




TURKISH
PHILANTHROPY
FUNDS

ANNUAL REPORT



COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPY



"We see our donors as community leaders seeking a social return on their investment. To serve our community well, we must serve our donors and their aspirations well. Foremost in our work is preserving each donor's connection to their philanthropy; it is that connection that drives real change."
- *Özlenen Eser Kalav*

COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPY

The world is moving faster than ever. Responding to its challenges and needs can no longer depend on the traditional methods. It requires quick decisions, immediate solutions and reliable resources. That's what we saw in Van, after an earthquake devastated that Southeastern Turkish city in October 2011. Among the first to respond to that tragedy were ordinary people, from communities near and far.

Community has always been at the heart of Turkish Philanthropy Funds – not wealth. Money alone does not change or improve lives. True transformation happens when individuals who share a common bond and understanding come together to solve society's problems. That's what we have strived for at TPF.

And that's what we've focused this year's annual report. Our theme is community philanthropy. In the following pages you'll find the stories, testimonies and experiences of those within the TPF community working to have a positive impact in Turkey. Enjoy.



Hisar Anadolu Destek
Derneği kilim weaving
workshop participant

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VISION

Turkish Philanthropy Funds envisions just and sustainable communities where women and girls have equal access to opportunities and participate in every aspect of life; where all, including those with disabilities, benefit from an equitable and empowering education system; and where diversity is respected and nurtured. This is what Turkish Philanthropy Funds is working to realize.

MISSION

Realization of our vision requires taking philanthropy beyond the “feel good” to achieve significant and measurable impact. To accomplish this, Turkish Philanthropy Funds does two things: (1) We work with donors to understand their philanthropic goals and develop smart social investments. (2) We screen non-profits and then support the most effective programs to maximize the impact of giving.

THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY



Dear Friends,

The spirit of the Turkish American community was nowhere more evident than in its response to the devastating earthquake that occurred in Van in late October 2011. In the face of that devastation and hardship, you responded

with care, generosity and urgency. TPF established its “Relief Fund” within hours of the sad news reaching us on a Sunday morning and your donations started pouring in. Ultimately \$410,000 was granted to 13 NGOs in Turkey who had the capability to handle effectively the immediate relief, and subsequent rebuilding and rehabilitation efforts in the stricken towns. With your dedication and TPF’s leadership, our communities’ contribution exceeded many corporate donors in Turkey. We couldn’t be more proud and honored.

As Turkish Philanthropy Funds completed its fifth year of operations, we are more certain than ever that the community foundation we established is the right vehicle to address the philanthropic needs of our Turkish American community. Our track record, in such a short period of time, proved that we operate with transparency, accountability, and with deep knowledge of where the critical social needs are as well as which partner NGO has the best capability to deliver and implement on the ground with efficiency and credibility.

We are truly grateful that in the course of our daily work, we have met so many inspirational individuals and families who care to make a difference in the lives of others. And, their philanthropy is not just about money, but about passion and commitment to affect social change for generations to come. This year’s annual report tells the stories of our community of philanthropists who are doing more than just donating. From Uğur Sabuncu of Georgia who has donated much needed medical equipment, made in Taiwan to the specification of İstanbul’s Cerrahpaşa Hospital, to Dr. Metin Taşkın from New Jersey who has devoted efforts to providing educational opportunities to young people in his native Samsun, they are examples of donors using their philanthropy with focus and creativity.

Yet, examples aren’t limited to this year. From a retired doctor who donated his highly valued real estate in Massachusetts to TPF, with Sabancı University as the ultimate recipient for scholarships, to a donor from Virginia who left his IRA account to TPF in his will, which went to establish an endowed scholarship program with Toplum Gönüllüleri Vakfı,

our community of philanthropists make a difference in the lives of many by using a variety of products and services we provide, from Legacy Giving to establishing your own current family fund. We couldn’t be more inspired.

Impact cannot come with inspiration alone – a unified effort is required. We understand that one person alone cannot change the world. Community is key, as is getting the next generation of Turkish-Americans involved now. With this in mind, we recently established the Young Professionals for TPF Society. Our goal is to harness the power that every individual can become a philanthropist, and make a difference.

The Board and staff of TPF are truly grateful for your involvement, generosity and continued trust. We hope you will consider reaffirming your commitment to the success of TPF by joining our Founders Society or using the enclosed envelope to honor us with your year-end gift.

With Warm Regards,

Haldun Tashman
Founding Chairman

Özlenen Eser Kalav
Founding President & CEO

November 2012



BECOMING A PHILANTHROPIST: HOW TPF WORKS

Turkish Philanthropy Funds works to improve access to Turkish education, advance gender equality, promote Turkish arts and culture and support economic development in Turkey. It screens non-profits working in those areas in Turkey, then develops partnerships on specific projects. Learn how in the pages that follow.

"The future starts now. It starts with the community. And, it is certainly enabled by giving. Supporting our community – especially the next generation – is the best possible way to ensure a sound future. If I can have a positive impact on someone's life through philanthropy, I consider that a huge success. It is my hope that I can inspire future generations and encourage them to act in the same philanthropic manner."

- Berke Çetinöneri



MAKING A DIFFERENCE ONE PHILANTHROPIST AT A TIME

World Ranking across various metrics



The Great Divide

Turkey is the world's 16th largest economy. It is described as a dynamic leader in the region. As its markets and number of its entrepreneurs and businesses grow, the country is expected to be among the top 10 global economies by 2020.

labor force

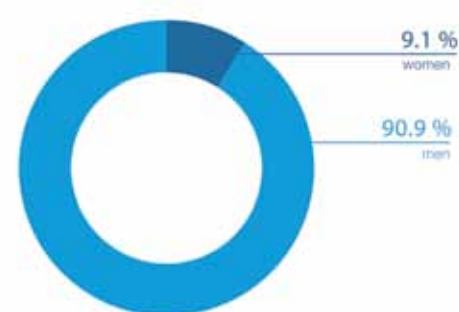
participation rate out of total population as of January 2009



Turkey has the lowest Labor Force participation rate out of any ECA (Europe and Central Asia) country.

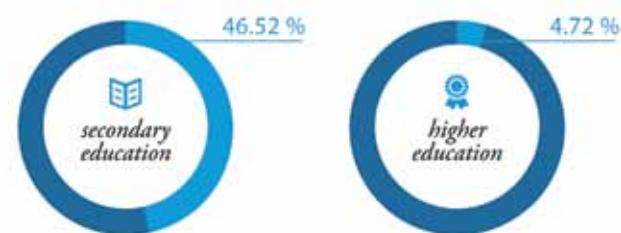
national parliament

proportion of seats held by women vs men in national parliament



education

graduation rate out of total population



overview

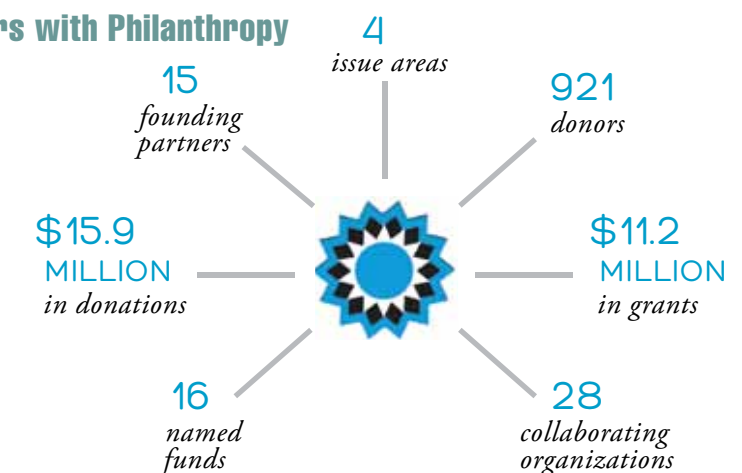
World Economic Forum rankings over various sectors



Changing the Numbers with Philanthropy

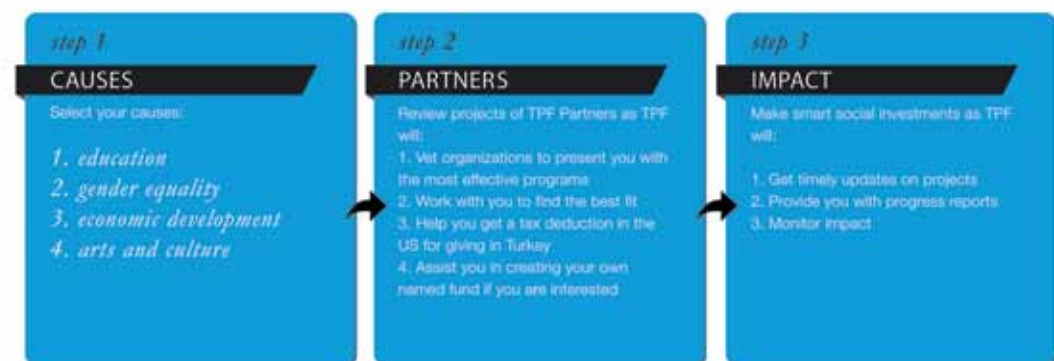
TPF has made considerable strides in its goal of turning donors into philanthropists.

Here are some statistics:

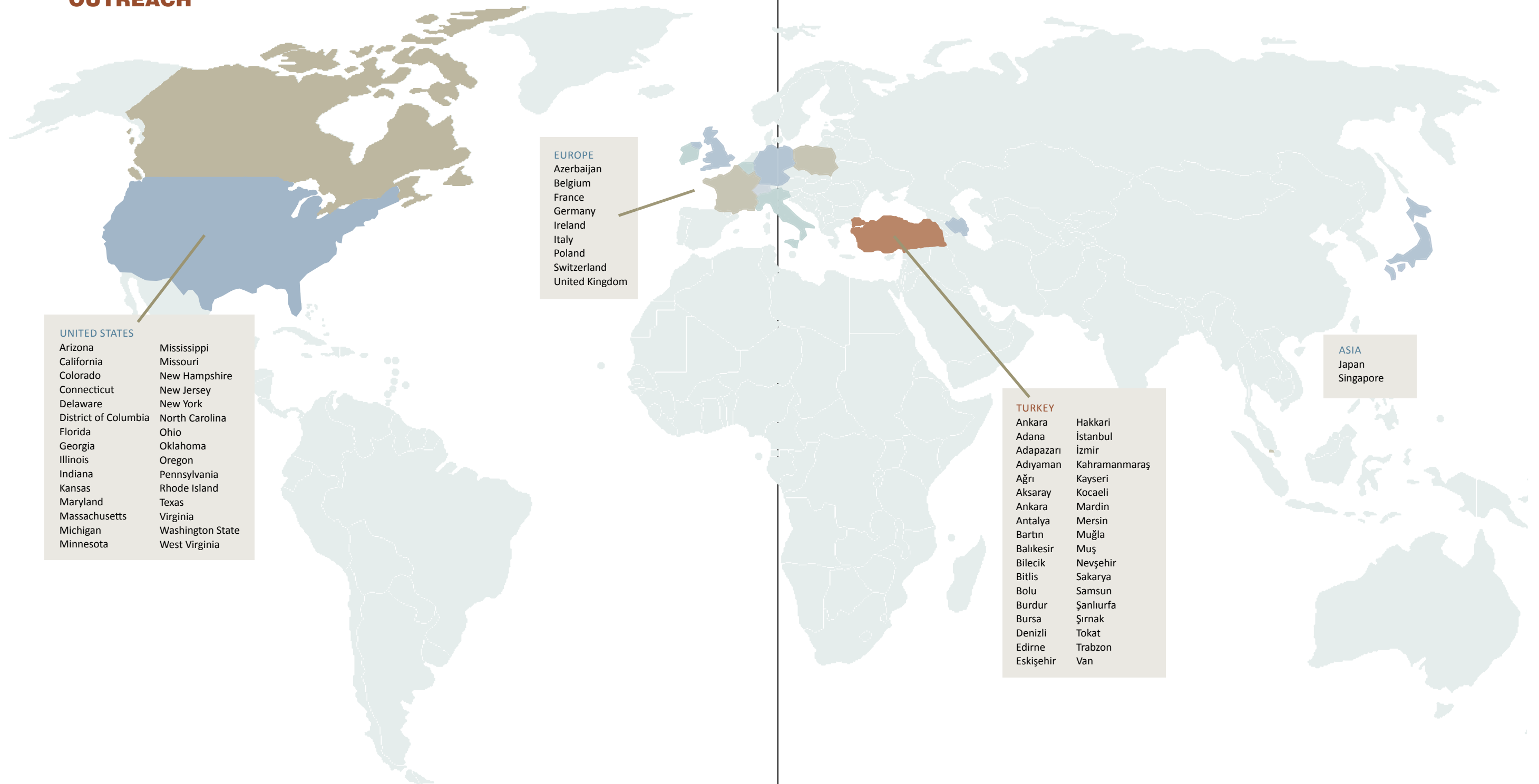


How to Become a Philanthropist

Love Turkey and want to give? Here are ways to partner with TPF.



OUTREACH



PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS IN TURKEY



Gender Equality

Anne Çocuk Eğitim Vakfı (Mother Child Education Foundation)
 Çağdaş Yaşamı Destekleme Derneği (Association For The Support Of Contemporary Living)
 Değişim Liderleri Derneği (Change Leaders Association)
 Hisar Anadolu Destek Derneği (Hisar Anatolian Support Society)
 Kadın Emegini Değerlendirme Vakfı (Foundation for the Support of Women's Work)
 KAMER Vakfı (Women Support Centers Foundation)
 Türkiye Aile Sağlığı ve Planlaması Vakfı (Turkish Family Health and Planning Foundation)
 Turkish Women's International Network
 Van Kadın Derneği (Women Association of Van)

Education

Boğaziçi Üniversitesi Vakfı (Bosphorus University Foundation)
 Lider Adaylarını Destekleme Derneği (Young Leader)
 Lösemili Çocuklar Vakfı (Foundation for Children with Leukemia)
 Nesin Vakfı (Nesin Foundation)
 Öğretmen Akademisi Vakfı (Teachers Academy Foundation)
 Sabancı Üniversitesi (Sabancı University)
 Türk Eğitim Vakfı (Turkish Education Foundation)
 Türkiye Eğitim Gönüllüleri Vakfı (Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey)
 Tohum Otizm Vakfı (Tohum Autism Foundation)
 Toplum Gönüllüleri Vakfı (Community Volunteers Foundation)
 Türkiye Görmeye Özürlüler Kitaplığı (Library of Turkey for the Visually Impaired)

Social & Economic Development

Bolu Bağışçılar Vakfı (Bolu Community Foundation)
 Türkiye Üçüncü Sektör Vakfı (Third Sector Foundation of Turkey)
 Türkiye Toplum Hizmetleri Vakfı (Turkey Community Service Foundation)
 Türkiye Yardımsevenler Derneği (Philanthropy Foundation of Turkey)

Disaster Relief

AKUT Arama Kurtarma Derneği (AKUT Search and Rescue Association)
 Mahalle Afet Gönüllüleri Vakfı (Neighborhood Disaster Volunteers Foundation)
 Türkiye Kızılay Derneği (Turkish Red Crescent)

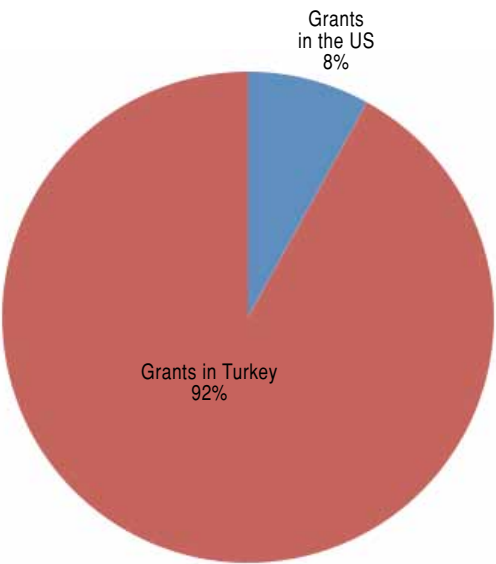
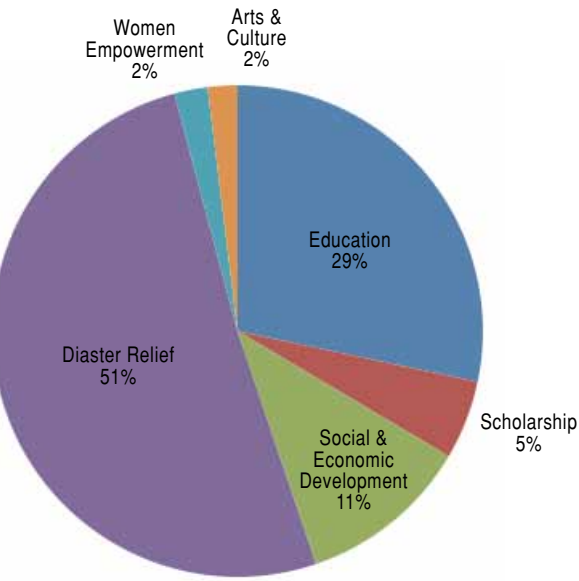
Arts & Culture

İstanbul Sanat ve Kültür Vakfı (İstanbul Foundation for Culture & Arts)
 Anadolu Kültür Vakfı (Anatolian Culture Foundation)

GRANTS: 2011-2012

The following total reflects grants awarded by Turkish Philanthropy Funds in various program areas from all funds from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED: 785,257			
Grants By Program Area	Competitive	Donor-Advised	Total Awarded
Education	\$117,000	\$90,500	\$207,500
Scholarship	\$40,104	\$6,000	\$46,104
Social & Economic Development	\$17,000	\$62,685	\$79,685
Disaster Relief	\$401,047		\$401,047
Women Empowerment	\$10,000	\$25,922	\$35,922
Arts & Culture	\$15,000		\$15,000
Total	\$600,151	\$185,107	\$785,257



GRANT PARTNER	AMOUNT	REGION	PURPOSE
Education			
Türkiye Toplum Hizmetleri Vakfı (Turkey Community Service Foundation)	\$95,050	Ağrı, Aksaray, Balıkesir, Bitlis, Hakkari, Kahramanmaraş, Kayseri, Mardin, Muğla, Muş, Samsun, Şırnak, Tokat, Trabzon, Yozgat	Brought together donors, local government representatives, teachers and students to repair and assist with the needs of 100 vil-lage schools.
Bolu Bağışçılar Vakfı (Bolu Community Foundation)	\$50,000	Bolu	Provided support for Early Childhood Educa-tion Center.
Lider Adaylarını Destekleme Derneği (YoungLeader)	\$20,000	All around Turkey	Established website BirSilgiBirKalem.org to enable schools to share their needs and donors to fulfill those needs through an online platform.
Türk Eğitim Vakfı (Turkey Education Foundation)	\$20,000	Adapazarı	Provided scholarships to 10 students of Caykışla Elementary School to attend preparatory classes for High School entrance exams.
Tohum Otizm Vakfı (Autism Foundation)	\$17,285	İstanbul	Provided scholarships to children with Autism to attend Special Education school.
Toplum Gönüllüleri Vakfı (Community Volunteers Foundation)	\$4,665	İstanbul	Mobilized and empowered youth, boosted self-esteem by carrying out local, national and international sustainable social responsibility projects developed by community volunteers.
Youth for Environmental Sanity	\$500	All around Turkey	Supported Anatolia Jam that brought togeth-er 20 young leaders from Turkey to discuss community building and gain skills.
Scholarship			
Columbia University	\$20,000	New York	Provided scholarships to students of Turkish origin.
Çağdaş Yaşamı Destekleme Derneği (Association for the Support of Contemporary Living)	\$17,184	Adıyaman, Bartın, Bilecik, Burdur, Mar-din, Mersin, Nevşehir, Trabzon, Yalova	Increased the number of girls attending school. Provided scholarships to encourage families to send their daughters to school.

GRANTS: 2011-2012

GRANT PARTNER	AMOUNT	REGION	PURPOSE
Scholarship cont'd			
Toplum Gönüllüleri Vakfı (Community Volunteers Foundation)	\$2,920	İstanbul	Provide scholarships to college students.
Robert College of İstanbul	\$5,000	İstanbul	Contribution to scholarship fund for Robert College students in İstanbul
FABSIT	\$1,000	İstanbul , İzmir, Adana	Provided scholarships to FABSIT schools in Turkey
Disaster Relief			
Türkiye KIZILAY Derneği (Turkish Red Crescent)	\$91,500	Van	Built 15 container homes for the victims of the Van Earthquake.
Çağdaş Yaşamı Destekleme Derneği (Association for the Support of Contemporary Living)	\$50,000	Van	Established prefabricated classrooms to replace those destroyed at Van Yüzüncü Yıl University.
Anne Çocuk Eğitim Vakfı (Mother Child Education Foundation)	\$50,000	Van	Established a Family Counseling Center to provide psychological rehabilitation and psychosocial support services for earthquake victims.
AKUT Arama Kurtarma Derneği (AKUT Search and Rescue Association)	\$46,472	Van	Purchased search and rescue equipment needed to locate victims trapped in collapsed buildings and a listening device to detect and locate trapped live victims.
Türkiye Eğitim Gönüllüleri Vakfı (Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey)	\$30,000	Van	Built an educational unit in Muradiye, Van.
Türk Eğitim Vakfı (Turkey Education Foundation)	\$33,000	Van	Built a teacher's residence in the city of Van as a part of "Turkish Moneybox for Van" project.
Kadın Emekğini Değerlendirme Vakfı (Foundation for the Support of Women's Work)	\$25,000	Van	Established a prefabricated Women and Children's Center in one of the most affected and disadvantaged neighborhoods of Van to provide a safe, collective space to help overcome the earthquake trauma.

GRANT PARTNER	AMOUNT	REGION	PURPOSE
Disaster Relief cont'd			
Hisar Anadolu Destekleme Derneği (Hisar Anatolian Support Society)	\$20,000	Van	Rebuilt kilim workshops that were destroyed in the Van Earthquake.
KAMER Vakfı (KAMER Foundation)	\$20,000	Van	Established a prefabricated center to provide sewing workshops for 20 women.
Mahalle Afet Gönüllüleri Vakfı (Neighborhood Disaster Volunteers Foundation)	\$13,918	Van	Built a local capacity to give basic disaster awareness training and reduce the non-structural seismic risks in the schools.
Van Kadın Derneği / TUSEV (Women Association of Van)	\$12,000	Van	Provided relief supplies to the victims of the earthquake in Van.
US Fund for UNICEF	\$7,557	Somalia	Aided Somalia Relief Fund.
Van Kadın Derneği (Women Association of Van)	\$1,600	Van	Provided art therapy for children in Van suffering from post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and/or depression.
Women Empowerment			
Anne Çocuk Eğitim Vakfı (Mother Child Education Foundation)	\$19,000	İstanbul	Established a learning center for rural migrants to Istanbul to provide training, scholarships and other activities to help integrate women and children into Istanbul life.
Toplum Gönüllüleri Vakfı (Community Volunteers Foundation)	\$10,000	İzmir, Adana, Sakarya, İstanbul, Eskişehir, Ankara, Samsun, Kocaeli, Bursa, Kahramanmaraş, Denizli, Edirne, Van, Muğla, Antalya, Burdur, Bolu	Increased the participation and leadership of women within Community Volunteers Foundation by empowering women to serve as role models.
Endometriosis Foundation	\$5,000	New York	Increased disease recognition, provided advocacy, facilitated expert surgical training and research on endometriosis.
City College of SF	\$1,922	San Francisco	Provided intensive English classes for women from Turkey.

GRANTS: 2011-2012

GRANT PARTNER	AMOUNT	REGION	PURPOSE
Social and Economic Development İstanbul Üniversitesi Cerrahpaşa Tıp Fakültesi (Istanbul University Faculty of Medicine)	\$36,686	İstanbul	Purchased medical equipment for Nuclear Medicine Department for the diagnosis and treatment of patients.
Türkiye Üçüncü Sektör Vakfı (Third Sector Foundation of Turkey)	\$25,000	Turkey	Developed philanthropy infrastructure in Turkey.
Lösemili Çocuklar Vakfı (Foundation for Children with Leukemia)	\$9,500	Ankara	Purchased one thermal cycler gradient, which allows early diagnosis of leukemia through genetic tests.
Lösemili Çocuklar Vakfı (The Foundation for Children with Leukemia)	\$7,500	Adana, Ankara, Antalya, Bursa, Diyarbakır, Elazığ, Eskişehir, Erzurum, Gaziantep, İzmir, İstanbul, Kayseri, Kocaeli, Konya, Malatya, Mersin, Samsun, Şanlıurfa, Trabzon, Van, Zonguldak	Provided affordable healthcare to children with Leukemia.
American Turkish Association of SC	\$1,000	Southern California	Promoted better understanding and relations between the peoples of Turkey and the United States of America through educational, cultural, charitable, and social activities.
Arts and Culture American Turkish Society	\$10,000	Antalya, İstanbul	Funded the first ever Young Photographers Award to encourage and support undergraduate students of photography in Turkey.
Musical Instrument Museum	\$5,000	Arizona	Enhanced the Turkey exhibit at the museum.

TPF ONLINE

Connections are key to TPF's work. The Web and its many social media tools have enabled us to expand these connections. It's also been a great way for us to understand what is important to you. Here are the many ways we're connecting on-line.



TPF website is a great resource to learn about the various organizations we work with. It is also a wonderful tool to turn donors into philanthropists. Log on to our page, www.tpfund.org to review our social investments in Turkey.



Connect with us! TPF followers are from:
 Turkey, United States of America, United Kingdom, Germany, Australia, Canada, Netherlands



Follow us on Twitter, TPF has 1,116 followers
 Among our followers:
 TurkCell: 251,125 followers
 Ahu Ozyurt: 189,641 followers
 Fazil Say: 27,105 followers
 Global Giving: 45,367 followers
 Ambassador Namik Tan: 46,925 followers



TPF's YouTube page has inspiring videos of our work in action. Watch Nick Pocaro talk about building a school and girls from Van about what the city's kilim workshop means to them.



Follow photos from our partners on your smart phone.



With so many Turkish professionals, TPF's Linked-In page is a great way to connect to our philanthropic work as well as others interested in philanthropy. So popular, TPF's younger members have asked for their own group - Young Professionals for TPF.



On Pinterest, TPF is pinning everything from inspirational people to infographics on gender equality. We even have a board called "Good Eats" featuring traditional Turkish dishes. Follow our boards!

BUILDING TURKISH PHILANTHROPY

Turkey is the world's 16th largest economy. It is described as dynamic and a leader in the region. As its markets, entrepreneurs and businesses grow, the country is expected to be among the top 10 global economies by 2020. That would be great news if the country didn't lag behind socially. To change that, TPF has identified four causes to focus our efforts. They are the building blocs that will ensure that Turkish society is as vibrant as the country's economy.

"Philanthropy was a critical factor in my life. As teachers, my parents had only modest means. It was through scholarships that I was able to study in the United States and fulfill my dream of becoming an architect. Enabling others to fulfill their dreams is important to me and is why I'm involved with educational charities. It is not only a way for me to honor my parents' legacy but provide a future for the next generation." - *Mustafa Kemal Abadan*

EDUCATION

Generation Turkey

Education creates opportunity. As Turkey grows economically, it is vital that its youth have the knowledge and skills necessary to lead that prosperity into the future. Since our founding, TPF has focused on ensuring that all Turkish youth have the opportunity to realize their potential.

TPF's education initiatives include:

- Scholarships for:
 - Elementary school students to enroll in preparatory classes
 - High school students
 - College students
- Skills and vocational training
- Inclusive classrooms
- Gender balance
- Building a school

"Without a well rounded and proper education our vision of the future becomes distorted and we, as a society, remain in the dark. In order for the human condition of today to improve itself tomorrow we must push to better educate, especially those who would otherwise be deprived. Improving education is what motivates me to give – and, incidentally, is what I believe will teach the next generation to "give back." - *Nick Pocaro*

Learning is fun!
AÇEV's Mother-Child
Education Program.



EDUCATION

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

BirSilgiBirKalem.org

Budgets may fall but learning must continue. That's what BirSilgiBirKalem believes. It allows teachers to connect with their communities so that Turkish classrooms can have whatever resources and supplies they need. This is particularly important in Turkey's rural areas, where equipment is outdated or in low supply. Through several clicks individuals can buy books, chairs, tables and even electronic equipment and ship it to schools.

Turkish Philanthropy Funds was among the first backers of BirSilgiBirKalem that launched its online platform in 2011.



PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

TOHUM Autism Foundation

Education cannot be considered comprehensive if it excludes. Guaranteeing that all children have equal access to learning is the hallmark of a developed, prosperous nation.

The TOHUM Autism Foundation is working to ensure that autistic children in Turkey receive a quality education. While the number of children afflicted with this neurological disorder in Turkey is unknown, TOHUM Autism Foundation is reaching wide. Since 2006 when it first opened a school, the Foundation has enrolled several hundred autistic children. More importantly, TOHUM Autism

Foundation has rolled out an extensive awareness campaign that is teaching Turks the facts about autism – and how those with the disorder can and do thrive. This campaign has helped in early detection and diagnosis. It's also enabled huge strides by integrating those with autism into mainstream Turkish society.



GENDER EQUALITY

Empower Turkey

As revolution swept across the Middle East with last year's Arab Spring, Turkey, as a model for the region it lives in, became a common refrain. Economically that's understandable. Yet, according to the World Economic Forum's (WEF) 2012 Gender Gap Report, Turkey ranks 122 out of 135 in male-female disparity.

Turkish Philanthropy Funds has been doing a lot to close that gap – and making sure that all Turkish women have the opportunity to realize their potential.

From January to the middle of March, TPF ran a campaign entitled, Empowering Turkish Girls. It kicked off with a "Twitter chat" and drive encouraging people to engage and share their thoughts about empowering adolescent Turkish girls. Given the high dropout rates among Turkish teen girls from school, it was important to highlight their challenges. Finding solutions for these challenges became the focus of a Facebook contest we ran in February.

Three of TPF's partners participated in the contest: Çağdaş Yaşamı Destekleme Derneği (CYDD), Hisar Anadolu Destek Derneği (HADD) and Toplum Gönüllüleri Vakfı (TOG). Through your votes TOG won \$10,000 for its Petticoat Project.



A Women's Poem from women of Van, responding to the prompt "women are...."

GENDER EQUALITY

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Petticoat Project

Politics, the WEF Gender Gap Report notes, is one of the areas that Turkish women are under-represented. In Ankara, eighty-six percent of Turkey's legislature is male. Female representation in government ministries is even worse with only eight percent of those positions filled by a woman. Women's participation in nongovernmental organizations compared to men's remains very low as well. Only sixteen percent of those people working at NGOs are women. The numbers of women in senior leadership positions at NGOs is even lower. TOG believes that this low representation within the civil society sector is a direct correlation to the low representation of women in

politics. TOG's Petticoat Project aims to fix that.

Since 2002, TOG has been working to increase the number of young people involved in Turkish politics and civil society. Given that Turkey has such a young and rapidly growing population, creating a platform, voice and role for Turkish youth is critical. This is especially important among young girls. TOG's Petticoat Project focuses on leveraging role models and increasing the number of Turkish female leaders. The project worked with 30 community volunteer groups to identify 35 women to provide leadership and advocacy skills training – and pave the way for Turkey's future female leaders.



PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Çağdaş Yaşamı Destekleme Derneği Scholarships

Keeping girls in school is one way to bridge the gap between Turkish men and women. Educating girls raises living standards and contributes to a country's growth. It increases security and democracy. It improves their health (and that of their families) and saves lives. That's why Çağdaş Yaşamı Destekleme Derneği has been hard at work to support Turkish girls to stay in school.

Through the Kardelenler and Baba Beni Okula Gönder projects, CYDD provides scholarships and educational facilities for Turkish girls in their teens who would otherwise be kept home to attend to household chores or married off. The organization

also supports university students with the Bir Işık da Siz Yakın scholarship project. Additionally, CYDD has constructed dormitories that provide a safe place for girls to focus on learning.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Change Turkey

Infectious is the only way to describe Turkey's meteoric economic rise in the past decade. Young Turkish men and women are talking about start-up ideas and innovations. Yet, entrepreneurs are not new to Anatolia. For decades women and men have been working to find solutions to Turkey's many social challenges. They are Turkey's Changemakers.

In December 2011, TPF partnered with the American Turkish Society and Ashoka, the leading global organization that identifies and invests in social entrepreneurs, to host a few of these Changemakers to discuss their work and impact on Turkish society. Among the key takeaways from this lively exchange was the emergence of a philanthropic class in Turkey.



Photo by Gülşah Şenol

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Hisar Anadolu Destek Derneği

Empowerment of women cannot happen without economic independence. Hisar Anadolu Destek Derneği is committed to ensuring just that. Established in 2010, it operates Kilim workshops in Van. These workshops teach young girls the art and craft of traditional Turkish carpet weaving as well as computer skills and ceramic making. They are skills that have been critical for earning income in this largely rural area.

Following the tragic earthquake last October in Van, several of HADD's workshops were destroyed. Rebuilding these workshops and helping these women stand on their own feet has been a top priority. TPF jumped into action to help HADD resume its work by locating temporary facilities. Why? The future of these girls depends on it.



HADD kilim atelier in Van.

ARTS & CULTURE

Exhibit Turkey

Art nurtures as much as it engages, entertains and expresses. It is at the heart of every society, acting as both catalyst for change and a voice of the times. Supporting it is supporting community and, most importantly, the next generation. That's why it's a core pillar at TPF. We support projects that raise awareness, promote diversity and tolerance, and inspire new ideas.



ARTS & CULTURE

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

MIM Turkey Exhibit

“Turkish music is a fantastic example,” says Mehmet Ali Şanlıkök, a musician and music scholar, of how various layers and art forms connect. At the Phoenix-based Musical Instrument Museum, people can see it for themselves. In April, MIM unveiled an expanded Turkey exhibit, making it the most extensive single-country exhibit in the United States. The exhibit has four distinct sections that showcase the music and cultural importance of mehter (Ottoman ceremonial) music, various traditions of the Turkish countryside, the music and movement of the Mevlevi Sufis, and the vibrant music of Turkey’s urban centers. The TPF community was proud to contribute.

Through TPF’s contribution, MIM’s Turkey exhibit will be four times its original size. The exhibit now includes 48 instruments and related objects including two costumes: a whirling dervish and a musician mehter. There will also be shadow puppets of the popular characters Karagöz and Hacivat. The collection will include antique instruments such as a lavta from the late 18th-early 19th century, a rare şantür from the 19th century, and a cümbüş by renowned Istanbul luthier Onnik Karibyan.



MIM Turkey Exhibit



ARTS & CULTURE

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Young Photographers Award

Images inform. In doing so, they empower. Photos of people, places and events provide depth and understanding that encourage us to engage and act. That is certainly true of these photos. They are images taken by Turkish students as part of the Haluk Soykan Young Photographer's Award. It is an award established in 2009 at the behest of a TPF donor. It is administered through the American Turkish Society and the Moon and Stars Project.

"The great breadth of this work, which ranged from social documentary, on one end of the spectrum - to highly subjective and expressive imagery on the other, reminded us afresh of reportage and photojournalism, but also of the many international influences that inspire the look of young artists' work today," said Anne Havinga, the Yousuf and Estrellita Karsh Senior Curator of Photographs and Karen Haas, the Lane Curator of Photographs. They reviewed all entries.

In all there were 15 entries from across Anatolia. The winner of the 2012 Young Photographer's Award is Duygu Gürcan. Her submission is a powerful portrayal of urban life. Dominated by a line of laundry, it conveys the absence of privacy and green space in today's metropolises. "For Duygu, the colorful, dancing shapes of the laundry juxtaposed against the anonymous, stacked-up forms of the city's urban renewal projects emphasize the rapid transformation of her surrounding and the impact that this wave of modernization has had on Istanbul's citizens," noted the judges.



Photo by Duygu Gürcan

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Photo by Alev Özkan

Young Photographers Award cont'd

Alev Özkan received an honorable mention for her series, which chronicled the lives of miners in Zonguldak. “Her velvety dark prints and long exposures perfectly capture both the mysterious beauty and the dangerous reality of the work carried out by these men,” noted the judges.

Ayşe Meltem Yıldız was another photographer whose images of several elderly people holding photos of their younger selves caught the attention of the judging panel. “They are particularly striking because their contrasts are often quite vivid,” noted the judges.

THE VAN EARTHQUAKE

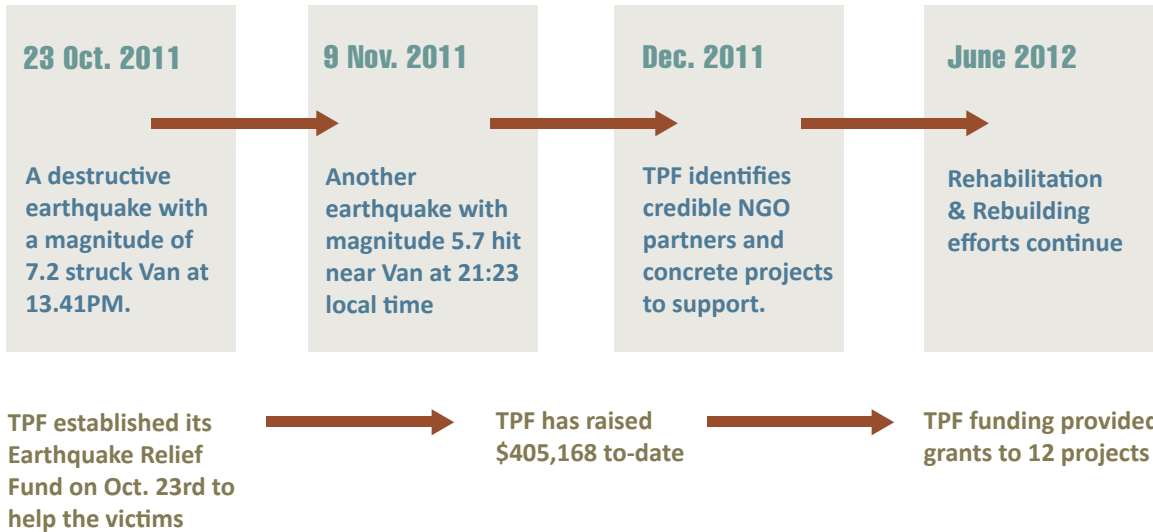
It only took minutes from the time that the earth shook, people ran for safety and buildings started to crumble in Van for TPF to jump into action. When a devastating earthquake hit the southeastern Turkish city on October 23, we created the Van Earthquake Relief Fund. And the TPF community responded.

In a short period of time, TPF raised several hundreds of thousands of dollars to help with rescue and eventually relief and recovery efforts.

Van is a city that was already dealing with hard economic conditions before the earthquake. The region's recovery will not be swift. With this in mind, Turkish Philanthropy Funds has been working to gauge the long-term needs of those affected by the disaster with the goal of supporting projects that will contribute to longer-term recovery and re-building of the communities. Of the funds that have been generously donated, we have granted several organizations to help Van rebuild. Here are some of their stories.

THE VAN EARTHQUAKE: TPF'S RESPONSE

TIMELINE



- 604 were killed & 4,152 were injured
- 90% of businesses were shut down
- 6,017 buildings became uninhabitable
- 60,000 were left homeless
- 350,000 migrated to other cities
- The Van Yüzüncü Yıl University became uninhabitable
- Victims grappled with severe weather conditions as the temperature decreased to -14C

DONORS

TOTAL Raised: \$405,168.36

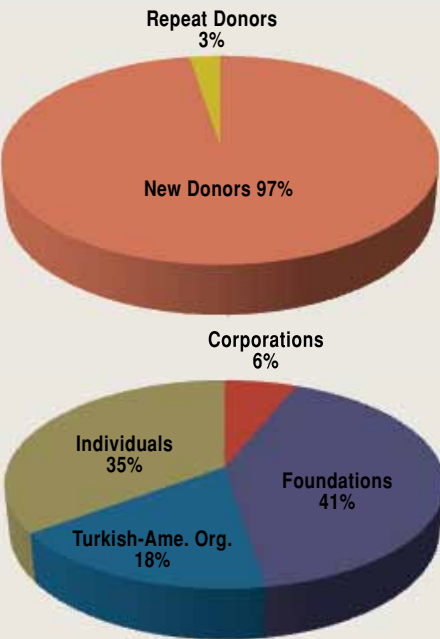
Number of Donors: 807
(97% were first-time donors of TPF)

Number of States Funds came from: 29

Number of Countries Funds came from: 15

Number of Turkish-American Organizations directed funds to TPF: 13

Number of Turkish-American organizations directed their members to give to TPF's campaign: 7



GRANT DISBURSEMENTS

Relief Phase (\$149,972)

TPF Grantee partners worked to provide immediate aid and support to the victims following the earthquake. Interventions included temporary housing, food, clothes and equipment for rescue efforts.

KIZILAY (\$91,500), AKUT (\$46,472), VAKAD (\$12,000)

Reconstruction Phase (\$101,600)

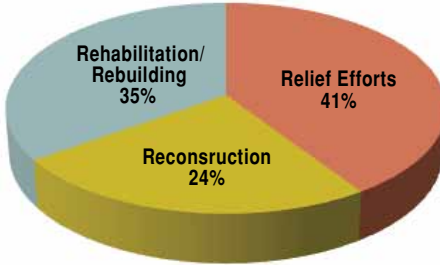
Following the relief phase, grantee partners supported communities to rebuild infrastructure destroyed by the disaster.

CYDD (\$50,000), HADD (\$20,000), TEGV (\$30,000), VAKAD (\$1,600)

Rehabilitation/Rebuilding (\$141,918)

Support was provided to grantee partners to gauge the long-term needs of those affected by the disaster with the goal of supporting projects that will contribute to longer term recovery and re-building of the communities.

ACEV (\$50,000), KA-MER (\$20,000), KEDV (\$20,000), TEV (\$33,000), MAG VAKFI (\$13,918.06)



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RELIEF GRANTS TOTAL: \$149,972

KIZILAY (Türkiye Kızılay Derneği - Turkish Red Crescent Society) teams wasted no time in responding to the earthquake. They were on the scene within 2 hours after the first rumbles. The relief items have been deployed from the logistics centers of KIZILAY spread all over Turkey. With support from TPF, KIZILAY provided 15 container houses, with running water, bath, electricity, cooking facility, etc. to the victims. **Grant Amount: \$91,500**

AKUT Search and Rescue Association (AKUT Arama Kurtarma Derneği), initially designed for mountaineering search and rescue, became well known for its rapid, organized response to the Marmara quake in 1999, an effort that saved hundreds of lives and showed that AKUT's disciplined approach to citizen volunteering was effective across a broad range of terrains. AKUT's response to the October 2011 Van earthquake has also been remarkable. TPF helped AKUT to purchase 2 Searchcam 3000 Kit 1 Color and 2 Delsar 6 sensors. These equipments are used during search and rescue efforts and help to detect and locate live victims trapped and communicate with them. **Grant Amount: \$46,472**

VAKAD (Van Kadın Derneği -Van Women's Association) was established in 2004 to address the intersections of gender-based violence and women's economic independence in Eastern Turkey. It provides women, primarily survivors of violence and displaced women, with legal and psychological support as well as trainings on women's human rights and health. The organization was one of the first respondents to the earthquake providing food, tents, clothing to the victims. VAKAD continues to respond to basic needs especially of the most vul-

nerable populations such as disabled and elderly. TPF support provided emergency relief supplies for the victims. **Grant Amount: \$12,000**

RECONSTRUCTION GRANTS TOTAL: \$101,600

CYDD (Çağdaş Yaşamı Destekleme Derneği - Association For The Support Of Contemporary Living) aims to contribute to the formation of a contemporary society in Turkey through education. CYDD provides scholarships to students in Van and has assisted Yüzüncü Yıl University to start the Spring 2012 term on time. With support from TPF, CYDD built a prefabricated building for educational activities on the campus of Van Yüzüncü Yıl University. The urgency of the need was a critical factor in TPF's determination. The building was constructed in an area of 1,542 square meters, and has 10 classrooms and a canteen. A total of 6,000 university students will benefit from this building. The opening ceremony of the building was held on 20 April, 2012. **Grant Amount: \$50,000**

HADD (Hisar Anadolu Destekleme Derneği - Hisar Anatolian Support Society) aims to educate young women of displaced families in Eastern Turkey. HADD activities to date have been focused mainly in the city of Van. The organization runs multiple kilim weaving workshops in Van, two of which were destroyed in the October earthquake. TPF's assistance helped HADD build a prefabricated workshop to replace the damaged ones. **Grant Amount: \$20,000**





TEGV (Türk Eğitim Gönüllüleri Vakfı - Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey) works to create and implement educational programs and extracurricular activities for children aged 7-16. The underlying principle of TEGV is to complement the formal state education. With TPF's assistance, TEGV built an educational unit in Muradiye, Van. Program will

be continuously implemented for 2 hours a week in a semester. **Grant Amount: \$30,000**

VAKAD/Van Therapy Project (Kadın Derneği -Van Women's Association) With a focus on therapy through art, TPF supported the Van Art Therapy Project that brought professional psychological care through art workshops to parents and chil-

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dren. The project team was volunteer-based art psychotherapists and psychologists working in the United States and Turkey.

Grant Amount: \$1,600

REHABILITATION/REBUILDING GRANTS TOTAL: \$141,918

ACEV (Anne Çocuk Eğitim Vakfı - Mother Child Education Foundation) serves communities in need with carefully designed early childhood and adult education programs in Turkey. TPF support contributed to ACEV's efforts in building a Family Rehabilitation Center. The goal is to provide long-term solution to the needs of the families in Van. The Center is located in Hüsrevpaşa Container City, which is inhabited by 6,000 people in 1,121 containers. The Center is constructed as a prefabricated building that is 280 square meter with 5 counseling rooms, 1 psychiatrist room, 2 group rooms and 1 kids' room. The center's services for earthquake victims that live in the container city are accompanied by mobile services for victims who are living out of the container city. The mobile team is responsible for assessing the needs, directing people in need to the center, and implementing basic training programs in different regions of Van city. **Grant Amount: \$50,000**

KA-MER (Kadın Merkezleri Vakfı - Women Center Foundation) responds both to women's immediate and critical needs and increases awareness of women of their rights as citizens, wives, and mothers. TPF grant helped KA-MER establish a prefabricated center for women, where women can not only come together but also learn a trade. The center provides sewing workshops (one in the

morning, one in the afternoon) for 20 women in total. The products will be marketed through KA-MER's already established network and online on Morhipo (Boyner Holding).

Grant Amount: \$20,000

KEDV (Kadın Emekini Değerlendirme Vakfı - Foundation for the Support of Women's Work) aims to improve women's economic well-being and quality of life. KEDV has gained vast experience in post disaster efforts during the Marmara Earthquake in 1999. TPF supported the establishment of a prefabricated Women and Children Center in Van to provide women and children with a safe, collective space to help them get over the earthquake trauma, and to support women's leadership to recreate their own lives, homes and communities. **Grant Amount: \$20,000**

Türk Eğitim Vakfı (Turkey Education Foundation) provides assistance to talented students who lack financial means. Through a campaign led by Turkcell, the foundation is building housing for teachers in Van. TPF's funding will provide housing for a teacher and her family.

Grant Amount: \$33,000

MAG Vakfı (Mahalle Afet Gönüllüleri Vakfı - Neighborhood Disaster Volunteers Foundation) received a grant from TPF to train 15 people from public institutions on how to respond to earthquakes in especially vulnerable areas such as Van with minimum risk. Van is vulnerable not only because of its location on a geographic fault, but because of poor construction throughout the city. MAG Vakfı's efforts strive to provide essential disaster awareness where the risk to human life is high. **Grant Amount: \$13,918**

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: AÇEV

Given their record-time response to the Van earthquake last October, it was obvious why Anne Çocuk Eğitim Vakfı (AÇEV) is considered Turkey's leading non-profit. Several thousands of families received blankets, food and clothing to meet their immediate needs. But as days passed and blocked roads made it difficult for people to get to a doctor, AÇEV deployed a mobile health unit to reach villagers far from the city center. "This was the impact that made a difference for us," says AÇEV's CEO Ayla Göksel. "It showed us the importance of attending to longer term needs as much as the most immediate humanitarian ones."

One of those longer-term needs was providing a safe space for families to receive counseling and psychology support services. "With thousands displaced from their homes and forced to live in tents in extreme cold or tiny containers in temporary "container" villages, the likelihood for depression and anxiety are high," Ayla says.

Together with PAYE and the Ministry of Family Affairs, AÇEV set out to address that problem by building a post-trauma family counseling center in Hüsrevpaşa Container City. It is a 280 square meter prefabricated facility with space for counseling, training, support services and children's activities. The facility has already served several hundred, with waiting lists of up to 120 for children and 150 for adults. In total, the center is expected to serve over 6,000. "Our partners have been key in assuring its success," Ayla says. "And in that TPF has been a fantastic partner over the years. They have facilitated our work rather than having a traditional donor and grantee relationship. That has been key."



ACEV Trauma Family
Counseling Center

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: AKUT

Preparedness, not rescue, should be the first response to a disaster. That is what Arama Kurtarma Derneği AKUT founder Nasuh Mahruki believes. He and what has become a team of 1500 volunteers have been working on readying their fellow Turkish citizens to handle floods, fires, mountain accidents and earthquakes since 1996. Last October's Van earthquake has shown that they have made considerable strides. One hundred ninety four people representing AKUT hit the ground in the southeastern Turkish city to help individuals to safety. They were able to pull several dozens of people out of collapsed buildings. Tools that were readily available and trained personnel were the key.

"Earthquakes and floods are natural," says Nasuh. "If you are prepared and take precautions to quickly deploy people and resources when those things happen, then you can avoid calling them disasters."

TPF has been helping AKUT fulfill its mission to prepare – and eventually prevent fatal disasters in Turkey. With a grant of nearly \$50,000 AKUT has purchased two search cameras and a pair of sensors – equipment that will enable AKUT's search and rescue volunteers to detect and locate live victims.



AKUT volunteers helping earthquake victims

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: KA-MER

That her voice booms is no surprise. Force is what Nebahat Akkoç is about. It is what she has rolled out with her NGO, KA-MER to effective results. Started in 1984, KA-MER has been working to empower women in Turkey's southeast, where literacy rates and women's participation in politics and the work force are abysmally low – the worst in the country. It has transformed the lives of several thousands.

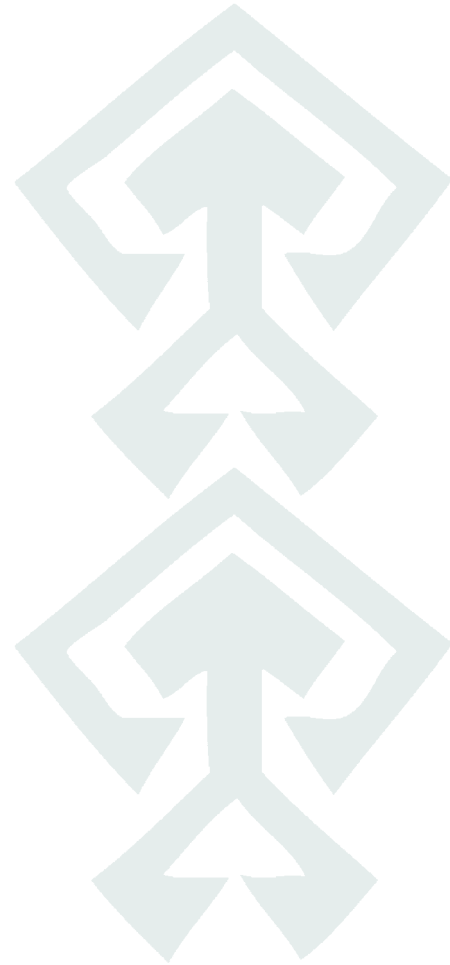
They are lives that must not only fight for equal rights but that must endure the economic and social challenges that southeastern Turkey bears – it is largely under developed with poor infrastructure and resources. The earthquake that struck Van on October 23, 2011 only made it worse.

Nebahat and her team at KA-MER wasted no time in responding to this tragedy. "We gathered clothes, blankets and other emergency items and made sure they got into the hands of Van's residents," she says. Imagine her surprise then when she and her local KA-MER team found those items turning up in trash bins all over town. "People needed clothes, but they also needed a place to clean those clothes."

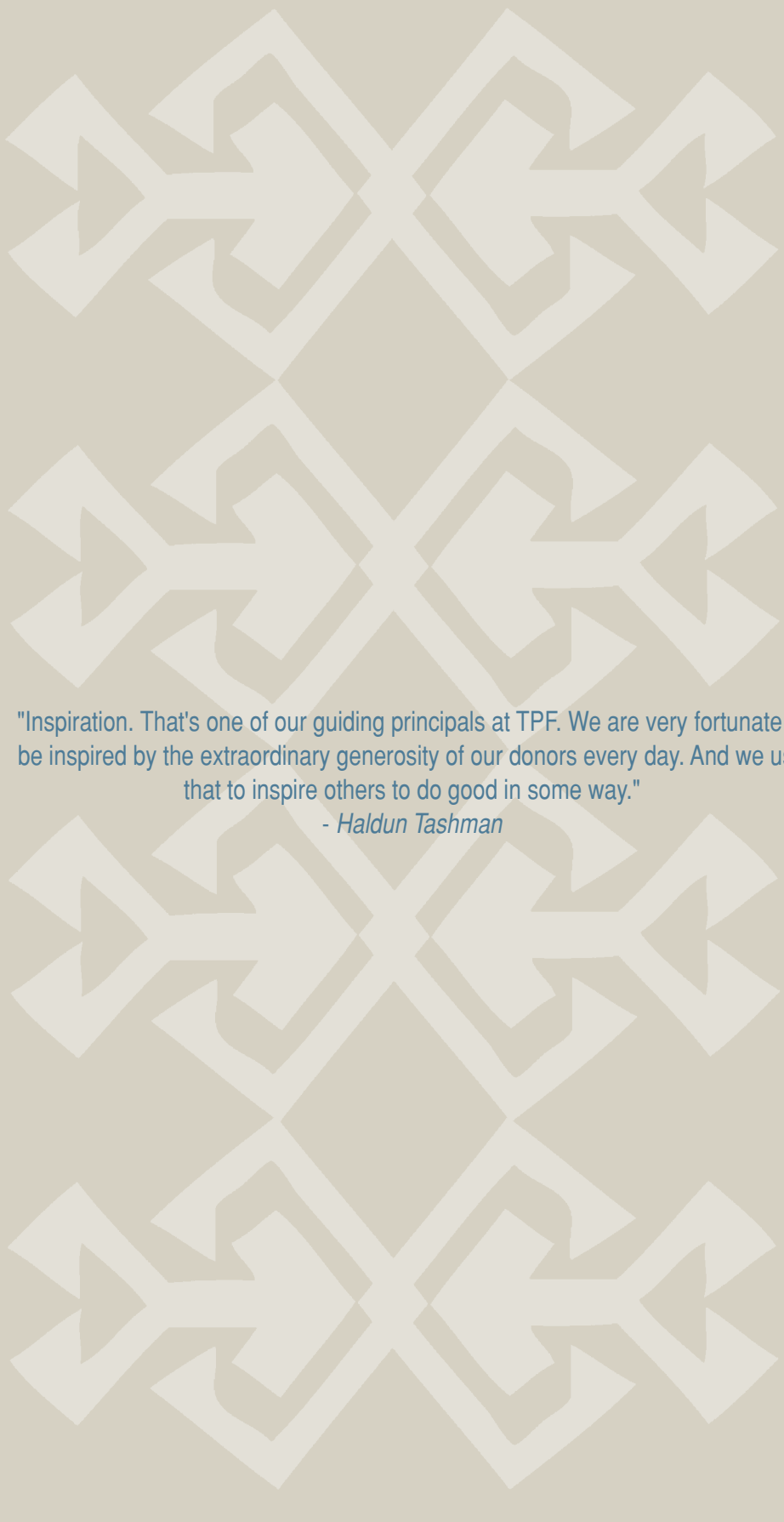
With buildings razed, roads blocked and basic infrastructure destroyed, Van's residents didn't have access to clean water or electricity. Without water or electricity it wasn't possible for them to do laundry. "Who would have thought that laundry was as urgent a need following an earthquake as food and shelter?" Nebahat says. She wasted no time in setting up a laundry center in the city. "The women felt relieved when they could go back to some sort of routine and normality," she

says. It is what inspired TPF-KA-MER to work on a project to build a prefabricated center where women can take sewing lessons.

"Everyone is focused on the emergency needs following a tragedy such as an earthquake. But attending to longer-term needs such as a laundry and skills building is equally as important," says Nebahat. Longer-term, she explains, is what will ultimately heal the people of this region.



VAKAD's "Art Therapy"
Project

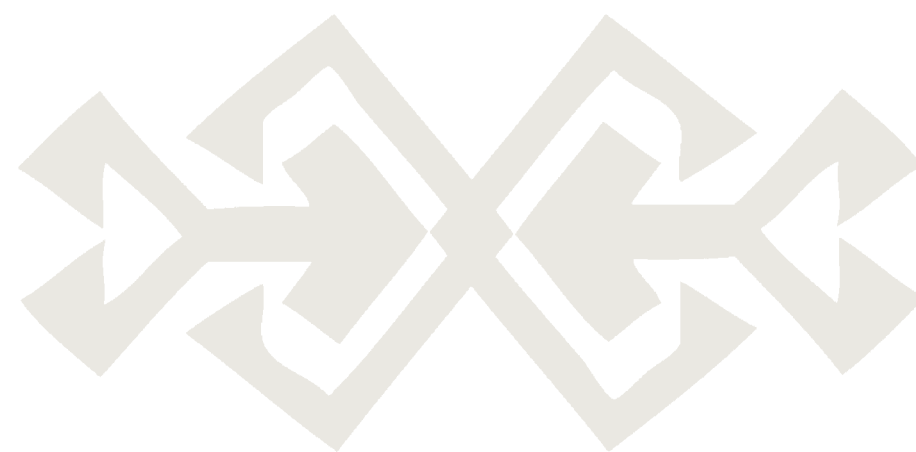


"Inspiration. That's one of our guiding principals at TPF. We are very fortunate to be inspired by the extraordinary generosity of our donors every day. And we use that to inspire others to do good in some way."

- Haldun Tashman

GIVING THROUGH TPF IS SIMPLE AND FLEXIBLE

We understand that every donor has a unique vision and individual values. Our platform allows each individual to design his or her own ways of making a donation – now or later. While there are some causes that call for immediate action, we at TPF also recognize that some donors want to create a legacy. Our goal is to devise a giving experience that respects your values, addresses your concerns and fosters personal fulfillment. We are committed to making your giving experience easy, enjoyable, convenient and effective. The following pages describe the various ways TPF enables you to give, now and later.



DONATING NOW

Give Directly to a Project

Giving Directly to a Project is the simplest way to engage with TPF, allowing you to do just that: choose a project and donate. It's the perfect first step to becoming a philanthropist.

TPF's website, www.tpfund.org, serves as a virtual matchmaker between nonprofits and donor. TPF's online project database can be searched by donors looking to support a worthwhile organization. TPF grantee partners create and maintain an organizational profile on TPF's website with current funding needs.

Start-A-Campaign

After giving to a project, TPF has found that many people want to do more. Start-A-Campaign enables those ready to fundraise to choose a project on TPF's website, donate any desired amount and collect donations from your friends, family or colleagues. With just a few simple clicks you can help to support girls' education or arts and culture in Anatolia – and you're on your way to being Bill Gates.

Join TPF Friends Society

But what if you're passionate about a cause rather than a specific project? What if you like more than one project? TPF Friends Society allows you to contribute to a pooled fund that goes to support one of the four issue areas that we focus on: education, gender equality, economic development and arts and culture. You tell us that you care about education and we'll disburse the funds to that cause. And you can very easily do that on TPF's website, www.tpfund.org.

Named Funds

Named Funds are established and named by a donor, family or an institution. There are currently two types of Named Funds:

Friends of Funds: Direct donations to foreign charities are not tax deductible. But through TPF's Friends of Funds they are. TPF works with Turkish universities and NGOs to create projects that an individual can fund.

Donor Advised Funds: We call this option smarter than Bill Gates. Sure, the founder of Microsoft started his own foundation. But he also spends a tremendous amount of those funds on administrative and legal costs. Donor Advised Funds allows you – or you and your family to pool resources into an endowment. This endowment can be general or devoted to one of TPF's issue areas: education, gender equality, development and arts and culture. It is a no-hassle option for those who eager to get involved in philanthropy but don't want the logistical burden. An added benefit is tax deductions and a wide range of philanthropic services which TPF helps facilitate.

DONATING LATER

Planned Giving

"Whatever you spend is gone. What you keep, someone else gets. What you give is yours forever." -Dr. Will Rose, Philanthropist

So many of us spend our time to make the world an easier and better place for the next generation. Through TPF's planned giving you can do so over a long period of time. Here are six ways where you can create a lasting legacy for generations to come.

Charitable Bequests: The simplest gift is a bequest in your will or trust that directs specific assets or a percentage of your estate to a fund or to add to an existing fund. Charitable bequests allow you to divide assets between your family and your philanthropic interests in whatever manner you choose. You can reduce your taxable estate and create a charitable legacy.

Charitable Remainder Trusts: This is one of the most efficient estate planning tools available to anyone holding assets that have experienced significant appreciation like stocks, real estate, or a business. You transfer cash or assets (especially appreciated assets) to an irrevocable trust and may receive income for life or, if you choose, a certain term of years. The remainder passes to TPF, creating a permanent fund in your name to benefit the philanthropic cause that you designate.

Charitable Lead Trusts: You can set up a trust that generates dividends. Throughout the term of the trust, earned dividends go to TPF. Remaining assets go to your heirs, tax-free, on the trust's appreciation.

Retirement Plan and Insurance Beneficiary Designations: Any retirement plan such as an IRA or 401(k) or life insurance policy allows you to create a named fund with TPF. You simply name TPF as the beneficiary. When you pass on, the assets transfer to TPF, reducing estate and income taxes.

Charitable Gift Annuities: A simple contract guarantees you a fixed income in exchange for a gift to TPF. Annuity rates are set by the American Council on Gift Annuities.

Real Estate and Bargain Sales: A vacation home.. a farm.. a business property.. If you have real estate assets that you would like to donate as a charitable gift, TPF can help. You can choose to retain the right to use it during your lifetime while you receive an immediate tax deduction on the appraised fair market value, (not the original investment). Alternatively, you can sell an asset to TPF for less than the fair market value and use the difference in the value as your charitable gift.

NAMED FUNDS

Converting a private foundation to a Donor Advised Fund at Turkish Philanthropy Funds

Converting a private foundation to a donor advised fund at TPF is easy, offers certain tax advantages and allows donors and families to focus on charitable giving while TPF takes care of administrative and organizational duties. In these cases, TPF provides a good option for the transfer of funds- enabling you to terminate your private foundation yet continue its charitable mission. Terminations may happen when:

- The work of private foundation has become overwhelming
- The next generation is uninterested or you have no heirs, but you wish to create and preserve a lasting legacy
- Administration of the foundation seems too costly or cumbersome

- You or your advisors identify a tax planning need for the higher public charity tax benefits
- Assets in the foundation have declined to an extent where the costs and annual payout requirement make it impractical to maintain
- You become concerned about exposing yourself to liability, excise taxes and penalties associated with private foundations
- You are interested in tapping into community grant making expertise especially related to Turkey so that your charity can make a bigger impact.



Private Foundation or a Donor Advised Fund?

If you want to make a difference in your community and create a legacy for your family, you have a range of options. A donor advised fund at TPF is a flexible, simple way to give that contains many of the features of a more complex private foundation, yet includes all of the tax benefits of a public charity. The following chart compares some of the key features of a private foundation with those of a donor advised at TPF:

	TAX DEDUCTIBILITY	EASE OF ESTABLISHMENT	COSTS	GRANT MAKING
DONOR ADVISED FUNDS	Deduct 50% Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) for cash gifts; deduct 30% AGI for long term appreciated securities, real estate and closely held stock.	Simple and quick to establish; could be done in one day	Minimal fees*; no start-up costs	No minimum annual payout; philanthropic services provided by TPF
PRIVATE FOUNDATION	Deduct 30% AGI for cash gifts; deduct 20% AGI for gifts of long-term appreciated securities; deduction limited to cost basis for gifts of real estate and closely held stock	Several months to establish	Typically, costly to set up and maintain; 1-2% excise tax on net investment income	5% minimum annual payout required

* TPF charges donor advised funds an administrative fee of 0.5 - 3 % of the asset value. Meanwhile, the Council on Foundations estimates the cost to administer a private foundation may be 9-15 % of the asset value.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Generation TPF: Paying it Forward

With her voice audibly cracking from emotion, Buse Cebeci says she would probably be working on the land like her mother if it weren't for the scholarship that Çağdaş Yaşam Destekleme Derneği (CYDD) awarded her. "It's made a huge difference," she says. "It's made me very happy."

CYDD's scholarship has enabled Buse to enroll as a junior at a teaching high school in Trabzon, a Turkish city on the Black Sea. There she has a place in class as well as an all-girls dormitory. The dormitory has allowed her to focus on her studies, rather than the stress of transportation, which from her remote town made it difficult to commute to and from school.

"I'm studying to be a pharmacist," Buse says. Yet she also knows that she's a role model in her community where many girls don't have an opportunity to fulfill basic education, let alone go on to university. "I'm looking forward to earning a university degree." She also says that she's looking forward to mentoring other Turkish girls from the Black Sea region. "I want to take what I've learned and teach others and empower them," Buse says. "There's nothing more satisfying than knowing you've helped someone."

We agree.



DONOR SPOTLIGHT

PROFILE

Uğur Sabuncu

What You Take Away As a Donor Is Important Too

At the helm of an import and export company headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, Uğur Sabuncu is naturally accustomed to details. The apparels his company sources, transports and distributes depends on it. “I’m very familiar with operations,” he says. He is also familiar with making things work. “It’s all about resources.”

Resources are what inspired Uğur to support the Istanbul-based Cerrahpasa Tıp Fakultesi (Cerrahpasa Medical School), a learning hospital. Though one of Turkey’s premiere medical institutions, it had, as a government-funded body, limited resources. “Turkey’s mothers deserve better than that,” Uğur says.

Through TPF, he contributed to the purchase of equipment and the improvement of the nuclear medicine department, headed by Prof. Dr. İlhami Uslu. “It’s a day and night difference how the hospital is able to handle and care for patients

with inadequate equipment and resources,” he says, pausing to reflect. “That donated money can go towards something that is having an impact means a lot.”

And despite Turkey’s tremendous economic growth, there are still many areas and places in Turkey that need attention and action. “There are lots of things to donate to in Turkey. What is important is to recognize what is required and making a contribution that will truly change lives.” Uğur points out that that should include the person giving. “What you take away as a donor is equally as important too.” That TPF tracks and shows results is one of the reasons he gives through the organization. “TPF makes it easy for anyone from any means to get involved in giving.” This he believes is what is making a difference across Anatolia. “Ne mutlu verene.” (Happiness belongs to the giver)



Prof. Dr. İlhami Uslu,
Director, Nuclear Medicine
Department, Cerrahpaşa
Medical School

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

PROFILE

Dr. Metin Taşkın**Remembering Where He Came From**

Community has always been at the heart of Dr. Metin Taşkın's life. Born and raised on Turkey's Black Sea coast, in Samsun, he was always interested in people. "Finding solutions," he says in his gentle and gentlemanly manner, "was equally as important." As such, he earned a medical degree that enabled him to find care for the sick and find remedies for their ailments. "That was the easy part," he says. More difficult was creating the conditions to ensure that the sick could get better and thrive. He believes the same philosophy applies to philanthropy.

"Giving is not hard," he says. It's making sure that what you've contributed is making a difference. That's especially challenging in a place like Turkey, where layers of bureaucracy have made it difficult to monitor and track projects. "Turkish people are incredibly generous," Taşkın says. But the system that they operate in complicates philanthropic efforts, many of which lack transparency or impact measurement. "TPF is exactly what Turkey needs."

TPF's transparent process, in which partner organizations are vetted and projects are carefully monitored and evaluated is what attracted Dr. Taşkın to join and contribute to the organization. "I wanted to pour my energy into the charitable projects I was backing, not worrying about whether my funds were being properly used."

The charitable project that is closest to Dr. Taşkın's heart is focused on schools in Samsun. "Education makes a difference. You are empowering people to do what they want in life – and that is the only way to helping people." It is what helped Dr. Taşkın, who remembers the teachers who put in extra hours to help him with math and science. "It made a huge difference in my life. It opened up so many opportunities for me."

Today, Dr. Taşkın is extending the same opportunities to the young people of Turkey. "I owe so much to the community I came from." Through TPF, he backed efforts to rebuild premises serving disadvantaged children that were damaged during a flood. "I want the young people to have the future of their dreams," he says. "I want to provide them the resources so that they can build their own future and not miss the opportunities of today."



DONOR SPOTLIGHT

PROFILE

Vrazon

Hearing TPF's Message Abroad

When wine enthusiasts gathered at the European Wine Bloggers Conference five years ago, social media still hadn't reached a tipping point. "It was quite the challenge in getting the global wine industry in step with the digital media," says Gabriella Opaz, a principle at Vrazon, a wine marketing agency. But she and her colleagues kept at, growing the movement from 33 people from 11 countries to over 200 people from 30 countries around the world.

"Our conference is not just a communications conference, it's a means to network with dynamic, innovative, open-minded people who want how to work together, to throw their cultural differences to the side, to make new inroads in wine production, sales and communication," says Gabriella. "Without teamwork, without honest dialogue, without authenticity, without understanding,

regardless of your field, growth will stop. Fortunately for us, the interest to network differently is growing, and growing fast."

As their network grew, there was a lot of discussion about giving back. But Vrazon didn't want to give back to just any cause or organization. "We were looking for a foundation that matched our vision, to give back to the community in a very concrete and actionable way." After an "intense" Google search, as Gabriella describes, they found TPF. "Community growth is not just creating a safe physical environment to live in, but also providing emotional and intellectual tools that provide self-esteem, confidence, positivity and vision. We saw this in your organization and made a decision to support your projects."



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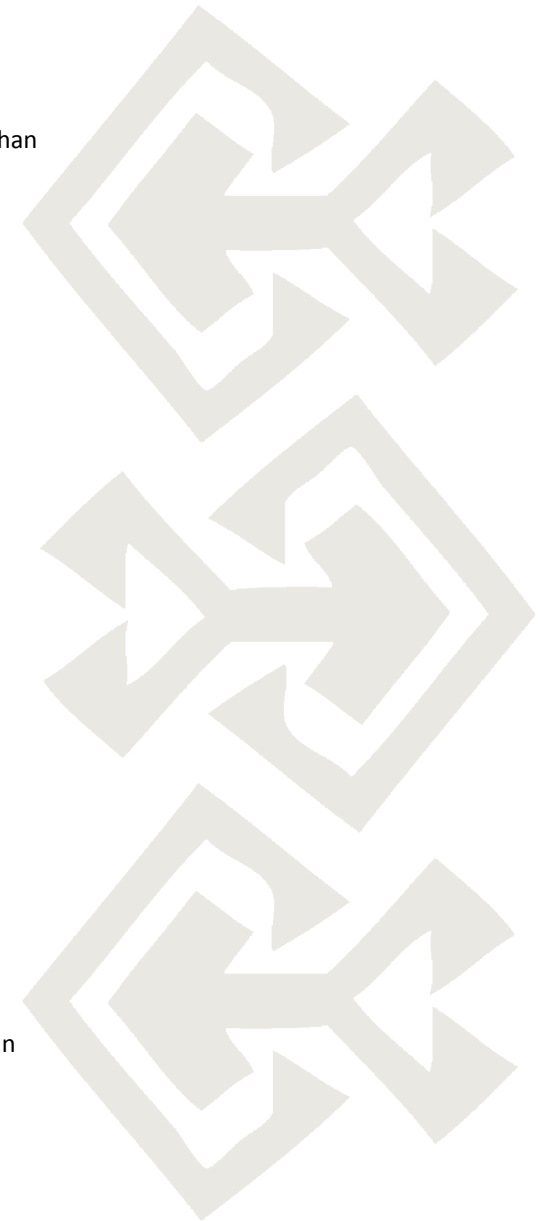
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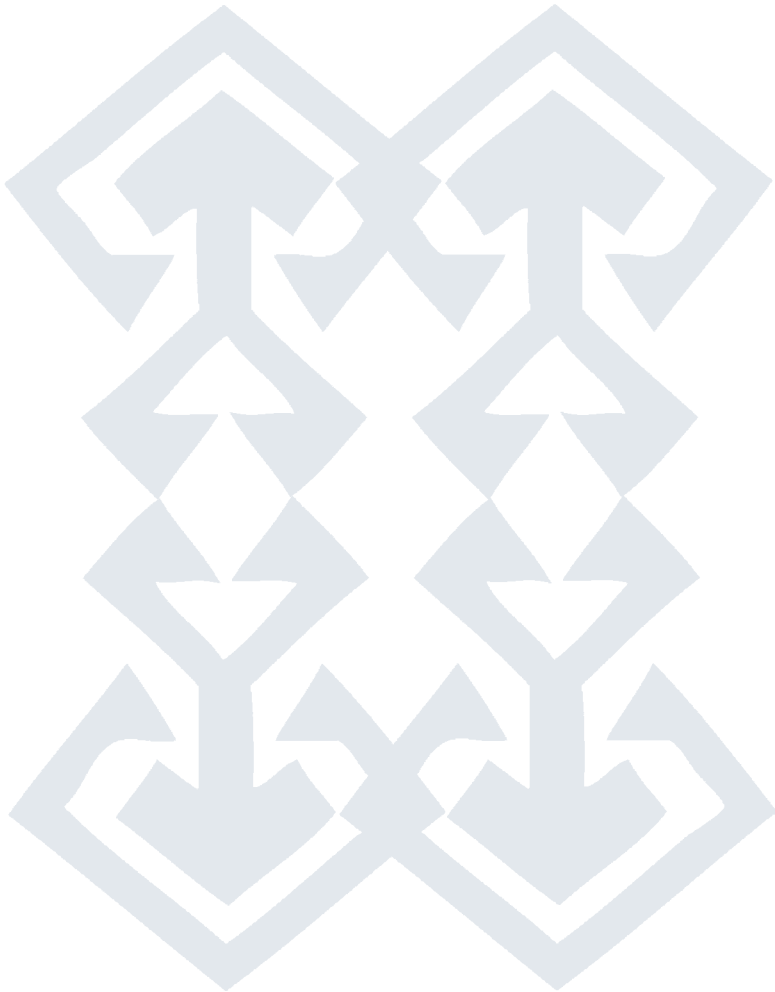
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Philanthropy isn't generational. That's at least what Erman Ağırnaslı, Ömer Çorluhan, Ayşe Sabuncu and Gülşah Şenol believe. No wonder that they're the founding members of Young Professionals for TPF which held its inaugural meeting in September 2011. "We're the future generation of donors," says Gülşah Şenol, "It's important that we don't wait to think about giving back but start now."

For the past year, TPF's Junior Board, the leading

body of Young Professionals for TPF, has been working to introduce fellow Turkish American professionals to TPF's work in education, gender equality, economic development and arts and culture. They're eager to recruit universities and establish TPF chapters where college students can get involved in Turkish philanthropy. "We want to make people understand that supporting a charity is not a one time thing," says Ayşe Sabuncu.

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Özlenen brings to Turkish Philanthropy Funds four decades of organizational leadership experience from the private sector. As a Citibank executive, she lived and worked in Istanbul, New York, Manila, and Tokyo serving as CFO and Division Chief Administrative Officer, Strategic Planning Officer and also as Director of Recruiting for Citibank's Investment and Institutional Banks.

Özlenen holds an MS in Biochemistry from Smith College, an MBA from Columbia Business School, and is a graduate of Robert College of Istanbul.



Şenay Ataselim-Yılmaz
Chief Operating Officer

Şenay has over ten years of experience in various functions of the non-profit sector including operations, grant-making, finance, development, donor services and research. She has been with TPF since its start-up phase, and had an active role in developing the organization's structure.

Şenay holds a BA in Political Science, University of Ankara and an MPA in Public Policy and Non-profit Management, Baruch College. She is currently a PhD candidate in Political Science at Graduate Center, CUNY specializing in civil society and philanthropy.



Elmira Bayraslı
Communications Director

Over the past several years, Elmira has worked to support start-ups in emerging markets at Endeavor, served as the Chief Spokesperson for the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina in Sarajevo and assisted former Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, an advisory board member for the Turkish Women's International Network and is a mentor for the Women Innovate Mobile entrepreneur incubator. She is a regular speaker on innovation and start-ups and writes a weekly column on global entrepreneurship on Forbes.com.



Melis Mine Figanmese
Program Assistant

Melis came to TPF after completing her Master's degree in International Relations in Geneva, Switzerland. While in Geneva, she consulted and interned with the United Nations Human Rights communications office. Melis received her Bachelor's degree at the Pennsylvania State University in International Politics, where she studied on scholarship.



Şule Dedekarginoğlu
Program Assistant

Sule has extensive experience in international development. She has studied politics and economics in Europe including at the London School of Economics as part of study-abroad programs. Sule also participated in Drew University's Semester on the United Nations program in New York. Sule has a BA in Economics and a triple minor in Political Science, European Studies and Middle Eastern Studies from Drew University.



Pedro Noly Bernardo
Chief Financial Officer

Noly has 35 years of experience in the finance industry. He was the Financial Controller covering 7 countries in the Asia region for Citibank both in the Philippines and the United States. Noly has an Accounting major from the University of Philippines and an MBA from Asian Institute of Management.



I. Cem Onur
Chief Technology Officer

Cem has over 1.5 decades of experience on technology based businesses from networking, software/technology development to information, marketing and graphical design.

Cem is an architect in training and has a BA degree in Architecture from Mimar Sinan Güzel Sanatlar University in Istanbul, Turkey.

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

Ashoka Event DECEMBER 2011

Can social entrepreneurship be just what Turkey needs to close its social developmental gap? That was the question on everyone's mind at an event TPF hosted along with The American Turkish Society and Ashoka in December. The answer was a resounding "yes."

Bill Drayton, Ashoka's founder, noted that "By 1980, there was a new generation coming up that was tired of the inefficiencies of the older order." İbrahim Betil, founder of TOG, the Community Volunteers Foundation of Turkey, and Nasuh Mahruki, founder of AKUT – Turkey's search and rescue association, agreed. They emphasized the importance of social entrepreneurs in encouraging others to become engaged citizens and changemakers. "Each social entrepreneur is a role model."



TPF Team with Ashoka founder Bill Drayton and Ashoka Turkey



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Van Earthquake Fundraiser JANUARY 2012

Democratic Party leader and candidate for governor of Virginia Terry McAuliffe hosted a fundraiser for the victims of the Van earthquake in early January that raised over \$7,000. Turkey's Ambassador Namık Tan and former Democratic congressman Richard Gephardt attended.

Conference in DC MARCH 2012

TPF was honored with the "Award for Excellence in Charity" at the 32nd annual Turkish American Convention dinner in Washington in April 2012. The convention, held at the Washington Plaza Hotel, focused on "Think Globally, Act Locally." TPF COO Şenay Ataselim addressed the conference on charitable fundraising, emphasizing TPF's philosophy that giving is about community.



Lunch with CYDD APRIL 2012

As education dominated headlines in Turkey, TPF held a lunch with Reyhan Gücüm from Çağdaş Yaşamı Destekleme Derneği (CYDD). She shared insights on developments in Turkey, particularly the education reform law that passed in April 2012, as well as projects that CYDD has been working on.



CYDD Luncheon at TPF offices.

Fazıl Say APRIL 2012

TPF was delighted to host renown pianist Fazıl Say at a private reception on April 20, 2012. It followed a public performance Mr. Say gave at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art that same evening. Given his long-standing admiration and support for TPF partner Çağdaş Yaşamı Destekleme Derneği he extended his appearance in order to raise funds for girls' scholarships in Turkey. NBA star Mehmet Okur and former Bush official Paul Wolfowitz were among the guests.



Fazıl Say with the TPF Team



Haldun Tashman addressing the crowd on his personal philanthropic journey

Yapı Kredi Philanthropy Seminar JUNE 2012

With wealth on the rise in Turkey, so too is philanthropy. Yapı Kredi, one of the country's top banks, hosted a seminar entitled "Effective Philanthropy and Inspiring Philanthropic Stories" at the Rahmi M. Koç Museum in June 2012. The bank launched a consultancy on giving. TPF Founder and Chairman Haldun Tashman spoke about how TPF is a platform for donors' individual giving.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Audited Financial Summary as of June 30, 2012

		2012	2011
ASSETS	Cash	\$1,849,788	\$1,284,638
	Investments	\$2,381,005	\$2,171,225
	Receivables	-	\$24,125
	Other Receivables	\$15,000	-
	Real Estate Property	\$750,000	\$750,000
	Total Assets	\$4,995,793	\$4,229,988
LIABILITIES	Grants Payable	-	\$3,557
	Accrued Liabilities	\$1,069	\$2,430
	Unearned Rental Income	\$12,000	\$30,000
	Total Liabilities	\$13,069	\$35,987
NET ASSETS	Unrestricted	\$2,343,459	\$2,212,215
	Temporarily Restricted	\$644,217	\$559,500
	Permanently Restricted	\$1,995,048	\$1,422,286
	Total Net Assets	\$4,982,724	\$4,194,001
	Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$4,995,793	\$4,229,988
REVENUE	Contributions	\$1,729,813	\$839,065
	Investments	\$74,200	\$133,402
	Fees	\$32,000	\$38,131
	Realized Gains (Losses)	\$38,615	\$118,528
	Unrealized Gains (Losses)	\$(25,170)	\$(9,186)
	Total Revenue	\$1,849,428	\$1,119,941
GRANTS & EXPENSES	Grants	\$785,257	\$8,703,464
	General & Administrative	\$262,081	\$179,580
	Development	\$9,556	\$6,710
	Total Grants & Expenses	\$1,060,735	\$8,897,963
Increase in net assets		\$788,723	\$(7,778,022)
Net Assets at beginning of year		\$4,194,001	\$11,972,023
Net Assets at end of year		\$4,982,724	\$4,194,001

*The full audit report is available on TPF web site.





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