points— businesses, institutions, and schools— to be transported to storage center and then sold to reprocessing plants. The Roma children and Roma employees handling the operation get a better future, and everyone in the country benefits from a cleaner environment.

CAAP would like to extend a special thanks to everyone involved in the project and we hope everyone at the school enjoys a summer in an Albania that's a little greener!

Income Generation Means Better Lives for Roma Families

Common Actions against Poverty has long believed in creating truly sustainable results by empowering our clients to take control of their lives. CAAP recently completed an entrepreneurship training for about 40 Roma families in Elbasan, Fier, and Korca under the Transnational Action Against Child Trafficking (TACT) program, generously supported by Terre des hommes. Participants had an opportunity to learn new business skills in accounting, pricing, selling, and negotiations, so that they can succeed with their family businesses.

The TACT project employs income generation as just one of many approaches to protecting child rights. Helping parents gain economic stability means they can survive without begging and, because CAAP makes supporting education a requirement for all its micro-finance activities, every family has a tangible incentive to send their children to school.

We would like to congratulate all the participants and everyone who made this training possible; every step we take means a brighter future for all of us!



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