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## Volunteerism and Dancing!

September 1st, 2009

On August 25, CAAP staff was lucky enough to participate in a wonderful expression of Albanian community spirit! CAAP worked with World Vision to help organize their first large scale youth volunteerism event "Change Begins with Me". Teams from around northern Albania came to offer their ideas on ways to help their communities. All the groups worked very hard and presented their ideas with flourish. After the presentations World Vision rewarded all the youth for their dedication with a party at the beach complete with good food, good fun and lots of dancing! Great job to everyone who participated!



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## Join us for Salsa to Celebrate CAAP's First Year!

CAAP would like you to join us on Thursday, September 10th at the Etno Club in the Tirana "Block" for a night of fun! CAAP will be hosting the event to celebrate a year of successful programs. The Etno Club has been kind enough to donate their bar space for the night and CAAP has hired a Salsa instructor to help us celebrate in style. Come to dance with us and learn a little bit about what Common Actions Against Poverty has been doing to help families in Albania build better lives. The event starts at 8:30 p.m. and we hope to see you all there!

For confirmation and directions, please contact [info@caap-al.org](mailto:info@caap-al.org)



## CAAP and Peace Corps Raise Funds for Roma Women

CAAP invited by Peace Corps Albania participated in a two days exhibition event of the handicraft products of its beneficiaries: Embroidery Association in Korca, Women group in Gramsh and Women group in Lezha (direct beneficiaries of World Vision). CAAP made about \$500 sales on behalf of these groups, and generated modest income that will benefit the economy of the women's families.

We thank the Peace Corps Albania staff and the conference participants for helping us with the sales!

## Success Spotlight: Moisi Gegollari, Barber Shop

“With the grant I was able to start my own Barber shop. Since finishing high school I have been unable to find work any where and had no money saved. It was difficult to find a loan as banks don’t support start up businesses. This is especially hard for individuals with no collateral and who are young. With help from CAAP and a grant from USAID and municipality of Korca, I was able to buy equipment and launch my business.

For now I make an average of 700 lek per day. In order to increase my income, I am working to attract more clients to the store and I am thinking to make an announcement to the university about my shop to let students know that they will find modern hair dressing for male with very reasonable prices.”



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