



AMAL ALLIANCE

EMPOWERING GLOBAL CITIZENS



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FROM THE FOUNDER

Dear Friends of Amal Alliance,

I fervently believe that every child has the fundamental right to dream, laugh, and experience the joy of playing as a child! Unfortunately, wars, conflict, and natural disasters have stripped children of their homes and families, robbed them of their childhood, left them traumatized and living in a constant state of distress. It is in our hands to counter the difficult, dislocating, and traumatic situation in which displaced and refugee children are living by providing them with the social emotional learning tools necessary to reach their full potential.

2018 will forever be marked as the year we brought our mission to life! With the invaluable support from our board, our advisory board, our partners, and beloved volunteers, we conducted two pilot programs in Greece & Lebanon, introducing the world to our Rainbow of Education. Amal's Rainbow speaks to the spirit of collaboration, and the powerful force that drives us when we work together towards the greater good.

Our holistic approach provides psychosocial support, but also introduces learning that meets displaced children at their confidence and capability level. Through play, we nurture a sense of inner peace that helps children develop concentration, self-confidence, and more importantly restore their self-worth.

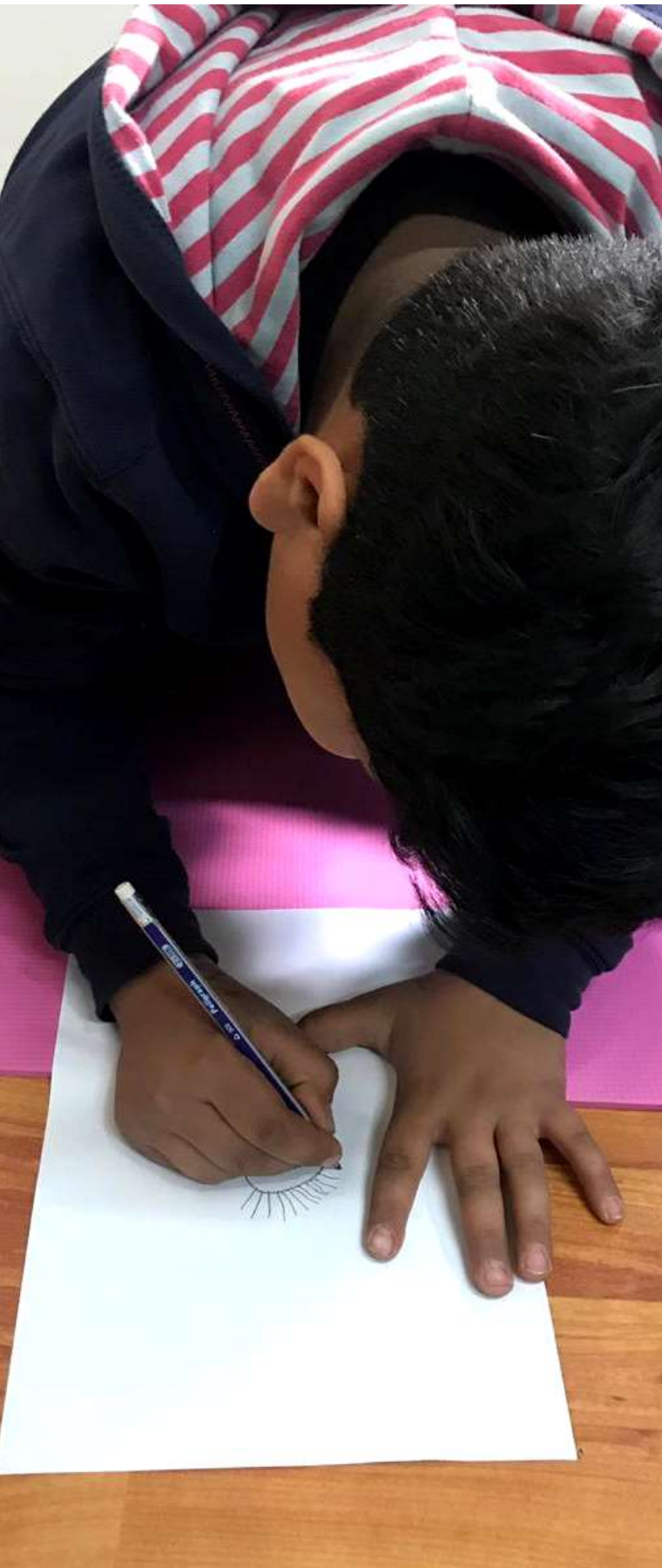
Thank you for being part of my dream! You have all helped me plant seeds of hope and opportunity that will one day blossom and give tremendous fruit to children around the globe.

With gratitude,

Danielle De La Fuente
Founder & Chief of Happiness



WHY WE EXIST



The Amal Alliance, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) dedicated to empowering displaced children through social development programs at refugee camps and informal settlements around the globe through education and integration.

68.5

MILLION PEOPLE

have been forcibly displaced worldwide by conflict or natural disasters

73%

ARE CHILDREN

more than 50 million of which are unaccompanied minors

11-17

YEARS

is the average amount of time a refugee child will spend displaced and living in a refugee camp or settlement

OUR OBJECTIVES

01

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL)

Increasing academic success, decreasing behavioral problems and emotional distress, while creating positive social behaviors.

02

PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

Improving the overall physical, mental, and emotional health through awareness-based methods and tools to help cope with trauma.

03

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Assisting healthy cognitive, emotional, and physical growth throughout the most formative developmental years in a child's life.

04

PEACEBUILDING & RESILIENCE

Creating meaningful and trusting relationships that foster civil behavior, good citizenship, tolerance, compassion, and resilience.



WHAT WE DO

Our programs stimulate children's minds, meet their socio-cognitive and psychosocial needs, and provide a sense of hope for the future. With a heavy focus on early childhood development, our social-emotional learning curriculum is an informal education alternative for children ages 1-16. It aims to nurture children's interpersonal and behavioral skills, cultivating resilience, self-awareness and communication dexterity.

We employ a trauma sensitive holistic approach to counter the effects of chronic stress. By establishing a practice of kids yoga and mindfulness, we help children foster a sense of inner peace to balance and regulate their emotions. This practice develops concentration, self-confidence, and self-worth. Through our holistic programs, which encourage expression and teamwork, children find their voice, agency, and the emotional intelligence they need to rebuild their lives.

OUR HOLISTIC APPROACH INCLUDES . . .



Kids Yoga & Mindfulness



Literacy Programs



Social Emotional Learning



Dance, Art Therapy, & Music



Relaxation Techniques



Creative Writing

SOCIAL INCLUSION

Our programs are not solely focused on refugees, but rather on integrating them with the children of the host community. This method of implementation helps bring down divisive barriers of intolerance, fosters civility, and allows children to see their peers in a more positive light.



WHY WE "TRAIN THE TRAINER"

Our content is only as effective as those relaying it. Therefore, we invest heavily in training teachers, individuals from the refugee community, volunteers, and our local partners, to be at the forefront of our classrooms.

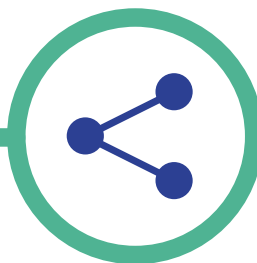
During a five-day intensive interactive training, program facilitators participate in community building exercises that teach how to interpret and convey the overarching themes that the curriculum embodies. We empower our program facilitators to teach compassionately, and meet children at their confidence and capability level. These acquired skills provide professional development, but also a newfound sense of purpose.

Through continued virtual support and quarterly visits, we ensure our teachers are capable to provide the utmost programming quality.



TRAIN

We train the trainers to impart the curriculum



TEACH

They teach the children social emotional fundamentals



TRANSFORM

Together we transform lives

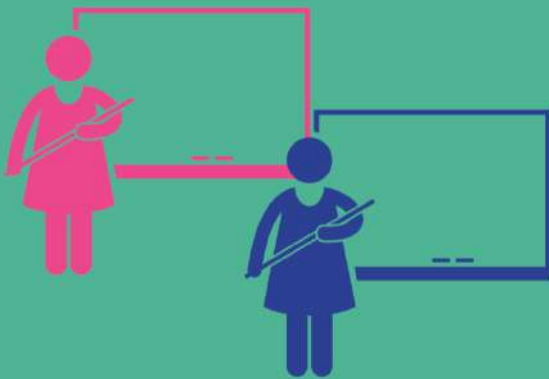
2018 IMPACT

800+ KIDS

children have benefitted from Amal Alliance's efforts and activities



TEACHERS 39



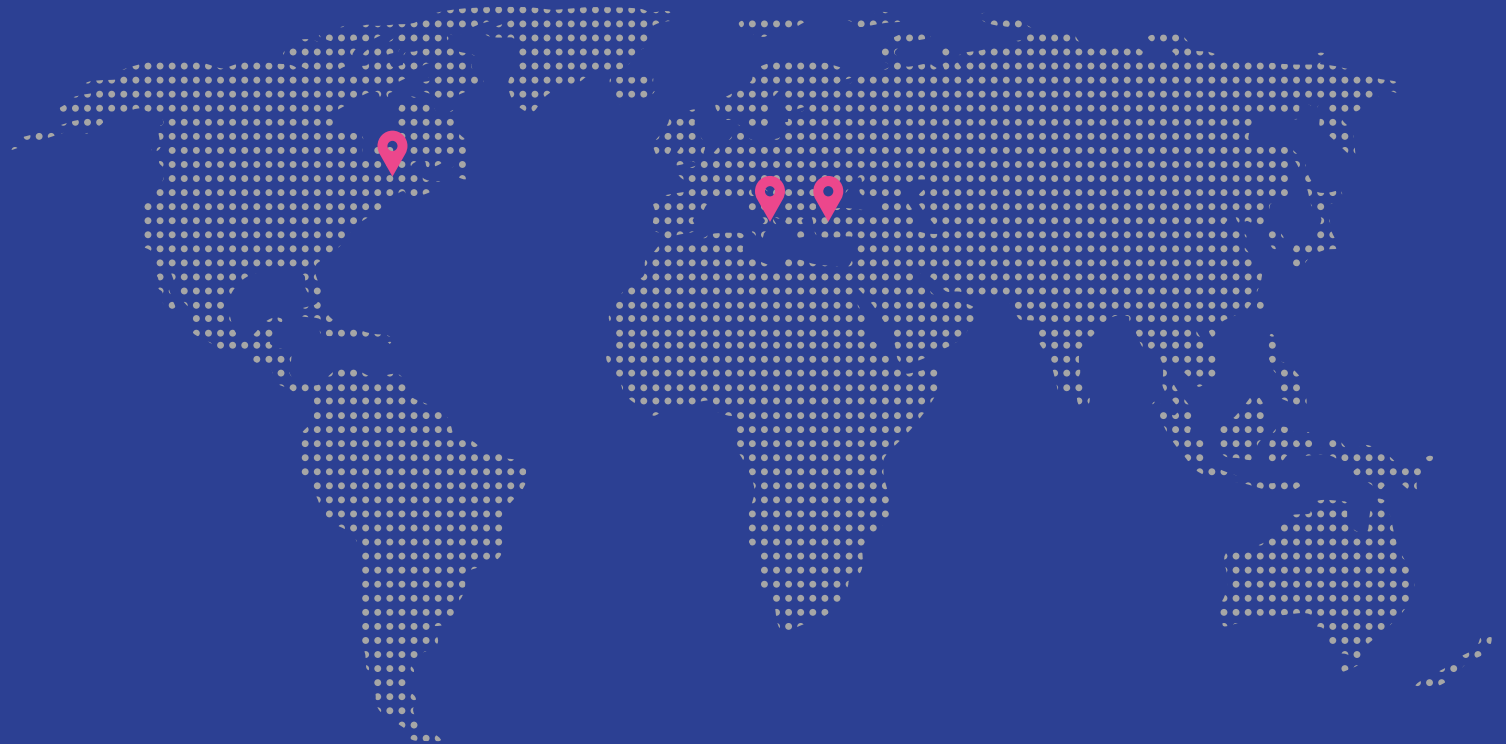
teachers have been trained to teach our curriculum, providing children with local mentorship

4 SAFE SPACES

safe spaces host our programs, providing children with a safe learning environment



GLOBAL OUTREACH



Our programs are currently running in **Thessaloniki, Greece** at the **Elpida Home** & at the **Lebanese Organization for Studies and Training** safe learning spaces in **Bouday, Bedyanel, and Balbeek, Lebanon**.

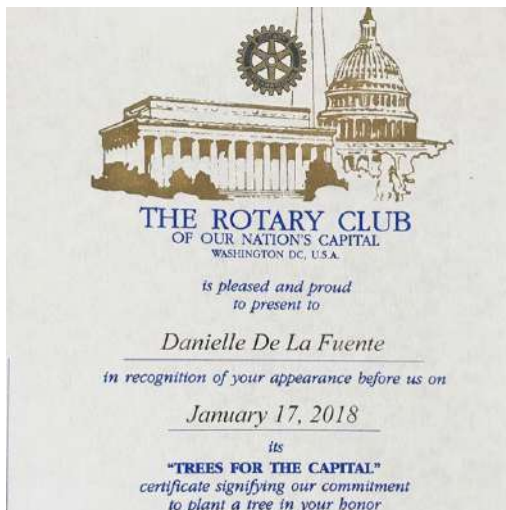
FINANCIALS

Amal Alliance is currently an 100% voluntary led organization, which means that 100% of all donations received in 2018 went directly to the programs serving the children!

Cost per program varies by location, but details are available upon request.

100%

YEAR IN REVIEW



JANUARY

- The Pollination Project selects Amal as a Grantee
- The Rotary Club of Washington D.C. introduces Amal's work and honors our efforts with a tree planted in the nation's capital



APRIL

- Amal participates in Education & Gender Working Groups at the International Refugee Congress in Istanbul, Turkey
- Amal receives GuideStar Gold Seal of Transparency
- McGinnity Family Foundation selects Amal as grantee



FEBRUARY

- The Happy Cube is born! After many months of research, Zendoway launches our cube
- Amal is selected to participate in the Nonprofit Coach Founders Forum Inaugural Class



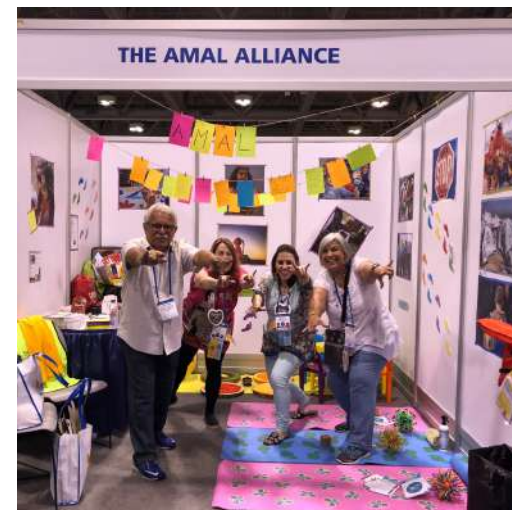
MAY

- Pilot program launched in partnership with the Elpida Home in Thessaloniki, Greece
- Urban Yoga partners help train new teachers at Elpida Home
- Club Coronado Rotario Binacional throws fundraiser in San Diego, CA and wins matching Rotary Int. Grant



MARCH

- World Bank & Rotary International presented Amal's work at International Women's Day at World Bank Headquarters in Washington, D.C.



JUNE

- Hosted 29,000 visitors at the Rotary International Convention in Toronto, Canada
- Featured on Canadian Broadcasting Communication (CBC)
- Featured at Ending Ultra Poverty Summit: Refugee Panel

YEAR IN REVIEW



JULY

- Best Practices: Piloting in Greece gave us many Lessons Learned - identifying areas for improvement & ways we could enhance our programming
- Child & Teen "My Learning Handbooks" were born



AUGUST

- Merging amazing resources and curricula from our partners to create a unique, comprehensive curriculum - our rainbow
- Collaborated with numerous orgs to address four (4) of the UN's SDGs: 3, 4, 16, & 17



SEPTEMBER

- During the UN General Assembly, Amal partakes in the High-Level Side Event on the Global Compact for Refugees: A model for greater solidarity and cooperation



OCTOBER

- Conducted successful Lebanese pilot program in partnership with Lebanese Organization for Studies and Training in Baalbek, Lebanon
- Ran the first successful teacher training in Arabic



NOVEMBER

- Classes begin in Lebanon in three centers around the Beqaa Valley
- The Amal tree rooted in Lebanon begins to grow as a symbolic representation to the seeds planted that will create compassionate beings



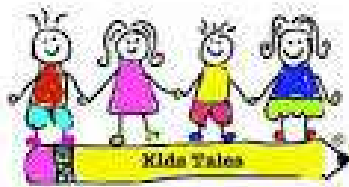
DECEMBER

- Monitoring and evaluation of impact is put into gear
- Taproot Foundation selects Amal as grantee
- Happy, smiling faces reinforce our commitment and give us hope for 2019....

OUR PARTNERS

The Amal Alliance firmly believes that working together allows us to create a more meaningful and lasting impact in a world so torn by conflict. After scouring the globe, we found true leaders in their respective communities, each offering bountiful experience, knowledge, and resources that have been tried and tested. Their work resonates tremendously with all the lives they have touched, and now it will resonate with many more as we bring our partners' voices together as one to serve the most vulnerable children - through a harmonious symphony that is our Rainbow of Education!

With deepest gratitude, we thank all our partners for contributing towards this collaborative humanitarian effort!



THANKS TO OUR DONORS

Our donors are directly responsible for a change in emotions, encouraging learning, and empowering displaced youth by providing hope and opportunity to brighten a child's future!

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Our Teachers, Volunteers, & Interns

--- who plant seeds of compassion from all across the globe!

The Little Ones

--- who inspire us to do more!





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