

# Albanian Sunrise School

## Quality Multi-Cultural Education on 20 cents per day!

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For the past two years the Sunrise Kindergarten has been providing high quality education for 80 Children from one of Albania's poorest neighborhoods.

On a budget that would be ridiculous in any developed country (20 cents per child per day), children, hailing from Albania's northern provinces adjoining the Kosovo border, have been receiving a world class education that includes:

- ecological awareness
- introduction to English
- music and creativity
- physical and health education

This website is the chronicle of this school's success story. There are more children are waiting for their chance to attend this school. It only costs \$6 per month (.20 per day) to educate another child. Do you want to be part of the Sunrise success story? You can make a world of difference in the life of one child, one family, one community by investing 20 cents in humanity's future.

[Click here for more information on how to help.](#)

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The Sunrise School in Bathore is a project of AMURT Albania. AMURT (Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team) is an international disaster relief and development organization that was founded in India in 1970. Originally working to help the victims of flood disasters on the Indian sub-continent, AMURT now has locally based teams in over 80 countries around the world. This network of teams is able to react swiftly to disaster emergencies as well as to carry out longer-term rehabilitation and development projects such as the Sunrise School in Bathore, Albania.

AMURT was registered in Albania in 1995. During the Kosovo refugee crisis (April 1999) we provided food and other relief goods to refugees and their Albanian host families. Close to 7,000 people received supplies from us on a regular basis during the crisis. We also sponsored a basketball league for Kosovar refugees. In June, 1999 we sent a contingent to the western part of Kosovo and reconstructed four war-damaged school buildings.

Following the Kosovar Crisis, we worked in the Quick Impact Program of the UNHCR, and helped to renovate and repair public facilities in Albania which were impacted by the influx of refugees. In September 1999, we began our work in Bathore, a squatter colony 12 km from Tirana. Our first project was the setting up of a micro-credit program which provided loans to small businesses. This program has been very successful, giving more than 30 loans with a 100% repayment rate. Along with the micro-credit program, an English language course for school pupils and young adults was set up by our team. The micro-credit program and the English courses (both of which are still running) led to the start of the Sunrise School in October 2000. Our team in Albania is composed of Albanians and volunteers from other countries. Below is information about our current working staff.



**Manushaqe Mandri** - kindergarten teacher. Manushaqe is 31 years old and the mother of two children. She is university educated and has a degree in agronomy. She has taught in the Sunrise Kindergarten for the past year (having taught in another kindergarten prior to that). She is skilled in traditional Albanian carpet weaving and was one of the first recipients of micro-credit in the AMURT micro-credit program for Bathore in 2000.



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**Vjollca Milloshi** – kindergarten teacher. Vjollca is 28 years old and is the mother of two children. She has a certificate in pedagogy and has taught in the Sunrise Kindergarten since its inception in October 2000.



**Dylber Vrioni** - member, Board of Directors, AMURT Albania- Dylber is 55 years old and is university educated (mechanical engineer). During the 1990s he served in the Albanian Government as a Member of Parliament, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Governor of the Albanian Central Bank. He currently runs an independent company, Albanian Consulting, and works for AMURT as an advisor on a voluntary basis.



**Donald Nelson** - AMURT country representative and director of our projects in Bathore. Donald is 55 years old and was born in New York City. He is university educated and has worked in the field of international social service for the past 30 years. He has worked in Albania for the past three years. He works as a volunteer. His skills and hobbies include: editor, web page designer, yoga instructor, musician and song-writer.

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**Genci Muçollari**

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**Genci Muçollari** - Coordinator of AMURT Albania. Genci is one of the founding Albanian members of AMURT. He is university educated (mechanical engineering) and is also the founder and president of Axionplus (an NGO which gives AIDS information to young people). He works for AMURT on a voluntary basis.

**If you would like to help us to carry out the task of educating children in the Sunrise School, please visit our [Support page](#). Your contribution can make a big difference in the life of one child, one community and the wider world.**

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In September 1999, Donald Nelson and his co-workers began working in Bathore. Prior to this they had been providing relief supplies to several thousand Kosovar refugees living with Albanian families in the Tirana area.

Arriving in Bathore they found an area suffering with severe social and economic problems. Donald and his co-workers found many children in the streets without any chance to attend school. They learned that this condition is because there is only one government school in the area. After consulting with the local Elder (elected representative of the locality), they made plans to open a much needed kindergarten. A building was selected in August 2000, and as soon as they started registration, the available places were filled up (on the first day of registration) and forty more children were placed on the waiting list.



**On October 2nd 2000 classes started at the Sunrise School. In this photo teacher Vjollca Milloski calls the names of the entering students.**

In January 2001, work was completed on an addition to the school building and another 40 children were able to attend.

In March 2001 a team from the European Union's monitoring commission visited the school. Representatives of several international ngos also visited the kindergarten.

As graduates of the Sunrise kindergarten began to attend the local primary school, they performed exceptionally well and the school acquired a reputation for academic excellence.

In the summer of 2001, teachers from the local primary school visited the sunrise school and directly enrolled the most promising students for the coming autumn session.

By January 2002, one of the former Sunrise pupils ranked number 1 in her class at the Bathore primary school.



**In January 2001 a new room (on the left) was added on to the school allowing 40 more children to attend.**



**In May 2002 the school moved to this new building. With one extra classroom, we were able to admit 30 more students, and today total enrollment is 100 children (in two shifts)**

#### **The Future:**

**During the spring of 2003, we applied for permission to add primary school grades to our program. We are waiting for an answer from Albania's Ministry of Education. As soon as we get the "green light" we will expand the program further.**

You can help write the next chapter in the Sunrise story. The school has been running with the support of people from around the world. With your participation we can extend this program, bringing quality education to more youngsters. Find out how you can take part in this success story.

# The Children

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The Sunrise School is located in Bathore, a squatter community 12 km from Tirana. Bathore was established in the 1990s following the collapse of the communist system. Especially hard hit by the social and economic changes of the 1990s were people in Albania's northern provinces, adjacent to Kosovo. 30,000 emigrants from the north came to settle on a tract of land which is now the Bathore community. This community suffers from a lack of infrastructure (roads, power and water) and from a lack of social services (there is only one government school in this whole community). On top of this unemployment is as high as 80% in some parts of Bathore. Some residents earn money by illegal means, and some children from Bathore can be seen in Tirana, peddling cigarettes in the sidewalk cafes. The Sunrise School is located in Bathore's Sector 6, the poorest part of this settlement. In this sector 100 families still live in the converted cattle sheds which were part of the collective farm which covered Bathore prior to the arrival of the present inhabitants. The children in the school come from both Christian and Muslim families. Below are some of the children who are presently in the school.



Artjola Meli is six years old. She has two brothers. Her mother is a housewife and her father is a skilled worker.



Denisa Puci is six years old. She has one brother. Her mother is a housewife and her father is trucker.



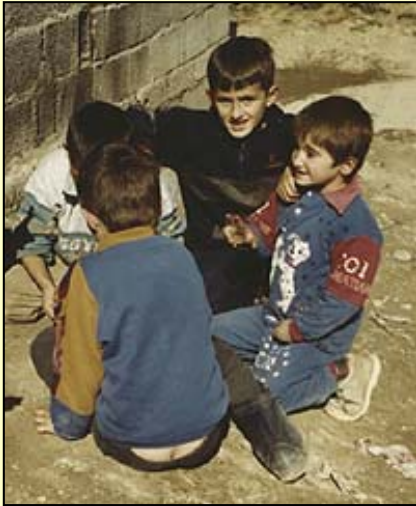
Elvis Dauti is four years old. He has one brother and one sister. His mother is a housewife and his father is skilled worker.



Emiljan Krasni is six years old. He has one brother. His mother is a housewife and his father is an invalid.



Many children sell cigarettes and phone cards on the streets of Tirana, due to the harsh economic circumstances. The Sunrise education program is working to keep youngsters in school and give them the possibility for a better life.



**Your donation can give a child a good start in life.**

For \$6 a month or 20 cents per day you can help open the door of education for one child.

**[Click here](#) to find out how you can help.**

# Education

## Quality Education for Future World Citizens

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Getting a head Start!  
At the Sunrise school children learn the basics of writing. "Graduates" of this program are doing exceptionally well in their first grade classes.

The Sunrise school exceeds the normal standard of kindergarten education and we are already having an impact on the local community.

The school emphasizes:

multicultural, universal values taught through stories, songs, games

ecological consciousness developed through stories, songs, games.

Introduction to the English language with songs and plays and the input of native English speakers.

Health and physical education through games and sports.



English with Songs  
Native English speakers bring the beginnings of English language learning to the children at the Sunrise school.



### Writing Practice

By the time the children reach the first grade they will already know the basics of writing the alphabet and numbers.

You can help give a child an opportunity to attend the Sunrise School. Find out how you can be part of this innovative program by [clicking here](#).

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## Be Part of the Sunrise Success Story

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With a donation of \$6 a month you can give a high quality, multicultural education to one child in a neighborhood where children would otherwise not get this opportunity to develop socially.

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The sunrise school is supported by individuals from around the world. We have a waiting list for the school and your donation will enable another child to attend.

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The project is managed by volunteers and employs highly qualified local teachers

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Would you like to be part of this success story and help open the door of education for one child by donating \$6 a month? If you are seriously interested in taking part in this noble effort you can donate online:

**To support one child for six months [click here](#)**

**To support one child for one year [click here](#)**

If you would like to donate a larger amount you may send a check payable to AMURT Albania to:

**Sunrise School  
AMURT  
PO Box 1706  
Tirana, Albania**

**or you may pay by bank transfer to:**

**Account name: AMURT Albania  
Bank: American Bank of Albania  
Rr. Ismail Qemali 27  
P.O. Box 3818  
Tirana  
Account # 1004031801  
SWIFT: USALALTR**

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If you have any questions about how you can help our project, send an e-mail to [info@albaniansunrise.com](mailto:info@albaniansunrise.com)

**Thank you for your cooperation!**



### **Guarantee**

“I can assure you that all donations contributed to the Sunrise School will be competently managed and used for the development and running of the school”

**Dylber Vrioni**--Board of Directors of Sunrise School and Former Deputy Prime Minister of Albania. (shown here, on left, with President Clinton in 1995)

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