TPF Gala

Monday, May 9, 2022
The Metropolitan Museum of Art

Cocktail Reception at 6:30 PM
The Great Hall
Dinner and Program at 7:30 PM
The Temple of Dendur
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TPF’s six founding members had a vision for a foundation that could encourage philanthropy among those interested in supporting Turkey and addressing vital needs in local communities. TPF’s success is a direct result of these pioneers, who have stood behind the organization and have brought ideas, positive energy, and a beautiful intensity. Their leadership contributes daily and to our legacy. And, we are forever grateful for their service.

Haldun Tashman, TPF Chairman Emeritus
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TPF’s Founders Society is a diverse group of dedicated investors who provide the vital foundation for TPF’s work on every level. The Founders Society provides the financial foundation for TPF’s programs, and helps us engage, inspire and support our donors to address the most pressing social issues in our communities. Our sincere thanks to the following donors for their generous contributions to TPF to date.

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We celebrate our Legacy Donors - generous individuals and families who have chosen to support the causes that matter to them through gifts that are planned today and will be realized beyond their lifetimes. These donors have made the decision to make a lasting difference for our community by creating a permanent fund at Turkish Philanthropy Funds. Some put TPF in their wills, others stipulate that their current funds be managed by TPF long after they are gone. Endowed gifts entrusted to TPF through a will or trust leave a lasting legacy that benefit both current and future generations and help us quickly address emergencies, no matter how unforeseen.

Ali Rıza Sarıoğlu
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Mustafa Kemal Abadan
Nakiye and Ziya Boyacıgiller
Nihal and Haldun Tashman
Ömer Ertur
Ömer Uzun
Özlenen Eser Kalav
Şevket Turgut Neşe
Dear Donors, Partners and Friends,

On behalf of our Board of Directors and the entire staff at Turkish Philanthropy Funds, we would like to thank you for joining us as we celebrate TPF’s 15th year and honor Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya with the Philanthropist of the Year Award.

We are proud to honor Hamdi Ulukaya with the 2022 Philanthropist of the Year award in recognition of his lifetime dedication to philanthropy, especially his commitment to helping bring an end to the refugee crisis through Tent Partnership for Refugees. His life exemplifies the meaning of philanthropy, as seen through his career, leadership, and philanthropic engagement. Hamdi has tirelessly championed a fair and equitable world for his employees, the communities supporting his business, refugees all around the world, and our society at large.

This gala is a true celebration of our past, present and future and our collective accomplishment. For the past 15 years, TPF has been here to listen, learn, share and engage with those who have chosen us as their partner in philanthropy. As a result, we have invested more than $26M in more than 177 organizations working across 120+ cities and towns in the United States and Turkey. Today, we recognize how these forward-thinkers have shaped our success, and how their work positioned us for a vibrant future. The story of philanthropy in our communities both in Turkey and in the US is evolving. And, we couldn’t be more proud to bring this story to life with you.
We’d like to extend a special thanks to the Honorary Benefactors, The Özmen Family, Haldun Tashman, Selin and Ali Gülçelik, Zeynep and Evren Bilimer, Yonca and Halit Özbelli, Bank of America and Chobani as well as all of the sponsors of the evening. Your contributions are invaluable to TPF. Our mission is to inspire and mobilize innovative, high-impact philanthropy. We can only advance these endeavors and create a better future for everyone, only with your support.

We look forward to your continued partnership in helping TPF and our communities together, grow and thrive.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Mehmet Kırdar  
Chairman

Merve Gürsel  
Gala Chair

Senay Ataselim-Yılmaz, PhD  
Executive Director
Hamdi Ulukaya has been named as the recipient of the 2022 TPF Philanthropist of the Year Award, which honors an outstanding philanthropist every year that has made significant contributions to philanthropy to make our communities stronger.

We are proud to honor Hamdi Ulukaya with this year’s award in recognition of his lifetime dedication to philanthropy, especially his commitment to helping bring an end to the refugee crisis through Tent Partnership for Refugees. His life exemplifies the meaning of philanthropy, as seen through his career, leadership, and philanthropic engagement. Hamdi has tirelessly championed a fair and equitable world for his employees, the communities supporting his business, refugees all around the world, and our society at large.

Raised in Eastern Turkey, Hamdi Ulukaya founded Chobani in 2005 with the mission of making better food more accessible and providing good food for all, while also improving local communities. Selling the first cup of yogurt in 2007, Chobani became the No. 1-selling Greek Yogurt brand in the U.S. less than five years later. A devoted philanthropist, Ulukaya signed the Giving Pledge and founded the Tent Partnership for Refugees in 2016 to help end the global refugee crisis. Ulukaya serves on the board of La Colombe Torrefaction LLC, Pathfinder Village, and the Tent Partnership for Refugees.
Kaan Sekban is one of the most popular stand-up comedians in Turkey. His background in banking and finance made him a hit with the corporate world. His stand-up, Saçmalar, had 170 sold-out shows in Turkey and worldwide. His recent “Kaan Sekban’la Alt Tarafi Bİ’ Talk Show’ quickly became a success within television comedy.
THANK YOU.

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Master of Ceremonies
CONGRATULATIONS ON 15 YEARS!

Turkish Philanthropy Funds:
We salute you for 15 years of creating meaningful change in Turkey and abroad. Your work inspires and mobilizes innovative and high-impact philanthropy.

We are honored to support you in this mission.

THE ÖZMEN FAMILY
TPF brings philanthropists together with Turkish communities in need. We are proud to participate in this mission. On this anniversary, we congratulate Mr. Ulukaya for his generous contributions to philanthropy, the TPF team for their hard work, and Mr. Tashman for carrying out his vision of giving and sharing it with all of us.

Happy 15th TPF!

SELİN & ALİ GÜLÇELİK
I extend my sincere congratulations to tonight’s awardee, Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya.

His enthusiasm and support towards TPF over the years have been nothing short of extraordinary. May he continue to be a source of inspiration to our community.

Congratulations to TPF on its 15th anniversary!

HALDUN TASHMAN
We are proud to be members of the TPF community and to celebrate its legacy.

Congratulations to tonight’s honoree Hamdi Ulukaya for his outstanding leadership in philanthropy.

ZEYNEP & EVREN BİLİMER
Heartfelt congratulations to
Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya
for receiving the Philanthropist of the Year award
and TPF on 15th year anniversary.

YONCA & HALİT ÖZBELLİ
Bank of America is proud to support the Turkish Philanthropy Fund’s 15th Anniversary Gala. Congratulations to Hamdi Ulukaya, on your well-deserved recognition.

Chobani thanks Turkish Philanthropy Funds for recognizing the work of our Founder and CEO, Hamdi Ulukaya, and for its meaningful efforts in addressing economic, social and environmental needs in Turkey and around the world.
Mustafa K. Abadan & The Abadan Family

is proud to support
Turkish Philanthropy Funds
and honored to celebrate tonight’s honoree
Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya
for his philanthropic leadership.

The Ağırnaslı Family

celebrates
Turkish Philanthropy Funds’ 15th Anniversary
and congratulates tonight’s honoree
Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya for his philanthropic leadership.
The Marmara Park Avenue is proud to support Turkish Philanthropy Funds (TPF) and delighted to celebrate tonight’s honoree Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya.

Being at home in New York City means having a place you can call your home.

Fenerbahçe USA Derneği salutes Turkish Philanthropy Funds on its 15th anniversary and congratulates Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya on the Philanthropist of the Year Award.
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Herrick’s Turkish Practice Group is proud to celebrate TPF’s 15th Anniversary and honor Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya with the Philanthropist of the Year Award

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Congratulations to tonight’s honoree, Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya and to the entire TPF community on its 15th anniversary. We are proud to support an organization that empowers so many people to live up to their potential.

Merve & Kağan Gürsel

Mehmet & Audrey Kırdar

congratulate Hamdi Ulukaya for his leadership and legacy in Philanthropy. We couldn’t be happier to celebrate TPF’s 15th Anniversary with such a deserving honoree!
Elif & Dr. Tamer Seçkin

are proud to support tonight’s honoree Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya and are honored to celebrate TPF’s 15th anniversary.

With each act of generosity and partnership we make our communities stronger.

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wishing success to

TURKISH PHILANTHROPY FUNDS

and its partners for decades to come.
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The American Turkish Society is proud to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Turkish Philanthropy Funds. Our deepest congratulations to our friend Hamdi Ulukaya on his well-deserved recognition.

Kaye Spiegler congratulates Turkish Philanthropy Funds for 15 years of service and Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya for his recognition as Philanthropist of the Year

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We are proud to support TPF at its 15th anniversary Gala! We would like to congratulate Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya on being honored at the TPF Gala with the Philanthropist of the Year Award.

Seran & Ravi Trehan

AKDO is proud to support the Turkish Philanthropy Funds’ 15th Anniversary Gala. Congratulations to Hamdi Ulukaya, on your well-deserved recognition.
Mr. and Mrs. Aziz & Nur Hamzaoğulları are proud to support Turkish Philanthropy Funds and delighted to celebrate tonight’s honoree, Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya.

I am thrilled to celebrate the Turkish Philanthropy Funds 15th anniversary and my sincerest congratulations to tonight’s honoree, Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya.

Karen Jamesley
Congratulations to Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya. We are grateful for your sincere dedication to philanthropy. The Karaoğlu family is delighted to celebrate your accomplishments and is honored to support Turkish Philanthropy Funds.

Magdalena & Ersin Karaoğlu

RPD Fund Management ("RPD") is proud to support high-impact social investments of TPF in addressing economic, social and environmental needs in Turkey and around the world.

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