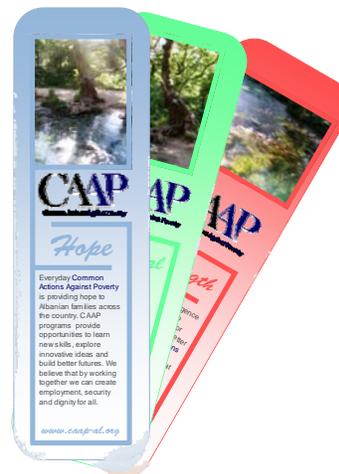


## Thanks for Joining Us!

The Staff at CAAP would like to thank everyone who helped make our table at the May 10th Craft's Fair a success! We had a chance to showcase the crafts from our income generation projects, sell a bit of our merchandise and raise some funds to support CAAP programs. A special thanks to everyone who purchased a product or made a donation!

June 1st, 2009



## Embroidery Association Brings Empowerment and Action

An activist by nature, Eva Tare puts her ideals and demands for justice at the forefront of all she does. As a cornerstone of the community, Eva is sought out for encouragement, advice and seeking ways of making the world a more equitable place to live. Just a short time ago, Eva saw an opportunity for further integration and empowerment of Roma and Egyptian women, two subcultures of people often discriminated against in Albania.



She established the Embroidery Association in 2006 with the support of Terre des hommes (Tdh), a Swiss NGO. Common Actions Against Poverty (CAAP), a local Albanian NGO supported by Tdh, provides the daily technical assistance such as new product designs and market linkages, while a grant from the U.S. Embassy in 2008 helped the Association strengthen its human and physical assets, and enabled it to have a voice in the community. Not only does the association help the women develop socially, but it also contributes to intellectual and vocational growth.

The Association is a lobbying place for the twelve women involved to work on embroidery projects and handicrafts for the global market, and communicate with each other on issues effecting their lives, four hours a day, five days a week. In addition to the concrete vocational skills taught, each week there are additional trainings and informational sessions on various topics, such as the importance of education, keeping children safe and off the street, fighting discrimination and even some business planning. Testimonies from the women reveal the profound importance the Association has on their lives, not only economically, but also personally and socially.

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