

MANY STORIES, ONE PURPOSE.



TURKISH
PHILANTHROPY
FUNDS

At Turkish Philanthropy Funds, every gift carries a story. A story of generosity, courage, and belief in a brighter future. Every donor supported, every individual empowered, and every partner organization funded tells a story – one we are honored to be part of.

This year, these stories came together from across the globe – donors, partners, and communities – woven into one shared purpose: creating lasting impact.

From scholarships that empower young leaders to rebuilding efforts that restore hope after disaster, from initiatives advancing gender equality to programs strengthening education and economic opportunity, each story reflects the collective spirit that defines TPF. Individually, they are powerful. Together, they form a movement – one that proves that when many voices unite behind a single purpose, transformation is not only possible, it is inevitable.

This report celebrates those stories, honors the people who made them possible, and reaffirms our commitment to a purpose greater than ourselves: building a more resilient, equitable, and hopeful future for all.

A heartfelt thank you to those who generously shared their stories for this year's annual report.



MISSION

Connecting people and organizations to drive positive change in Türkiye, the U.S., and beyond for a vibrant and ever more impactful philanthropic ecosystem.

VISION

TPF is the most trusted and innovative philanthropic platform that inspires generosity in a broader community, transforming lives and fostering a brighter future for all.

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OUR VALUES

*Our values guide everything we do—each one shaping
TPF's story and setting us apart for our community*

High-Impact Giving

We prioritize initiatives that create meaningful, measurable, and sustainable change, ensuring every contribution makes a lasting difference.

Collaborative Partnerships

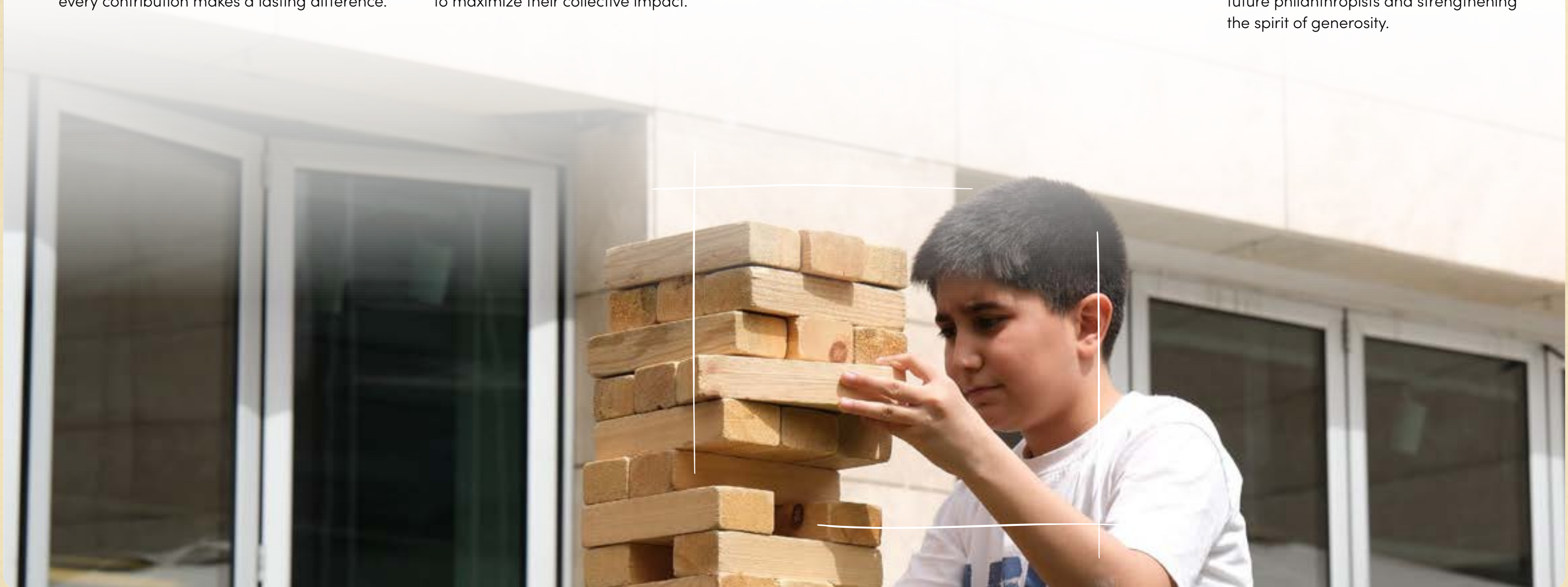
We foster a culture of collaboration, bringing together donors, nonprofits, and communities to maximize their collective impact.

Transparency & Accountability

We are committed to ensuring every donation is traceable, impactful, and managed with integrity.

Legacy of Philanthropy

We strive to build a tradition of giving that transcends generations, inspiring future philanthropists and strengthening the spirit of generosity.



LEADERSHIP LETTER

Dear Friends, Supporters, and Partners of Turkish Philanthropy Funds,

Every year at Turkish Philanthropy Funds, we are reminded of a simple but profound truth: behind every gift is a story. Some begin with hardship, others with hope. Some are about honoring a loved one's memory, others about creating opportunities that did not exist before. Taken together, these stories remind us of the power of generosity to transform not only individual lives but entire communities. And those stories do not stand alone. They are lifted, multiplied, and transformed by the collective spirit of our community. That is the heartbeat of TPF — connecting donors, partners, and communities across Türkiye, the U.S., and beyond in a shared purpose of lasting change.

This year, those stories were once again extraordinary. We saw **Özlenen Kalav**, one of TPF's earliest visionaries, weave her own family legacy into her philanthropic journey — proving that caring for loved ones and caring for community are not separate, but part of the same story of generosity. We saw **Elmira Bayraslı** and her siblings establish a memorial fund in honor of their father, turning remembrance into impact and ensuring that his values continue to inspire future generations.

We witnessed young women like **Sıla, Ece, and Nagehan**, recipients of the Sena Eken-Schieber Economics Award, step boldly into a field, once closed to women, carrying forward Sena Eken Schieber's legacy of courage and excellence. We celebrated scholars like **Selin, Nursena, and Çağla**, whose journeys were made possible by the Changemaker Scholarship Fund and whose dreams now reach stages from Manhattan's concert halls to the classrooms of Columbia University. We championed **Esra, Revşen, and Yasemin**, young women supported by our partner PAYDA, whose determination and mentorship helped them become the first doctors and Ivy League students in their families. And through programs like AKUT Spor Kulübü, we saw how sports can empower youth in disadvantaged regions, instilling resilience, teamwork, and hope for the future.

These stories remind us that scholarships are not just individual achievements. They are **expressions of community philanthropy**. Each donor who contributes,

each mentor who guides, each partner who supports becomes part of a shared circle of generosity that turns one student's dream into a legacy for many. Together, these collective investments ensure that talent is not defined by circumstance but nurtured by community.

In Hatay, Adıyaman, and across the earthquake-affected region, we saw recovery take root in many forms. From the **Hatay Symphony Orchestra** helping young musicians find healing in every note, to the Arsuz Community Center transformed into a hub for youth art and resilience, to women weaving new livelihoods through the **Mutfakna Kitchen** in Gaziantep — each grant became more than aid. It became a seed of renewal. With **KODA**, we stood beside rural teachers, equipping them with tools and mentorship to support children in village schools deeply affected by disaster. And with **Dört Ayaklı Şehir**, we extended compassion to the most vulnerable—providing food, care, and dignity to street animals, reminding us that a resilient community must care for all living beings.

These efforts show that recovery is not the work of any one organization or donor alone. It is the **work of a philanthropic community**. Together with our donors and partner NGOs, we created a web of support that turned tragedy into possibility. This is the essence of community philanthropy: each contribution, no matter its size, connects to others to create an impact far greater than what any of us could achieve alone.

These stories were made possible because of YOU. Together, we raised more than \$8.5 million this year and invested in 182 grants and scholarships across disaster recovery, education, women's empowerment, arts and culture, health, and economic opportunity. Each grant was more than a number. It was a door opened, an opportunity provided, a future reimaged.

TPF Gala 2025 reminded us of what we can achieve when generosity and vision unite. In one evening, \$2.7 million was raised, with part of the proceeds dedicated to scholarships that will shape tomorrow's leaders. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Philanthropic Leadership Award, a biennial recognition of extraordinary individuals and families whose generosity has created lasting change. More than an award, it is a bridge of continuity, passed from one recipient to the next, carrying forward a living legacy of leadership in philanthropy.

This year, we were **honored to celebrate the Özmen Family**. Their commitment to education, opportunity, and community empowerment has transformed countless lives and continues to inspire across generations. Even more meaningful was that the award was presented by past recipient, **Hamdi Ulukaya**, whose own journey has redefined what it means to give boldly.

In that passing of recognition, we saw a powerful truth: philanthropy is not just about one family, one gift, or one moment. It is about a **community of givers, each building upon the other, weaving individual acts of generosity into a collective tradition of giving**. This chain of impact—where one story uplifts the

next — embodies the very essence of community philanthropy. It is in these shared moments that we are reminded that our strength lies not only in what each of us gives, but in how we come together to build something larger than ourselves: a tradition of generosity that endures and a community that thrives.

We are deeply grateful for every donor, partner, and friend who makes this work possible. Your belief fuels our mission and sustains our vision of creating a living tradition of community philanthropy, where each gift builds upon another.

Looking ahead, we dare to imagine even more. We envision communities not only rebuilt after disaster but reimaged, where resilience is shared, opportunity is inclusive, and hope is not a fleeting feeling but a lasting condition. We envision young leaders carrying forward the torch of generosity, proving that legacies can live in both memory and action. We envision a future where the many stories of our donors, partners, and communities converge into one powerful purpose: a world made more just, more compassionate, and more whole.

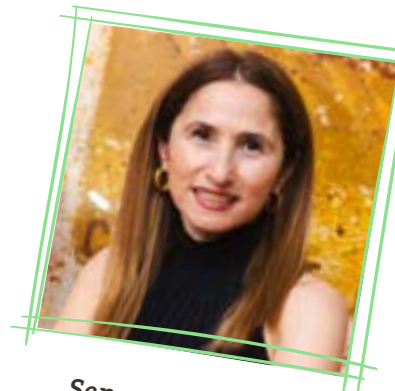
At TPF, we refuse to come to rest with hope alone. In the face of disaster, we rise together- and beyond recovery, we commit to transformation. By investing in our youth, we are not only strengthening our community today, but igniting the future they are destined to lead.

This is the story we are writing together. Thank you for being part of it — with your generosity, with your vision, and with your belief that giving has the power to change everything and community is in the center of it all.

With gratitude and hope,



Mustafa Kemal Abadan
Chair



Şenay Ataselim
Yılmaz, Ph.D.
Executive Director

VOICES OF OUR COMMUNITY

Celebrating the stories that make up our community

At TPF, our story is shaped by the people and communities we serve. Founded with a vision to empower, give, and transform lives, TPF has grown into a vibrant network of changemakers united by a shared purpose: creating lasting impact. Our mission goes beyond giving. It's about connecting donors to the causes they care about, driving sustainable change, and strengthening communities in need.

This collective impact is powered by people like you. Each donor carries a unique motivation, whether it is honoring family, giving back to their hometown, supporting education, or responding to urgent needs. Together, these diverse voices form a chorus of generosity that moves us forward.

In this section, we celebrate donors whose voices guide and inspire us. Their stories remind us that while each journey is personal, together our many stories create one powerful purpose: to build a more resilient, equitable, and hopeful future for all. Add your story by supporting the causes you care about through TPF.



WAYS TO GIVE WITH TPF

At TPF, every gift tells a story.

Some are about honoring family, others about supporting education, rebuilding communities, or creating opportunity for the next generation. Each is unique, yet together they serve one purpose: **lasting impact.**

Whether you choose to give today to meet urgent needs or plan for tomorrow through a legacy gift, TPF offers flexible ways to match your vision and values. You can support trusted organizations, invest in vital causes, or create your own fund or scholarship—giving in the way that works best for you. From cash, stocks, and real estate to donor-advised funds, bequests, and more, we make it simple to turn generosity into meaningful change.



JOIN FOUNDERS SOCIETY

Be part of the circle that laid TPF's foundation

The Founders Society is a diverse group of dedicated investors who provide vital support for TPF's work at every level. With a commitment of at least \$50,000 members help ensure the financial strength of TPF's programs while inspiring others to give boldly.

By joining, you become part of a community of leaders who engage, inspire, and support efforts to address the most pressing social issues in our communities. Together, Founders Society members make it possible for TPF to not only respond to urgent needs but also create lasting impact for generations to come.

Our sincere thanks to the following donors for their generous contributions to date.

THE NORTHSTAR \$1M+

The Özmen Family
Nihal and Haldun Tashman
Hamdi Ulukaya

CHAIRMAN'S CIRCLE \$500,000+

Serpil and Yalçın Ayaslı

LEADERSHIP CIRCLE \$250,000+

Özlenen Eser Kalav
Mehmet Lütfi Kırdar
Haluk Soykan

PIONEERING PARTNERS \$150,000+

Mustafa Kemal Abadan
Hakkı Akbulak
Vedat and Assia Eyüboğlu

LEAD PARTNERS \$100,000+

Ender and Murat Ağırnaslı
Selin and Ali Gülçelik
Şevket Turgut Neşe
Louis and Aylin Tashman Kim

KEYSTONE PARTNERS \$50,000+

The Attar Family
Zeynep and Evren Bilimer
Nakiye and Ziya Boyacıgiller
Nur and Aziz V. Hamzaoğulları
Aykut Karaalioğlu
Jetta and Çetin Karabulut
The Marmara Group
Hatice and Kevin Morrissey
Erinch Özada
Yonca and Halit Özbelli
Ramerica Foundation
Fatma and Eugene Sayan
Elif and Tamer Seçkin
Burcu and Mete Tuncel



JOIN A GIVING CIRCLE

Community is at the heart of our mission. We know that when many stories come together, they create one powerful purpose. Giving Circles empower us to unite our community's resources, raise awareness of social needs, and inspire and foster the spirit of collective giving.

With a Giving Circle, you can:

COLLABORATE WITH OTHERS

Pool your contributions with fellow members to make a **GREATER IMPACT** in causes they are passionate about.

ORGANIZE AND INNOVATE

Host your own activities and events, and make grants as a group. Together, your collective efforts will achieve far **GREATER RESULTS** than any individual could alone.

DEEPEN ENGAGEMENT

Build meaningful relationships with specific charities, creating **A DEEPER LEVEL OF CONNECTION** with the nonprofits you support.



If you're inspired to create a better community alongside others who share your vision, Giving Circles are the perfect place to begin where individual passions unite to build collective strength.

ESTABLISHING A GIVING CIRCLE WITH TPF

TPF's Giving Circles are dynamic groups committed to pooling resources for social change.

If you envision creating a better community and have like-minded individuals around you, then Giving Circles are your perfect starting point!



1 **Imagine!**

It begins with your vision. Envision the community you wish to build and the philanthropic impact you want to achieve.

2 **Gather!**

Expand your circle by involving friends, family and colleagues. Find others who share your dream.

3 **Discuss!**

Define your collective passion. Agree on a philanthropic goal and the impact you desire. TPF will guide you through this process.

4 **Take Action!**

Make your passion known. Create an online platform for your Giving Circle with TPF, decide on your key messages, and share them widely. The more, the merrier!

5 **Pool!**

Raise funds and awareness. Spread the word about your Giving Circle and raise funds through the members; you can also utilize the corporate matching gifts and can double your impact. TPF can assist with your communication efforts through social media, webinars, mailings, and more.

6 **Give!**

Your Circle, Your Way. Grant your contributions to any organization in Türkiye or the US that meets TPF's due diligence standards.

7 **Engage!**

Celebrate and prepare to give again. Share the impact report prepared by TPF, expand your Circle, and gear up for an even greater impact.

SUPPORT A TPF PARTNER

Every gift tells a story — of compassion, of resilience, of hope. Through TPF's partnerships with trusted NGOs in Türkiye, your story becomes part of a greater purpose: tackling the most crucial challenges facing communities today.

Each of our partners is carefully vetted to ensure transparency, accountability, and measurable results. By giving directly to a TPF Partner, you can channel your generosity to the causes and communities you care about most — knowing your support creates real and lasting change.

Whether your passion is education, disaster relief, healthcare, arts and culture, or economic development, there is a TPF Partner advancing meaningful progress in that field. And with TPF handling all compliance, reporting, and fund distribution, you can give with confidence and ease.

Make your giving personal and immediate. TPF tackles the most crucial challenges through its partnership with local NGOs in Türkiye.

Ways to Support a Partner

CONTRIBUTE

to an existing partner's fund.
Find a TPF project that gets you excited on our website and donate right away at www.tpfund.org.

START A FUNDRAISER

at donate.tpfund.org to rally your community in support of a partner's cause. Then, mobilize your friends and collect donations on birthdays, weddings, marathons, corporate giving campaigns, and even baby showers.

CREATE A DESIGNATED FUND

to provide ongoing support to one or more partners.

COMBINE YOUR SUPPORT

with other donors for greater impact through a Giving Circle.



CONTRIBUTE TO A SPECIFIC FIELD

Every act of giving begins with a story, and often, that story is tied to a cause close to the heart. With TPF's Field of Interest Funds, you can align your generosity with the issues you care about most while trusting our expertise to ensure your gift creates the greatest impact.

Each of TPF's Areas of Impact — education, gender equality, disaster relief, arts & culture, health, environment, and economic development — has a dedicated Field of Interest Fund. By contributing, you join a community of donors whose many stories converge into one purpose: advancing meaningful projects that strengthen communities.

You also have the option to create your own Field of Interest Fund. With a minimum gift, you can define the issue or cause that matters most to you, while TPF manages the vetting, grantmaking, and reporting. It's a powerful way to shape a legacy rooted in your values, guided by trusted oversight and deep local expertise.



Ways to Support a Specific Field

CONTRIBUTE

to TPF-created funds aligned with major issue areas at donate.tpfund.org.

ESTABLISH

your own fund to champion a cause that matters most to you.

No matter which path you choose, your philanthropy becomes part of a collective effort to create meaningful, lasting change—many stories working together toward one purpose.



OPEN A FUND GIVE - GROW - GRANT

The Secret to Maximizing Your Giving Story



At Turkish Philanthropy Funds, we believe every act of giving tells a story. By opening a fund, you create a powerful tool to write yours whether as an individual, a family, or a company.

A **giving fund** at TPF is more than an account, it's a personalized, flexible, and impactful way to manage all of your philanthropy in one place. Funds can be established in honor of your family, in memory of a loved one, or in the name of your business, allowing your generosity to carry meaning and legacy.



WHY OPEN A FUND?

Give with ease

Contribute cash, appreciated stock, or other assets to your fund. Enjoy immediate tax benefits and the simplicity of consolidating your giving.

Grow your impact

Let your contributions strengthen and expand through strategic grantmaking. With TPF's deep expertise and trusted network, your giving is directed where it makes the greatest difference.

Grant with purpose

Recommend grants to vetted organizations in Türkiye, the U.S., or beyond on your timeline, without the pressure to decide immediately.

A FUND DESIGNED FOR YOU

Every fund at TPF is tailored to reflect your values and aspirations. Whether you're passionate about education, gender equality, disaster relief, or another cause, your fund becomes the bridge between your vision and real-world impact.

And with our **online donor platform**, you can track your giving history, access statements, and recommend grants anytime—making your philanthropy both meaningful and manageable.

HEALING LIVES, EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

For Dr. Tamer Seçkin, everything began with a simple but powerful passion: to heal. That passion grew into a lifelong journey in medicine — one that led him to become a pioneering specialist in endometriosis and a champion for women’s health worldwide. Today, Dr. Seçkin, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra University, and one of the most prominent voices advocating for women living with endometriosis, is internationally recognized not only for his surgical expertise but also for bringing visibility to a condition that has long been overlooked. As the co-founder of the Endometriosis Foundation of America (EndoFound), he has educated thousands of physicians, advocated for early diagnosis, and inspired patients to speak openly about their experiences. His work goes beyond others in the field. With a strong commitment to research and scientific advancement, he partnered with Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory to establish the Seçkin Endometriosis Research Center for Women’s Health. Through this initiative, Dr. Seçkin is fostering groundbreaking discoveries to better understand the disease’s molecular and genetic mechanisms — driving progress toward earlier detection, improved treatments, and ultimately, a cure. His dedication and advocacy has reshaped the conversation around women’s health, ensuring that countless women reclaim not only their health, but also their joy and confidence in life.

Alongside his medical career, Dr. Seçkin has embraced many roles: devoted husband to Elif Seçkin, proud father of three, founder, teacher, mentor, and author of *The Doctor Will See You Now*.

In recognition of his contributions, he received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, a symbol of his dedication to service and impact beyond borders. These accomplishments tell the story of a life shaped by empathy, resilience, and a commitment to helping others thrive.



That same spirit carries into his philanthropy. Healing, for Dr. Seçkin, extends far beyond the walls of his practice. It is also about healing communities, lifting people up, creating lasting opportunities, and empowering those who are too often overlooked. His connection to Turkish Philanthropy Funds reflects this vision — to make things better. He has known TPF’s Chairman Emeritus, Haldun Tashman, since his youth. Their friendship and shared values deepened over decades in the United States, where Dr. Seçkin has remained closely tied to the Turkish-American community. He has been part of TPF’s story since its earliest days as a Founders Society member, witnessing its growth from a small circle of friends into a vibrant community of thousands united by compassion and action.

Through his Donor Advised Fund at TPF, Dr. Seçkin champions causes that mirror his personal and professional journey: advancing women’s health, expanding education, and promoting gender equality. Just as he has challenged silence and stigma in medicine, he directs his philanthropy toward breaking barriers, ensuring access, and creating new possibilities for those who might otherwise be left behind. Since joining TPF’s Board in June, he has amplified this impact — bringing the same strategic thinking, compassion, and vision that distinguish his medical career to guide TPF’s future.



For Dr. Seçkin, giving is not separate from his life’s work — it is a continuation of it. His story shows how leadership in one field can resonate far beyond it, inspiring others to take bold steps for change. It reflects a belief that one person’s dedication can ripple outward, improving lives and shaping futures. At its heart, his story reminds us that philanthropy is an expression of who we are and what we believe the world can become.

We are honored to count Dr. Seçkin among our TPF family—not only as a leader in medicine and philanthropy but also as a visionary who reminds us that healing, in all its forms, is one of the most powerful legacies we can create.

HOW A GIFT BECOMES A FUND

From gift to grant, TPF makes the process seamless so your philanthropy can grow and create lasting impact.

1 Define Your Goals and Strategy

As an individual, family or business, you can establish your fund with a wide range of giving options from one specific organization to broad community needs and scholarships.



2 Choose a Fund Type and the Timing of Your Gift

Select the fund that fits your objectives, and decide whether to establish it now or through your will or trust.

3 Select Assets to Make Your Gift (with immediate tax deduction)



CASH

Checks, wire transfers, or credit card donations.



LIFE INSURANCE

Name TPF as a beneficiary or transfer ownership to receive a deduction for the policy's cash value (future premiums may also qualify).



CLOSELY HELD STOCK

Deduct the appraised fair market value and potentially reduce capital gains tax.



STOCKS, BONDS & MUTUAL FUNDS

Deduct the full fair market value (if held for one year or more) and reduce capital gains tax.



REAL ESTATE

Turn a home, land, or business property into a charitable gift or set up a trust that provides income while supporting your philanthropy.

Reach out to learn more about our gift acceptance process.

4 Name Your Fund

Honor yourself, your family, or a loved one. Or choose anonymity with a mission-based name.

6 Recommend Grants

You advise us on how to grant from your fund whether to schools, community organizations, or scholarship programs.

5 Grow Your Fund

Choose from a variety of **investment pools**—Aggressive, Growth, Balanced, Conservative, Impact, ETF Equities, ETF Fixed Income, or Money Market. Your contribution is invested with the potential to **grow tax-free** while you decide which causes to support.

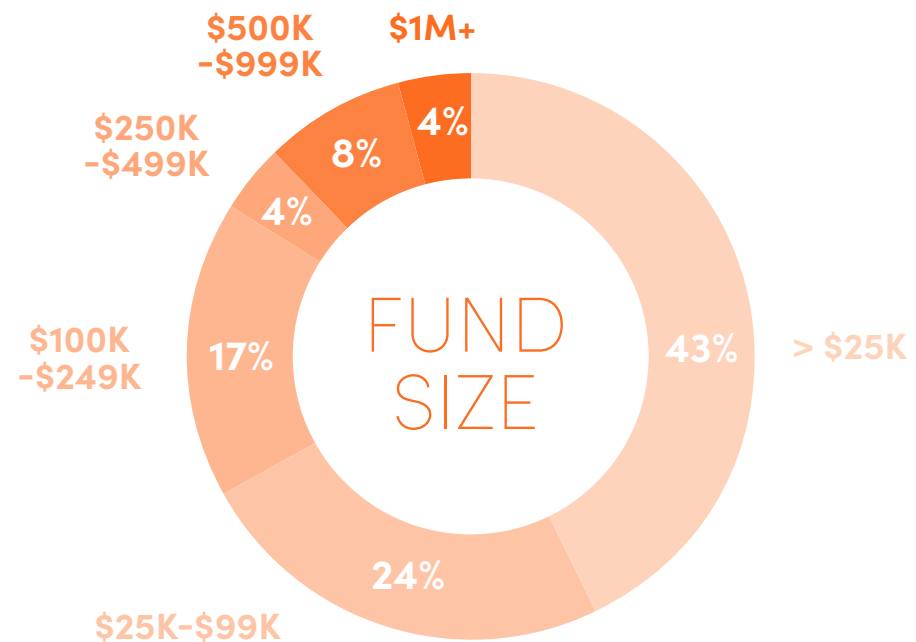
DUE DILIGENCE TPF ensures every grant recipient meets strict compliance and qualification standards.

FLEXIBILITY Grants can be made at any time, in amounts of \$250 or more, to qualified organizations in the U.S., Türkiye or beyond.

TYPES OF TPF FUNDS

Donor-Advised Fund (DAF)

With a minimum gift of \$5,000, you can open a flexible giving account that allows you to recommend grants on your own timeline. TPF manages all administration, due diligence, and reporting so you can focus on what matters most, supporting the causes you love. Perfect for individuals, families, and companies who want a simple yet powerful way to organize their philanthropy.



Scholarship Funds

Education changes lives. By establishing a Scholarship Fund, you empower the next generation by opening doors to higher education for talented students with financial need. You define the criteria such as field of study, merit, or leadership qualities and TPF manages the selection and administration, ensuring your gift fuels opportunity for years to come.

Designated Funds

Have a nonprofit close to your heart? A Designated Fund allows you to provide long-term, reliable support for one or more specific charitable organizations of your choice. You choose the beneficiaries, and TPF ensures your grants are delivered consistently and with full accountability.

Field-of Interest Fund

Sometimes your passion is an issue, not just one organization. A Field-of-Interest Fund lets you focus on an area you care about—such as education, the environment, gender equality, or support for single mothers. TPF directs your generosity to vetted projects in that field, combining your vision with our deep local expertise to maximize impact.

Agency Funds

For nonprofit organizations established in the US, an Agency Fund provides a way to strengthen financial sustainability. By entrusting their investments to TPF's investment expertise, nonprofits can grow their resources while ensuring they have the flexibility and stability to serve their communities well into the future.

FUND TYPES AT A GLANCE

FUND TYPE	WHO IT'S FOR	MINIMUM GIFT	FLEXIBILITY	BEST FOR
Donor-Advised Fund	Individuals, families, or companies who want to actively manage their philanthropy	\$5,000	Recommend grants anytime; TPF handles all administration and due diligence	Flexible giving across multiple causes and geographies
Scholarship Fund	Donors passionate about education and empowering students	Varies (typically \$25,000+ for sustainability)	Donor sets criteria; TPF manages applications, selection, and awards	Supporting students in higher education in the US with lasting impact
Designated Fund	Donors who want to support one or more specific nonprofits long-term	\$5,000	Grants go directly to chosen organizations, year after year	Ensuring steady support for a favorite charity or institution
Field-of-Interest Fund	Donors inspired by an issue area rather than one organization	\$5,000	TPF identifies and vets trusted organizations working within that issue	Focusing philanthropy on causes like education, gender equality, or environment
Agency Fund	Nonprofits in the US seeking financial sustainability and professional fund management	\$10,000	Invested with TPF to grow endowments; nonprofit can draw annual support	Nonprofits looking to strengthen resources and long-term impact

Each of these funds can be established as a **Memorial Fund** to honor the memory of a loved one.

No matter which fund you choose, you're not just giving—you're writing a story of generosity and impact that grows with time.

MEMORIAL FUNDS

A Memorial Fund is a meaningful way to celebrate the life and legacy of someone you love. By creating a fund in their honor, you ensure that their values, passions, and generosity live on, turning remembrance into lasting impact.

At TPF, Memorial Funds can be established to support a specific organization, an issue area, scholarships, or a combination of causes that reflect the life being remembered. Each grant made in their name becomes a tribute, carrying their story forward while making a difference for future generations.

Memorial Funds

Established at TPF to Date

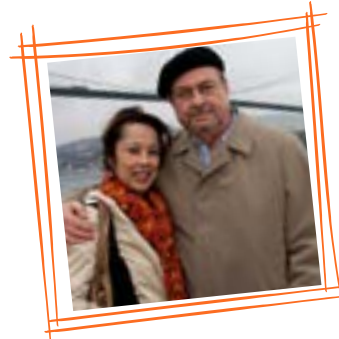
DR. ŞEVKET TURGUT NEŞE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Late Dr. Şevket Turgut Nese graduated from Istanbul University Medical School and spent most of his life in the United States. He wished his wealth would be used for a good cause in Türkiye. TPF created a permanent charitable fund under Dr. Nese's name to ensure that his name and his legacy continued forever. Now, scholarships are given to medical students at his alma mater, Istanbul University. Dr. Nese's initial contribution will be invested over time through the power of endowment. The return will continue to provide scholarships for medical students in Türkiye for many years.



THE ABADAN AWARDS

Inspired by his parents, Mustafa Kemal Abadan established a scholarship fund, The Abadan Awards, at Koç University to encourage early-career scholars to pursue and/or complete their post-graduate studies in Türkiye or abroad. The awards are administered by Koç University and alternate each year between Dr. Yavuz Abadan Constitutional Law Award for studies in constitutional law and; Dr. Nermin Abadan-Unat Social Science Award in social studies with a particular focus on women's research.



THE ROBERT L. LONG NIEMAN FELLOWSHIP

The fellowship honors the memory of journalist, filmmaker, and news executive Robert L. Long in partnership with Harvard University's Nieman Fellowship program. Over many years, Long worked with journalists covering international news and was concerned with journalism's issues in a rapidly changing world. He committed his life to challenge and inspiring his colleagues to expand their intellectual curiosity and maintain their profession's high standards and integrity. Joan Rebecca Siregar-Long established Long's widow's fellowship to honor his **legacy** by supporting journalists from a country he dearly loved. The Robert L. Long Nieman Fellowship is open to journalists who are Turkish citizens. The fellowship is fully funded and supports fellows in two semesters of study at Harvard University.



ATTILA KARAOSMANOĞLU EDUCATION FUND

Attila Karaosmanoğlu was an outstanding economist and academic. He was a devoted husband, father, and friend. Karaosmanoğlu played a critical role in Türkiye's social and economic development. In his memory, initially, a memorial fund was created to support Çağdaş Yaşamı Destekleme Derneği, an organization he was passionate about. Later, the memorial fund was endowed to support students with scholarships in his alma maters, Karşıyaka Lisesi and Ankara Siyasal Bilgiler Fakültesi.



CANAN GÜRMAN MURTHY MEMORIAL FUND

Canan Gurman Murthy was an aspiring businesswoman and a passionate women's rights supporter. She was also an unconditionally caring mother and a wife. When she passed away from ALS, her husband NC Murthy and their son Arjun established a memorial fund and built a kilim-weaving workshop in Van, Türkiye in her name. Now, Canan's **legacy** lives on in each kilim these young women make.



SABUS EDUCATION MEMORIAL FUND

The Ağırnaslı family created the memorial fund as a way to honor their late mother, Sabahat Buruloğlu, who was committed to education. Sabahat Buruloğlu graduated from İstanbul University Law School and passed the bar exam in 1952 to become one of the first female lawyers in early modern Türkiye. She believed that all girls deserved a chance to excel in their lives through education, and this fund carries on her legacy. It has since been used to establish an endowed scholarship fund at Toplum Gönüllüleri Vakfı in her name to support a female student at her alma mater, İstanbul University Law School.



THE ZIYA G. BOYACIGİLLER MEMORIAL FUND

The Ziya G. Boyacıgiller Memorial Fund was established to celebrate Ziya Boyacıgiller's life and fulfill his long-lasting dream of giving and continuing his legacy. Everyone who knew Ziya Boyacıgiller was an effective leader because of his tremendous ability to inspire people, unique strategic insight, and calm personality. Ziya Boyacıgiller Memorial Fund supports aspiring entrepreneurs.



DOROTHY AND ROBERT KELLER MEMORIAL FUND

Three Alumni of Talas College, Haldun Tashman, Hulusi Zafer Ecevit, and Marz Attar, pay tribute to their beloved teachers, Dorothy and Robert Keller, by establishing a memorial fund in their honor supporting education. The Dorothy and Robert Keller Fund supports the "Excellence in Teaching Program" at SEV Foundation to promote the learning culture and engage the SEV teachers and school leaders in continuous professional learning.



EMRE ÖZGÜ MEMORIAL FUND

Emre Özgü was an immigration attorney and partner at Barst, Mukamal, & Kleiner LLP located in New York City. Born to parents who emigrated from Türkiye to the United States in the 60s. Emre was born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania in 1972. He received his B.A. from Lehigh University in 1994 and his J.D. from New York Law School in 1997. Fluent in Turkish, Emre maintained strong personal and professional ties to Türkiye. He was deeply committed to education and supported many efforts to provide scholarships to underprivileged students in Türkiye. To celebrate Emre Özgü's life, the Özgü family established a fund that provides scholarships to students in Türkiye based on academic achievement and financial need.



İREM BÖLÜKBAŞI MEMORIAL FUND

The İrem Bölükbaşı Memorial Fund was established to honor the legacy of İrem Bölükbaşı who touched many hearts and minds with her kindness, laughter, and friendship. İrem pursued groundbreaking research in polymer science at UMass Amherst and made significant contributions as a Product Development Engineer at 3M. She brought out the best in everyone around her and was an exemplary collaborator. İrem's kindness, friendship, cleverness, courage, faith, and joy filled every room and overflowed into the hearts of those who knew her, continuing to inspire us to be better friends, scientists, and people. The İrem Bölükbaşı Memorial Fund has been established to support young scientists through scholarships and educational opportunities and carry forward her legacy.



YUSUF GALİP ÜÇÖK ENDOWED ORPHAN FUND

Yusuf Galip Üçok, an educator, was born in 1916 in Bunyan, Kayseri. He became an elementary school teacher and taught in one-room village schools in Pınarbasi, Burunguz, and Bunyan. In 1955, he moved his family to İstanbul along with his in-laws. The move to İstanbul from Bunyan was initiated by one of his brothers-in-law's entrance to the Technical University of İstanbul. Thinking about the future and desiring to educate his children, this move made sense to him, although it came with hardship. He first started teaching in elementary schools in distant small villages from the İstanbul region, away from his family. In 1957, he was assigned to Mevlana

Kapi Orphanage (Mevlana Kapi Yetistirme Yurdu) as a teacher and mentor for orphan children ages 13 to 18 years. This assignment was one of the important highlights of his long teaching career. Since he grew up as an orphan himself, this assignment was very personal. He was loved by his students, who visited him frequently at his house on weekends and stayed for dinners with the family. Yusuf Galip Üçok, a dedicated teacher, wanted to make sure these kids were educated and/or learned skills before leaving the orphanage and becoming productive members of society. He later happily realized that his longtime dream of educating his children came true. His two sons became engineers and his daughters became a homemaker, lawyer, and architect.

The endowed fund grants to orphanages in Türkiye was established by his son, Hikmet Üçok, and daughter in-law Marilyn Üçok of California to honor his father's legacy at the Mevlana Kapi Orphanage. The memorial fund's intent is to motivate orphans to pursue their education—academic and/or vocational, and also provide support for aged-out orphans in their transition out of the orphanage. The grants will be issued once a year.



RASİM AND NESRİN BAYRASLI SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Rasim Bayraslı's life was defined by resilience, hard work, and an unwavering belief in the power of opportunity. Born in Crimea in 1936, he fled Soviet rule as a child, eventually settling in Türkiye before emigrating to the United States in 1962. Alongside his brothers in Brooklyn, Rasim built a life through dedication and perseverance, working tirelessly in auto repair without formal training. A devoted family man, passionate gardener, and avid sports enthusiast, he approached life with humor, generosity, and an unbreakable spirit. In honor of his values and belief that anyone can achieve greatness with the right support, this scholarship provides educational opportunities to students from Eskişehir, Türkiye—fueling potential, ambition, and future success.

A Memorial of HOPE, EDUCATION AND GENEROSITY:

The Rasim Bayraslı Memorial Fund

Rasim Bayraslı's life was full of movement, resilience, and a deep belief in education. For those who knew him, his life was defined not by what he achieved for himself, but by what he gave to others.

Born in Crimea in 1936, under Soviet rule, he fled with his family at just eight years old. They landed in Germany, where he played soccer barefoot, and later settled in Eskişehir, Türkiye, after World War II. He went to Atatürk Lisesi, and in the early 1960s, followed his older brothers to the United States. Alongside his siblings, he opened an auto repair shop in Brooklyn. With no formal training, he built a life grounded in hard work, persistence, and curiosity. Rasim never stopped moving, never stopped trying.

Family was everything to him. A devoted husband to Nesrin and father to Elmira, Ercüment, and Elif, he worked tirelessly to provide for them. Rasim carried himself with humility and a deep sense of responsibility. He believed in hard work, integrity, and the importance of education, not just as a means of personal success, but as a way to uplift

entire families and communities. He loved gardening, sports, and jokes, and even when his health started to fail, he always found a way to laugh, to make you laugh, or simply see the good in a moment.

Education and curiosity were values Rasim and Nesrin carried all their lives. Though neither went to college, they admired learning, encouraged exploration, and constantly looked for ways to help young people pursue their dreams. That spirit became a gift they passed on to their children.

In 2024, just a few months before Rasim passed away, his children — Elmira, Ercüment, and Elif — decided to create a memorial scholarship fund in his name. Nesrin was proud that their children were determined to honor him in a way that reflected his values and continued his impact. For the family, the decision was about more than remembrance. It was about transforming memory into action. **The Rasim Bayraslı Memorial Scholarship Fund** reflects Rasim's lifelong commitment to opportunity and fairness, serving as a bridge between his values and the future he would have wanted for others.

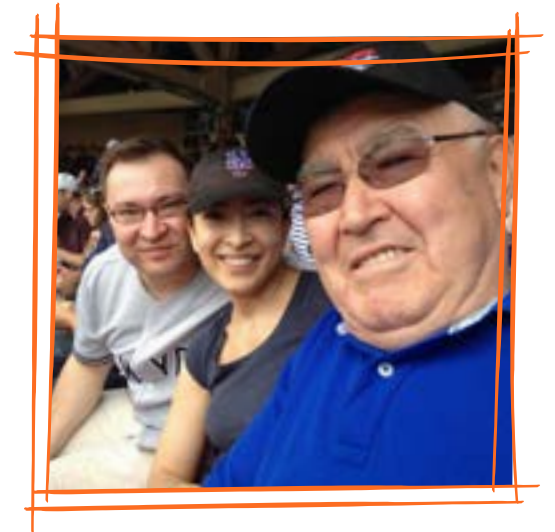
Creating a memorial fund is a deeply personal act, but at TPF it is also profoundly flexible. Just as every individual's life is unique, so too are the ways families can choose to honor their loved ones. As Elmira says, "You don't have to be rich to create a memorial fund. You just need to have the will." And they did.

The Bayraslı family chose to support students from Eskişehir, Türkiye, Rasim's home, helping them pursue higher education anywhere in the country. In its first year, three students received support, and the family is determined to grow the fund so even more young people can follow their dreams.

This scholarship is more than financial assistance. It is about hope. It is about legacy. It is about turning a life built on hard work, family, and belief in education into opportunities for others. Through this fund, Rasim's family is keeping his spirit alive, honoring his generosity, and giving young people from Eskişehir the chance to dream bigger. Just as he always wanted.

The Bayraslı family's choice is one example among many, but it speaks to something universal: the desire to keep a loved one's story alive by continuing their good work. A memorial fund is not only about memory. It is about carrying forward the values that defined a life, transforming grief into growth and legacy into impact.

At TPF, every memorial fund carries a story. Each one is a testament to love and resilience, to values lived and passed on. And together, they form a community of legacies, different in shape, but united in purpose: to make a lasting difference in Türkiye and beyond.



BECOME PART OF LEGACY SOCIETY

Crafting a Legacy of Generosity through TPF

In the heart of every community lies the spirit of generosity—the desire to make a difference that outlives the giver. This spirit shines brightly within our Turkish-American community, deeply rooted in our rich traditions of sharing, hospitality, and collective support.

Planned giving is how this spirit becomes a legacy. At Turkish Philanthropy Funds, we help individuals, families, and companies transform their values into enduring impact, ensuring that future generations benefit from the vision and compassion of today's donors.

Planned giving extends that legacy across time. It allows you to align your philanthropy with your financial goals, providing meaningful support for your loved ones while securing resources for the causes closest to your heart.



LEGACY SOCIETY

At Turkish Philanthropy Funds, we honor and celebrate our **Legacy Donors**—visionary individuals and families who have chosen to make generosity part of their life story. Through thoughtful planned gifts, these donors ensure that their impact endures well beyond their lifetimes. We are grateful to our Legacy Society members, whose commitment proves that generosity is timeless—sustaining communities today and for generations to come.

Nakiye and Ziya Boyacıgiller
Ömer Ertur
Özlenen Eser Kalav
Mustafa Kemal Abadan
Hülya and Aydın Koç
Cevat ve Nezahat Neziroglu
Asuman and Faruk Özer
Ali Rıza Sarıoğlu
Elaine and Mehmet Selis
Nihal and Haldun Tashman
Asuman and Metin Taşkın
Şevket Turgut Neşe
Ömer Uzun

WHAT IS PLANNED GIVING

Planned giving is a thoughtful approach to philanthropy that goes beyond immediate donations. It enables you to:

Make strategic contributions

during your lifetime or
through your estate.

Support programs

that uplift communities, expand
educational opportunities, and
respond to urgent needs.

Enjoy financial benefits

such as tax savings, income
options, or wealth preservation
for your heirs.

**By planning your giving carefully, you ensure that your values and philanthropic goals
continue to create change long after your lifetime.**



Neriman and İlhan Nuraltay migrated from Romania to Türkiye in the 1950s. Their early days were marked by hardship—they slept under the stairs of an apartment building in Aksaray and struggled to make ends meet. Yet, with perseverance and determination, they eventually built a new life in the United States.

In New York, İlhan established a successful career as a physician, while Neriman pursued her dream as a tailor. Though they thrived in America, their bond with Türkiye — their first adopted homeland — remained unbroken. Friends remember them as a couple full of life, deeply committed to the well-being of others, and always eager to give back.

When İlhan passed away in 2007 after a battle with cancer, Neriman carried forward their shared values. Before her own passing in 2014, she made a profound decision: to ensure that their generosity lived on through planned gifts in her will. She designated charitable bequests to five organizations in Türkiye—the Turkish Oncology Foundation, Hand-in-Hand Foundation (TSK Elele Vakfı), Foundation for Children with Leukemia, Turkish Education Foundation, and Darülaceze Foundation.

Working closely with the trustees of her estate, Turkish Philanthropy Funds (TPF) served as the bridge to fulfill Neriman’s wishes. By administering her planned gifts and delivering them to trusted partners in Türkiye, TPF ensured that the Nuraltay family’s legacy of resilience, generosity, and love for humankind continues to touch lives for generations to come.

We remember Neriman Hanım and İlhan Bey with deep gratitude, honoring their story as a testament to the power of planned giving and the enduring impact of a well-lived life.

Your Comprehensive Planned Giving Guide at TPF

To help you craft your legacy of generosity, TPF provides a dedicated **Planned Giving Guide** at tpfund.plannedgiving.org. This comprehensive resource equips you with everything you need to make informed and impactful decisions:

INSPIRING DONOR STORIES

Meet members of TPF’s Legacy Society and learn how their generosity reflects their values and aspirations.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Access videos and infographics that explain complex giving vehicles in clear, simple terms.

IMPACT VISUALIZATION

Try our Gift Calculator to see how different giving options could benefit you, your family, and the causes you love.

GIFT COMPARISON TOOL

Compare planned giving options and evaluate which strategies best align with your goals.

LEGAL TEMPLATES

Use sample language for wills and other documents to ensure your wishes are clearly expressed.

WEEKLY INSIGHTS

Explore our “Tip of the Week” for fresh ideas and practical guidance on maximizing your generosity.

Through planned giving at TPF, you can weave your story of generosity into the future—crafting a legacy that grows, inspires, and endures.

How to Leave a Legacy Through TPF

Planned giving is a powerful way to ensure your values live on. Through Turkish Philanthropy Funds, you can create a lasting impact by:

◦ INCLUDING TPF IN YOUR WILL OR TRUST

Designate a gift of cash, securities, or property to support causes you care about.

◦ ESTABLISHING A NAMED FUND

Honor your family or loved ones by creating a fund that reflects your passions and priorities.

◦ NAMING TPF AS A BENEFICIARY

Add TPF to a retirement plan, life insurance policy, or donor-advised fund.

◦ PARTNERING WITH TPF FOR GUIDANCE

We ensure your wishes are fulfilled and your generosity reaches trusted organizations of your choice – be it in Türkiye or in the US.

DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS IN YOUR ESTATE PLAN

Did you know your DAF at TPF can help you reach your legacy giving goals?

As you plan your estate and reflect on the values you want to pass on, your DAF can ensure that the causes that shaped your life continue to benefit from your generosity. Rather than naming individual charities in your will or trust, you can designate your DAF account at TPF as the charitable beneficiary of your estate plan—whether through a will, trust, annuity, life insurance policy, retirement account, or investment account.



CONNECT WITH TPF EXPERTS

Our team of experts is always here to support you in planning your legacy. Schedule a meeting with TPF Director of Philanthropy, Pinar Özyürek at pinar@tpfund.org to discuss your planned giving options in detail. Together, we can ensure that your generosity creates a lasting impact.

WHY INCLUDE YOUR DAF IN YOUR ESTATE PLAN?

Flexibility

Your DAF allows you to adjust your giving priorities over time, without the expense or complexity of amending estate documents or creating a private foundation.

Tax Benefits

Assets distributed to a qualified charity through a DAF are generally eligible for an unlimited estate tax deduction—making your DAF a powerful tool for reducing taxes and maximizing impact.

Efficiency

Naming your DAF as the beneficiary simplifies estate administration. Instead of distributing assets to multiple charities, executors can make a single transfer to your DAF, which then fulfills your wishes with clarity and ease.

Legacy

Your DAF can carry your spirit of giving forward, encouraging family philanthropy across generations. It functions much like a private foundation but with lower costs, fewer administrative burdens, and equally powerful impact.

WAYS OF PLANNED GIVING

	YOUR GIFT		YOUR GOAL	HOW YOU MAKE THE GIFT	YOUR BENEFITS
GIFTS ANYONE CAN MAKE (MAKE A GIFT THAT WILL NOT AFFECT YOUR CASHFLOW DURING YOUR LIFETIME)	Charitable Bequests	A bequest in your will or trust can direct specific assets to fund or add to an existing fund.	Support your causes easily today without impacting your financial security.	Provide in your will or living trust for a gift to be made to TPF or your choice of charity/cause after your lifetime.	You can reduce your taxable estate and create a charitable legacy . No impact on assets during the lifetime.
	Real Estate	You can retain the right to use your real estate during your lifetime while you receive an immediate tax deduction.	Select this method if a large portion of your personal investments has been in real estate.	Deed your property to TPF.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Immediate income tax deduction• No cost during your lifetime.• Continue to live in your home• Avoidance of capital gains tax on the value of property exceeding the sale price• Potential estate and income tax reductions to heirs
	Other Options: IRA Rollover, Retirement Plans, Stock and Appreciated Assets, Life Insurance				
GIFTS THAT PAY YOU INCOME (SUPPORT YOUR FAVORITE CAUSES WHILE ALSO RECEIVING A STEADY INCOME STREAM)	Charitable Gift Annuities	A simple contract guarantees you a fixed income in exchange for a gift to TPF. The American Council on Gift Annuities sets annuity rates.	Combine the benefits of an immediate income tax deduction and a lifetime income stream.	Transfer assets to TPF and start receiving fixed payments for life immediately.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fixed income for you or your loved ones beginning at a set date• Immediate income tax deduction• Partial tax-free income• Partial avoidance of capital gains tax in gifts of appreciated assets• Removal of assets from the taxable estate
	Charitable Remainder Trust	You can transfer cash and assets to an irrevocable trust and may receive income for life or a certain term of years. The remainder passes to TPF, creating a permanent fund in your name.	Supplement your retirement income while planning a lasting future gift.	Create a charitable trust that pays fixed or variable income for a specific term of years; thereafter the balance is given to you or to loved ones.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May reduce the future taxable estate• Retain control of trust assets
GIFTS THAT PROTECT YOUR ASSETS (CONTRIBUTE WITHOUT COMPROMISING YOUR ASSETS, ENSURING SECURITY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS)	Bargain Sales	You can retain the right to use your real estate during your lifetime while you receive an immediate tax deduction or can sell an asset to TPF for less than the fair market value and use the difference in value as your gift.	Select this method if a large portion of your personal investments has been in real estate.	Deed your property to TPF or sell it to TPF for less than its market value.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Immediate income tax deduction• No cost during your lifetime.• Continue to live in your home• Avoidance of capital gains tax on the value of property exceeding the sale price• Potential estate and income tax reductions to heirs
	Charitable Lead Trust	Set up a trust that generates dividends. Throughout the term of the trust, earned dividends go to TPF. The remaining assets go to your heirs, tax-free, on the trust's appreciation.	Support your favorite charity without permanently giving up the assets you have and transfer wealth to future generations.	Transfer assets to a trust that makes gift payments to TPF for a term of years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No impact on assets during lifetime• Estate tax reduction• Tax-free assets for your heirs• No estate or gift taxes on the growth of assets• Retention of property in the family often with reduced estate or gift taxes
DESIGNATE AND DONATE (CONTRIBUTE WITHOUT REDUCING YOUR INCOME OR SAVINGS)	Retained Life Estate				
	Retirement Plans	Any retirement plan such as an IRA or a 401(k) or life insurance policy allows you to create a named fund with TPF. Name TPF as the beneficiary and your legacy lives on through the assets transferred to TPF after you pass away.	Select these assets if heirs are in a high-income tax bracket.	Name TPF as the beneficiary of the balance left after your lifetime using the plan's beneficiary form.	Make the gift from highly taxed assets and avoid double taxation of retirement assets, leaving other assets for the family.
	Stocks and Investment Fund Accounts, US Savings Bonds, Life Insurance, Bank Accounts Jointly-Held Accounts, Gifts of Artwork and Personal Property.				

Rooted in Trust, GROWING IN LEGACY:

The Eser Family's Gift to the Future

When Özlenen Eser Kalav first sat around the table with a small group of like-minded visionaries nearly two decades ago, she could not have imagined all that Turkish Philanthropy Funds (TPF) would become. What began as a dream, a belief that Turks living in the United States could come together to pool resources, amplify their giving, and make a lasting difference in Türkiye and beyond—has grown into the most trusted philanthropic organization among the Turkish-American community.

Özlenen's fingerprints have been on TPF since its earliest days. As one of its founders, she brought not only her lifetime of breaking barriers and her sharp strategic mind, but also her conviction that philanthropy is most powerful when it is both personal and collective. Throughout her career, Özlenen had often been the only woman in the room—the lone female voice at the table. With determination and vision, she not only earned her seat but also made space for others to follow.

That same pioneering spirit guided her in philanthropy. From the very beginning, Özlenen believed that TPF could be more than just an institution; it could be a platform where personal values and collective action meet. For her, the mission was never simply about giving money. It was about building something enduring—a

platform where families and communities could create legacies that would inspire generations.

For Özlenen, that idea of legacy was not theoretical. It was something she carried quietly in her heart ever since she lost her mother years ago. The loss marked her deeply and planted a question she has carried ever since: How do we make sure that who we are, and what we value, continues beyond us?

Breaking barriers as a woman is, in fact, a family legacy. Nearly a century earlier, her mother had been one of the first women educators of the Turkish Republic in the late 1920s. At a time when opportunities for women were scarce, her mother believed passionately in education as a force for progress and equality. She taught not only in classrooms but also through example, showing that women could lead, could inspire, and could help shape the future of a nation.

Losing her mother made Özlenen reflect on what remains after we are gone—not just wealth or possessions, but values, memory, and the lives we touch. The question became even more urgent last year, when she lost her brother. How could she transform grief into something that would give life to others? The grief was profound, but it also crystallized her vision: her family's story could live on, not only in remembrance but in impact.



Professionally, Özlenen has always been someone who could see possibility where others saw obstacles. Now she turned that same lens inward, asking: How can my family's story become a source of hope for others? She imagined a fund that would not only carry her family's name, Eser, but also carry forward their values—resilience, generosity, education, and opportunity.

Her decision was bold and deeply personal: she chose to make a planned gift of real estate through TPF to establish the Eser Family Fund. It was a way of transforming something tangible into something timeless, ensuring that her mother's pioneering spirit, her brother's memory, and her own life's work would all continue to inspire.

For Özlenen, choosing TPF was natural. She had helped build it. She knew its rigor, its transparency, and its commitment to community. But beyond that, she trusted TPF as the place where personal legacy becomes part of something greater. She trusted that her family's name would be honored not only through careful stewardship but also would grow—adapting to meet the changing needs of the future, creating impact while staying true to the values of the past.

Yet true to her nature as both a professional leader and a TPF founder, Özlenen's vision does not stop with her own family. Just as she once imagined what Turks in America could achieve by giving together, she now imagines what could happen if more families embraced legacy



giving. **Her hope is that her example will encourage others to see philanthropy not as something left behind at the end of life, but as something lived.** She hopes her story will encourage other families to give boldly, to live their values now, and to weave their names into the fabric of future generations.

"Trust is everything," Özlenen often says. For her, TPF embodies that trust. Trust that her family's legacy will live on. Trust that her gift will be used wisely and stewarded with the highest integrity. Trust that her story—her mother's, her brother's, her own—story will continue to be written, not just on the pages of history, but in the lives of those touched by their generosity.

This fund is not the end of a story. It is the beginning of a new chapter. A chapter where grief is transformed into giving, where one family's name becomes a wellspring for many others, and where a legacy of barrier-breaking women continues to open doors for generations to come.

At TPF, we are honored to be part of this journey. The Eser family's legacy will ripple outward for years to come—proof of what Özlenen herself has always embodied: that when you break barriers, you open doors not only for yourself, but for everyone who follows.

Because legacy is not only about what we leave behind. It is about what we live, and how we inspire others to carry it forward.

Empowering the Next GENERATION

TPF Scholarship Funds

At Turkish Philanthropy Funds, we believe every educational opportunity begins a new story. Our Scholarship Funds are one of the most powerful ways donors help write these stories. From endowed scholarships established by visionary families to pooled funds supported by contributions as small as \$5, every gift adds a page.

Each scholarship awarded not only changes the trajectory of a student's life but also strengthens our communities, shaping the leaders, innovators, and changemakers of tomorrow. Together, these many stories weave into one shared impact: a future where talent is nurtured, barriers are broken, and opportunity is accessible to all.



TPF CHANGEMAKER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The TPF Changemaker Scholarship Fund honors students whose dedication to community service sets them apart. These scholars are leaders who give back through volunteer work, civic engagement, and a deep commitment to others.

By providing financial support, the fund empowers them to continue their education and expand their impact. Each scholar's journey becomes part of a greater story—one of resilience, leadership, and lasting change—that inspires and uplifts the communities we serve.

Meet the 2025 TPF Changemaker Scholars

At Turkish Philanthropy Funds, every scholarship opens a door to a new story. This year's Changemaker Scholars are musicians, architects, filmmakers, economists, counselors, engineers, and innovators—all united by a vision of shaping a better tomorrow. Their paths are different, but together they show the power of education and remind us that when donors invest in education, they help write stories of impact that extend far beyond one individual, creating ripples across entire communities.



SELİN ALGÖZ is the first recipient of the **Turkish-American Orchestra Music Award** under the TPF Changemaker Scholarship Fund. Growing up in a small town in Türkiye, where classical music was rarely heard, she discovered a deep passion for the violin. Today, she serves as the principal violinist of the Manhattan School of Music Symphony Orchestra and is one of only three violinists admitted each year into its prestigious graduate program. "I'm incredibly honored and grateful to receive the Changemaker Scholarship. This support helps me continue my journey as a violinist, committed to my dreams, goals, and education. It brings me one step closer to building the career I envision—one where I can inspire and empower others through music," she shared.



NURSENA ÇOLAK, from Istanbul—a city shaped by frequent earthquakes—is passionate about designing safer, more resilient cities. Selected as the **TABNET Scholar**, awarded in partnership with the Turkish American Business Network, she will focus her studies on earthquake resilience and sustainable architecture. "This prestigious scholarship not only provides essential financial support but also reinforces my belief that thoughtful, resilient, and inclusive design has the power to transform societies," she said.



ÇAĞLA DEMİRBAŞ, an emerging filmmaker, is eager to grow as a storyteller in New York City's dynamic creative scene. "Being selected as a Changemaker Scholarship recipient at such a pivotal moment in my life allowed me to dream bigger. Upon graduating from Columbia, I aspire to represent Turkish cinema on international platforms and tell stories that connect us," she shared.



URAZ EREN, an aspiring economist, will continue his journey at Arizona State University. "Being selected as a Changemaker Scholarship recipient means recognition not just of my academic efforts, but of my potential to positively impact the world through economics. It means someone believes in my vision of using economic insight to create real change—to build more inclusive markets, promote financial literacy, and design policies that expand opportunities for all," he noted.



BENSU MERCAN is pursuing a degree in Mental Health Counseling, with a mission to advocate for underserved communities. "Being selected as a Changemaker Scholarship recipient means a lot to me. It feels like someone is saying, 'We see the work you've done, and we believe in where you're going.' It gives me not just financial support, but also hope and motivation to keep moving forward," Bensu said.



ALİ KAA NARİN, recipient of the **Banu Onaral Scholarship**, aspires to become a biomedical researcher dedicated to solving global health challenges. "The Changemaker Scholarship is a testament to the path I have walked till now and a reminder of a promise I've made to myself. Being a Changemaker Scholarship recipient means being part of a network of people who are equally passionate about changing lives. I hope to grow and increase my contributions to my communities continuously." This scholarship, established in honor of Dr. Banu Onaral, a pioneering biomedical engineer and visionary leader, ensures her legacy of innovation and mentorship continues by supporting future changemakers in biomedical engineering.



MEHMET TAŞÇIOĞLU, a future engineer and innovator, will pursue his studies at Stanford University with a focus on healthcare systems innovation. "I am deeply honored and grateful to be selected as a Changemaker Scholarship recipient. As someone who takes great pride in my Turkish American identity, this scholarship represents an important step toward my broader goal of empowering Turkish Americans and helping to build lasting economic, cultural, and social capital within our community," Mehmet shared.

As a community committed to long-term impact through education, we are honored to support Selin, Nursena, Çağla, Uraz, Bensu, Ali Kaan, and Mehmet in their pursuit of becoming the changemakers they aspire to be.

Their stories are different, yet together they weave into one shared impact: the promise of a brighter, stronger future. The Changemaker Scholarship Fund is proud to stand behind them.

About Banu Onaral

Dr. Banu Onaral is a pioneering biomedical engineer specializing in medical imaging and neuroengineering. As the H. H. Sun Professor and Founding Director of Drexel University's School of Biomedical Engineering, she advanced interdisciplinary research bridging engineering and healthcare. Her work in biosensors, medical diagnostics, and translational research has had a lasting impact. A dedicated mentor and advocate, she fosters global collaborations and supports emerging leaders in the field.



THE ÜÇOK FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND



The **Üçok Family Scholarship Fund**, established by Hikmet and Marilyn Üçok, provides young women from Türkiye with the opportunity to pursue secondary education in the United States—particularly in fields such as health sciences and special education. Awarded once every four years, the scholarship reflects the family’s belief in the power of education to transform individual lives and entire communities. The next cycle will open in 2028.

The Üçoks believe deeply in the transformative power of education and envision a world where every young woman, regardless of her background, is equipped with the knowledge and skills to meet life’s challenges. Their hope is that each scholar not only excels academically but also gains a broader cultural perspective during her time in the U.S.—an experience that enriches both her personal growth and professional future.

By returning to Türkiye with new skills, knowledge, and confidence, these scholars will strengthen their communities and, in turn, inspire others. The Üçok family’s wish is that this cycle of learning and giving will encourage recipients to embark on their own philanthropic journeys—lighting the way for future generations.

SENA EKEN SCHIEBER ECONOMICS AWARD

The Sena Eken-Schieber Economics Awards was established in 2015 by George Schieber to honor his late wife, Sena Eken-Schieber, an inspiring economist who made a mark in the field of Economics. Created uniquely for female students specialized in Economics, the award supports their graduate studies at top-ranked universities in the United States.

Since its inception, **19 young women** have followed in Sena's footsteps, pursuing advanced studies with the ambition of becoming leaders in their field. Today, alumni of the program are building careers in Economics across the globe—each motivated, like Sena, to make an impact and leave their own mark on the discipline.

"These young women reflect our hope for future sustainable global development, equity, prosperity, and knowledge sharing in our increasingly fragmented, reactionary, and dysfunctional world. I have little doubt that their motivations, social and personal aspirations, and formidable intelligence will fuel their future personal and intellectual growth, and assist them in making much-needed societal contributions globally, as well as in both Türkiye and the United States. In fact, a recent IMF study found that 'education accounts for fully half of total economic growth and two-thirds of real income gains among the world's poorest 20 percent since 1980,' and, surprisingly, that 'a year of postsecondary education will increase a person's earnings by more than 13 percent over those of a person with secondary education alone.' I wish them the best of luck on this challenging journey they have only just begun" says Dr. George Schieber, Sena's husband, a retired World Bank Economist



Meet the 2025 Sena Eken-Schieber Economics Awardees

All three awardees are Economics majors with GPAs above 3.7 from top universities in Türkiye, united by a shared dream: to make their mark in a discipline that remains male-dominated around the world. Their path to success was clear—they aimed to equip themselves by studying at prestigious universities in the United States, learning from professors with exceptional expertise, and taking full advantage of the valuable resources these institutions offer. Their achievements are a powerful testament to what becomes possible when talent meets opportunity.

Yet despite their dedication, the high cost of living and tuition posed a significant barrier. That's when the Sena Eken-Schieber Economics Award, a scholarship fund established to honor the legacy of a brilliant, courageous, and determined economist, stepped in to invest in their potential—just as it has for many young women before them.

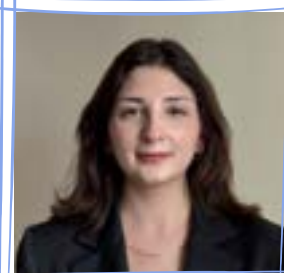
Sıla, an Economics major from Boğaziçi University, will begin her master's in International and Development Economics at Yale University, where the acceptance rate is just 9%. For Sila, this recognition was deeply meaningful not only as a student but also as someone committed to making economics more inclusive and impactful. She is motivated to be part of the change in a field traditionally dominated by men and to encourage others to see that they, too, belong in economics.



"Receiving the Sena Eken-Schieber Economics Award is a great honor for me and a meaningful encouragement at an important point in my journey. Coming from Türkiye and preparing to continue my academic studies at Duke University, it feels special to be recognized by a community that values education, perseverance, and contribution to society. Knowing that my efforts are seen and supported motivates me to work even harder toward my goals. I am truly grateful to Dr. George Schieber, the selection committee, and the Turkish Philanthropy Funds for their trust and support."

Ece Hasgöl, M.A. in Economics, Duke University

"Being selected for the Sena Eken-Schieber Economics Award is both an incredible honor and a turning point in my academic journey. This scholarship is not only an investment in my education, but also a meaningful recognition of my goals and commitment to using economics as a tool for change. As I begin my master's at Columbia University, I'm filled with gratitude and determination. This support strengthens my resolve to work toward a future where economic and social policies truly serve those who have long been left behind. I'm incredibly thankful to Dr. George Schieber, Turkish Philanthropy Funds, and the entire selection committee for believing in my vision," Nagehan Sude Varol, M.A. in Economics, Columbia University



"This recognition is deeply meaningful to me not only as a student, but also as someone committed to making economics a more inclusive and impactful field. Economics has traditionally been a male-dominated discipline, but that is gradually changing as more women contribute to research and policymaking. The underrepresentation of women in this field makes me even more determined to be part of that change and to encourage others to see that they, too, belong in economics. Receiving the Sena Eken-Schieber Economics Award brings me one step closer to my goal of using economics as a tool to create a more fair, inclusive, and resilient society. Beyond easing the financial challenges of graduate study, this scholarship strengthens my belief that inclusive, equitable change is possible, and that I can be part of it. It encourages me to dream bigger, work harder, and push the boundaries of what I hope to achieve as an economist—building systems that open doors for many more people, not just a few." Sila Çetiner, MA in International and Development Economics, Yale University

Stories of IMPACT

Behind every grant is a story

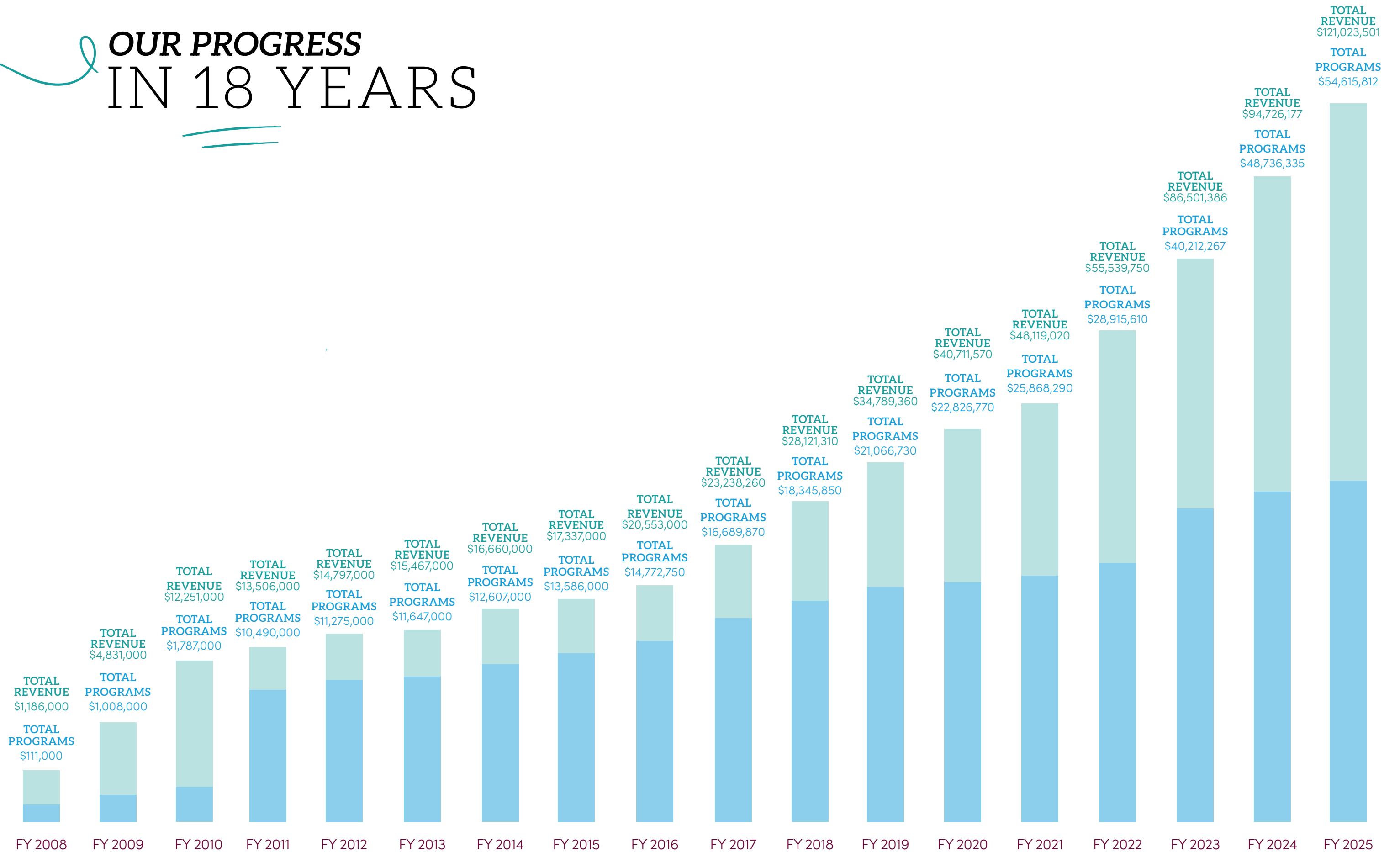
At TPF, behind every grant is a story—one of hope, resilience, and determination. Our grantmaking is more than funding; it's about empowering communities and shaping narratives by fueling their stories.

This past year has been much like the previous 18. Focused on meeting the needs of our communities in Türkiye, the U.S., and beyond, we have granted over \$50 million to hundreds of projects—from disaster relief and rebuilding to education, economic empowerment, and gender equality. Each grant contributes to the powerful stories shared with us through our local partners, all committed to supporting lasting change.

Together, these many stories come together to fuel one shared purpose: creating stronger, more vibrant communities where everyone can thrive.



OUR PROGRESS IN 18 YEARS



TPF's PHILANTHROPIC AGENDA

At Turkish Philanthropy Funds, we believe philanthropy is more than giving—it is about changing narratives for the better. Guided by the intersection of our donors' passions and the urgent needs of our communities, TPF prioritizes strategic investments in key issue areas that shape lives today and build resilience for tomorrow. Every donor is inspired by a different story. That is why our Areas of Impact highlight the most pressing challenges facing communities—from education and gender equality to disaster relief, sustainability, and beyond. Each area is paired with a dedicated Field of Interest Fund, giving you the opportunity to champion the causes closest to your heart. Through these funds, your generosity becomes part of a larger story—one where individual commitments unite into a shared impact, creating stronger, more vibrant communities across Türkiye and the U.S.

At Turkish Philanthropy Funds, we believe **education** is the most powerful tool for unlocking opportunity and breaking cycles of inequality. Our commitment goes beyond access—we work to ensure that every student, regardless of gender, ability, or socio-economic background, has the resources, support, and opportunities to thrive. From scholarships for underrepresented students to programs that bridge the digital divide and train educators, we invest in initiatives that level the playing field and empower learners to reach their full potential. Türkiye continues to face challenges with academic and socioeconomic disparities in education. Recent Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) results show that Türkiye ranks near the bottom among OECD countries in both academic and social inclusivity. A significant portion of students are underperforming in key areas—38.6% in mathematics, 29.3% in reading, and 24.7% in science—highlighting the urgent need to strengthen foundational skills and address child poverty to ensure equal opportunities for all students.

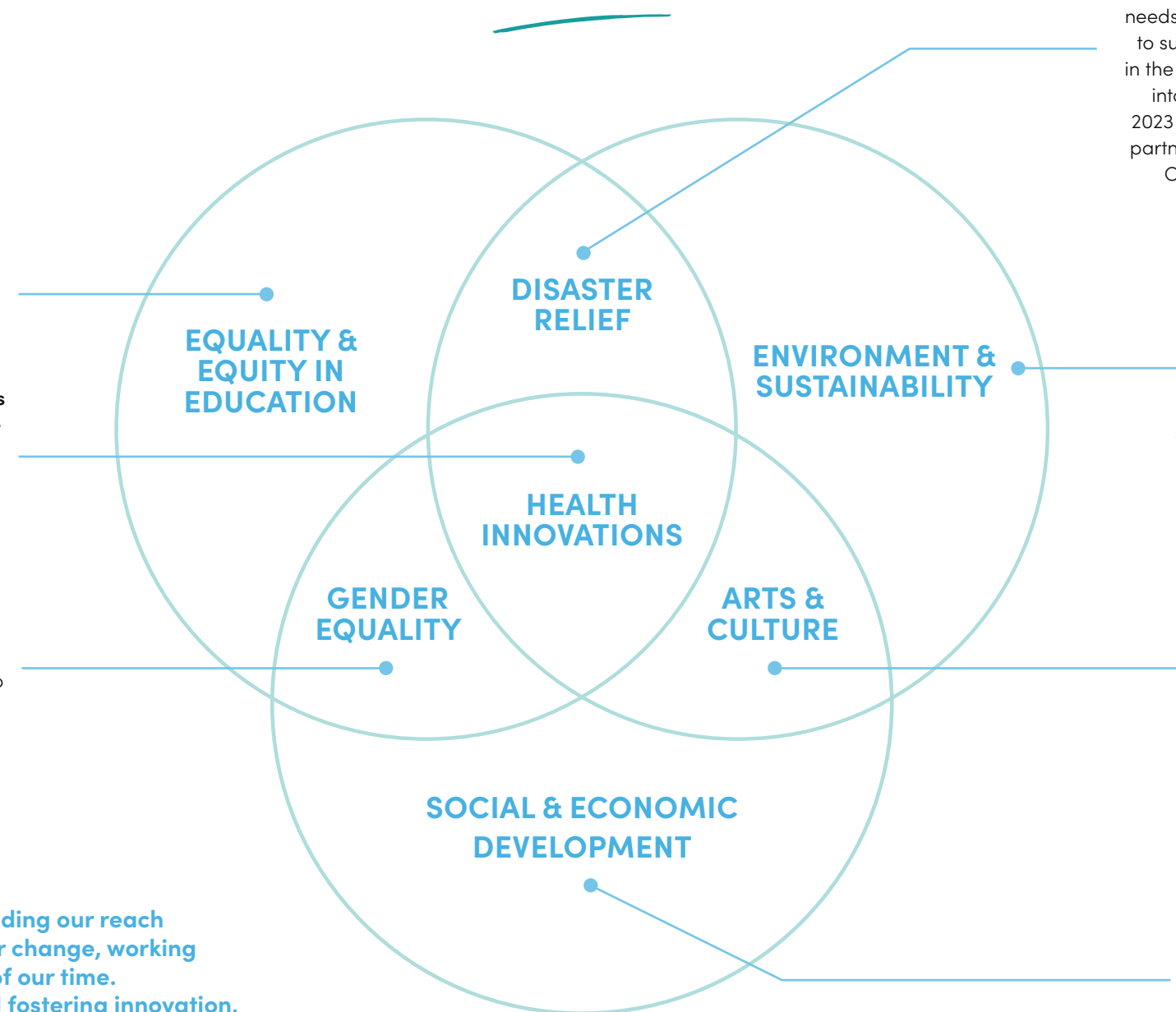
At Turkish Philanthropy Funds, we support pioneering **health innovations** that unlock access to quality care for all—leveraging digital tools, mobile clinics, and community partnerships to overcome healthcare gaps and empower underserved populations in Türkiye.

We champion **gender equality** as a cornerstone of thriving, inclusive communities. Our initiatives empower women and girls through education, economic opportunity, leadership development, and advocacy—breaking down barriers and challenging harmful norms. By partnering with organizations that drive systemic change, we work to ensure that every individual, regardless of gender, can participate fully, lead confidently, and shape a more equitable future.

Building a Brighter Future Together

As we look to the future, TPF remains committed to expanding our reach and deepening our impact. Our goal is to be a catalyst for change, working collaboratively to address the most pressing challenges of our time. By empowering individuals, supporting communities, and fostering innovation, we believe we can create a brighter, more equitable future for all.

Changing Narratives Through Strategic Philanthropy



Our **disaster relief** efforts go beyond immediate response—we are committed to rebuilding lives and strengthening communities for the long term. As a trusted community foundation, we channel donor generosity to vetted local partners who understand the needs on the ground. From delivering urgent aid in the first hours to supporting mental health, education, and economic recovery in the months and years that follow, our goal is to transform crisis into opportunity for resilience, dignity, and hope. Following the 2023 earthquakes in Türkiye, we mobilized resources quickly and partnered with trusted local organizations to respond effectively. Our focus remains on building resilient communities that can withstand future challenges.

We believe a **healthy environment** is essential for thriving communities. Our work supports initiatives that protect natural resources, promote sustainable livelihoods, and build climate resilience in Türkiye and beyond. From restoring ecosystems and addressing pollution and deforestation to fostering environmental education and sustainable agriculture, we partner with local organizations to create solutions that balance human needs with the planet's well-being, ensuring a greener, more sustainable future for generations to come.

We see **arts and culture** not only as a way to celebrate heritage but also as a powerful catalyst for social connection, mental well-being, and community empowerment. Through our partnerships, we support initiatives that use creativity to heal, inspire, and bring people together—whether it's music fostering resilience after a disaster, theater sparking dialogue on social issues, or public art revitalizing shared spaces. By investing in the arts, we nurture both cultural expression and the human spirit.

At Turkish Philanthropy Funds, we support innovative programs that uplift marginalized communities, promote **economic opportunity**, and break the cycle of poverty, focusing on access to decent work, sustainable livelihoods, and inclusive local development.

OUR INVESTMENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Behind every grant and scholarship is a story—of a student reaching their potential, a community rebuilding after crisis, or a partner organization creating new opportunities. Together, these stories reflect TPF’s purpose: to strengthen communities through meaningful, transparent, and impactful philanthropy. We invest in our community by supporting trusted partner organizations, creating scholarship opportunities for students from Türkiye, and advancing the seven key areas of our philanthropic agenda. Every grant undergoes rigorous due diligence to ensure recipients are qualified, viable, and aligned with our mission and values. Oversight by our Executive Committee and Board of Directors ensures that each grant and scholarship not only meets the highest standards but also carries forward the shared purpose that unites us.

Types of Grants

ADVISED GRANTS

Represent the majority of TPF’s grantmaking. These grants are distributed from the giving funds at TPF at the recommendation of founding donors or fund advisors, ensuring each gift reflects the donor’s unique vision.

DESIGNATED COMMUNITY GRANTS

Distributed from funds created to provide ongoing support for specific TPF partner organizations, ensuring sustained investment in their missions and long-term growth.

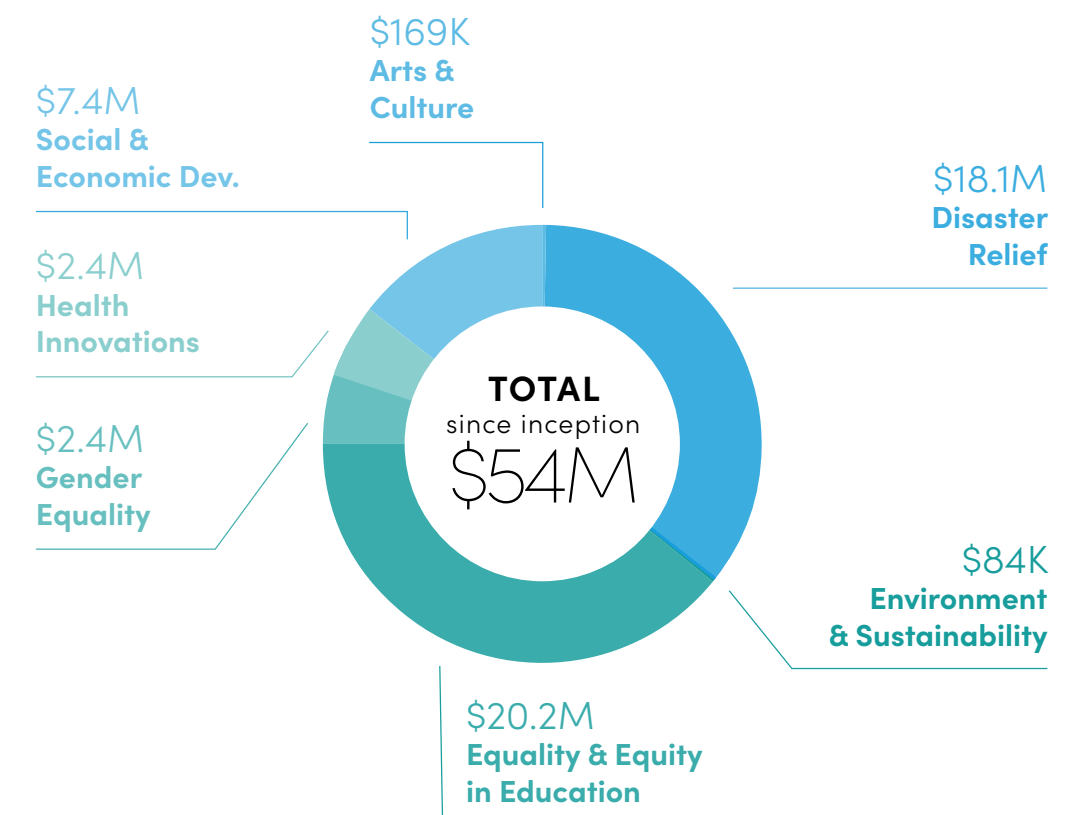
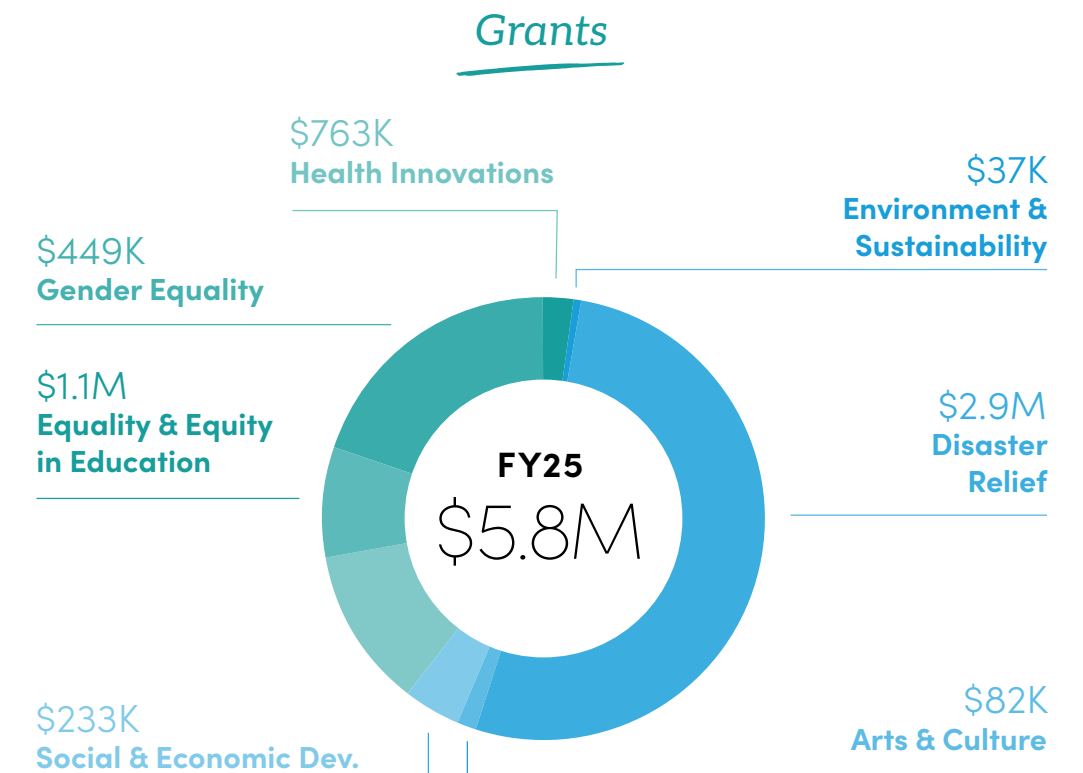
SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

Awarded to help students pursue their educational goals in the US. These grants nurture the next generation of leaders, empowering them to shape brighter futures for themselves and their communities.

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

Awarded through a competitive process from funds established for specific issues. Grant decision are guided by TPF staff expertise and reviewed by the Board of Directors.

With deep roots in our community and a strong expertise in effective philanthropy, we are well-positioned to assess community needs and identify opportunities to support impactful programs. Our discretionary grants are specifically awarded to address new initiatives and emerging needs, particularly in response to disasters, to benefit our community. Applications for discretionary grants are accepted only from TPF partners in Türkiye and details are shared on our website.



WE FUNDED

\$786K+ in scholarships given to underprivileged students in elementary, secondary, and high schools in Türkiye.

\$285K+ in scholarships supporting academically successful, financially strained university students to continue their education in Türkiye.

\$228K+ in scholarships empowering bright female master's students to pursue their dreams and study in the U.S.

\$152K+ in scholarships empowering high-achieving undergraduate students to pursue their education in the U.S.

The transformation of a site at the Arsuz Community Center in Hatay into a **safe and accessible space for youth cultural and artistic activities**, managed by 'Young Art Ambassadors,' featuring weekly movie nights, a music studio, and art workshops.

The construction and renovation of school basketball courts and organized seminars and training programs to train educators, aiming to assist 350 children in primary and secondary schools in disadvantaged areas affected by the recent earthquake in **developing healthy personalities and identities through the sport of basketball**.

An Innovation and Career Center at Adiyaman University to aid the **long-term recovery of youth**—especially women—by providing software training, technical skills development, and soft skills sessions to enhance employability and foster lasting resilience.

Bilkentpreneurs Challenge project, which helped 15 university students present business pitches, compete for seed funding, **build their professional networks**, and gain recognition for their ideas.

A documentary film highlighting the life and legacy of Nermin Abadan Unat, alongside the establishment of a scholarship fund aimed at **empowering female university students in her name**.

A concert showcasing **a lineup of musicians** blending traditional Turkish melodies with Western instruments, featuring the New York Atatürk Chorus.

The "Rights in Frame" project, which promotes the **psychosocial well-being of children** aged 10–18 in post-earthquake Hatay through rights-based creative workshops and the production of a child-led short film.

The "Rebuilding After Disaster: Entrepreneurship Support Program," a pilot initiative in Gaziantep, Kahramanmaraş, and Hatay designed to foster **entrepreneurship in earthquake-affected regions** by empowering 880 individuals to develop e-commerce initiatives, create jobs, and rebuild socio-economic resilience.

The transformation of a local civil society office in Adiyaman into a youth and community hub, offering workshops, psychosocial support, and vocational training to **strengthen youth engagement, emotional well-being, and civil society collaboration** in post-earthquake recovery.

The construction of the Village of Science and Art, which will be **open to everyone** who is willing to learn, participate, and contribute in Türkiye.

A campaign to raise public awareness, foster community engagement, and garner **support for animal welfare**, focusing on saving and improving the lives of street animals, particularly dogs and cats.



WE DELIVERED

12 cooking workshops for 120 women through the Mutfakna Project, which builds on the success of Mutfak|Matbakh, a solidarity kitchen in Gaziantep, to **economically empower women** and strengthen social cohesion in earthquake-affected communities.

Access to healthcare services and improved health outcomes for women and children in Hatay, increasing pregnancy, newborn care, and childhood immunization rates for women of reproductive age through digital solutions and on-the-ground initiatives.

A 24-week technology-based education program empowering earthquake-affected women and their children living in container cities, including a six-week **robotics and coding training** that culminates in nationally recognized certifications, enhancing participants' technical skills and employability.

Library and production workshops for the mothers of the TYSD Atatürk Kindergarten, built in the earthquake region to **support preschool education** and foster a love of learning among children and their families.



Toys and rehabilitation resources for 300 children in the Purple Women and Children Safe Space located in the earthquake region, **helping young survivors heal, play, and thrive**.

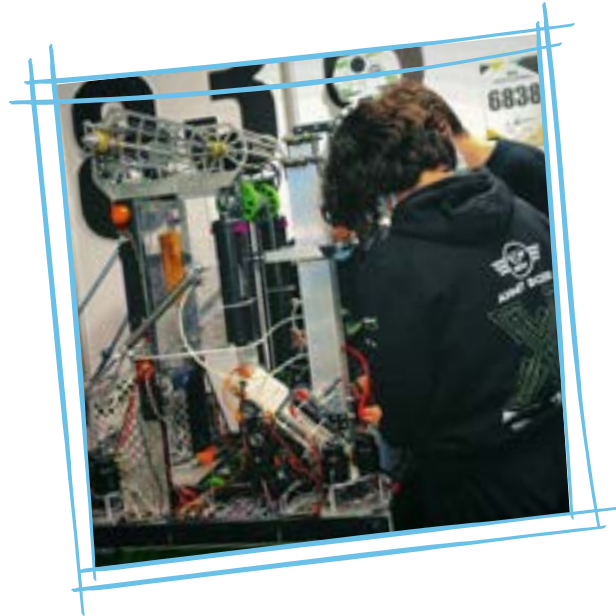
Multi-purpose cash assistance to households particularly vulnerable due to the August 2024 wildfires in İzmir, providing **immediate support and stability**.

A computer instruction unit for primary school students, equipping them with **essential digital skills for the modern world**.

Hands-on STEM workshops and reusable, award-winning robotics and coding kits distributed to approximately 2,000 underserved children aged 7–13 across 12 U.S. states, **inspiring curiosity and building technical confidence**.

Essential science education and resources for 50 children affected by the earthquakes in Türkiye, supplying science kits to a village school to engage children aged 9–13 in **hands-on scientific exploration and discovery**.

WE CREATED OPPORTUNITIES FOR



1,500 children—especially girls and children with special needs—through inclusive sports, psychosocial support, family activities, and child-led committees, while collaborating with local organizations to ensure access to education, health, and social inclusion.

950 disaster-affected and impoverished children through the OKİ and HİJİ project by providing school supplies and hygiene kits.

350 children in primary and secondary schools in disadvantaged areas affected by the recent earthquake develop healthy personalities and identities through basketball by constructing and renovating school basketball courts and organizing seminars and training programs to train educators.

300 children aged 11–18 affected by the earthquakes in Hatay and Adıyaman, providing each child with holistic care and access to essential services, including protection, social cohesion, meaningful youth engagement, educational activities, and psychosocial support.

255 women in Hatay were affected by the earthquakes through a project that includes in-kind financial support for 25 women entrepreneurs, a consultancy hotline providing tailored business advice to 200 women, one-on-one mentoring and capacity-building sessions for 125 women, and the development of a solidarity network to strengthen market access and collective visibility.

200 girls aged 16–18 from earthquake-affected regions through the “TogetHER We Are Strong” project, a six-month empowerment program focusing on career mentorship, academic support, and psychosocial development to help participants overcome systemic barriers, explore career opportunities, and make informed decisions about their academic and professional futures.

100 youth with autism in New York to enter the workforce.

80 women in Hatay by strengthening the Rimmen Women’s Cooperative through new product development, skill-building workshops, marketing support, and institutional capacity building.

50 students from Fine Arts High Schools and aspiring university candidates by providing comprehensive music education, including instrument training, music theory lessons, and conservatory preparation.

30 psychosocial support providers in post-earthquake Hatay through a project that strengthens their capacity and well-being via training, supervision, and self-care activities.

Companies in industrial zones affected by the August 2024 wildfires in İzmir through a recovery and strengthening mechanism by delivering machinery and raw materials via a procurement process.

4 young fellows through Esas Sosyal’s First Chance Program 2024, covering one year of professional expenses.

People with disabilities and their caregivers through psychosocial support, accessibility improvements, capacity-building, and livelihood activities—promoting inclusive, community-based recovery in earthquake-affected areas.

WE PROVIDED

\$549K to support the Post-Disaster Rural Education Support Programme, **addressing urgent educational challenges in rural areas** severely impacted by the February 2023 earthquakes, with the goal of empowering 120 teachers and enhancing program sustainability over two years in affected zones.

\$350K to support the Columbia-TPF Resilience Fund, funding projects led by Columbia faculty in partnership with local NGOs working in regions of Türkiye affected by the February 2023 earthquakes.

\$313K for the construction of a Cancer Screening and Early Diagnosis Center on land donated to the Turkish Oncology Foundation (TOV), **expanding access to life-saving services**.

\$211K for the construction of a Family Health Center with a capacity for four physicians in Hatay, **strengthening local healthcare services** in the aftermath of the disaster.

\$189K for **free treatment for children with leukemia and cancer** at LOSEV Hospital, covering essential medical needs, including routine supplies, medicines, and critical medical equipment.

\$149K for **trauma-focused mental health and psychosocial support** in Hatay, providing free therapy and workshops to over 250 earthquake survivors—including women, children, and marginalized groups—through World Human Relief’s (WHR) prefabricated center in Antakya.

\$140K to provide **mobile, inclusive education** to 800 children aged 6–14 in earthquake-affected and disadvantaged areas—including children of seasonal agricultural workers—through Educational Volunteers Foundation’s (TEGV) “Firefly” education trucks, enhancing academic skills, emotional well-being, and equal learning opportunities.

\$128K for the renovation of the Kitchen Building at the Darülaceze Okmeydanı complex, **supporting the ongoing provision of essential services to vulnerable communities**.

\$124K to support a Teacher Support Hub in Hatay, providing **psychosocial support, peer collaboration, and professional development for 1,000 educators**—restoring well-being and strengthening education in the post-earthquake context.

\$108K for the transformation of the Buradayız Hatay Center into a **youth and community hub offering education, psychosocial support**, cultural activities,

and small business support—promoting recovery, resilience, and economic sustainability in post-earthquake Hatay.

\$106K for the purchase of **new technological devices** to support physically disabled students attending the TSK Elele Foundation Special Education and Rehabilitation Center.

\$97K to support **surfing, leadership training, and educational programs** for children and youth in earthquake-affected Hatay, reaching over 3,000 participants and providing in-depth programs for selected youth focused on healing, empowerment, and future opportunities.

\$61K to support the Turkish American Orchestra’s current needs, **inspiring and connecting diverse audiences and communities through the universal language of music**.

\$54K for the “Playful Adıyaman” project, promoting the participation of 600 children in urban life through weekly workshops in Hayat Park, **a community space co-designed with local children**.

\$50K to **improve healthcare access and outcomes** for women and children in Hatay by increasing pregnancy, newborn care, and childhood immunization

rates for women of reproductive age through digital solutions and on-the-ground initiatives.

\$50K to support a project providing women and youth in three earthquake-affected provinces with **mental health support combined with green entrepreneurship training**, strengthening emotional recovery and economic independence through a pilot model.

\$49K to support the Starting Again Project, addressing **pressing needs of women and children** in earthquake-affected districts of Gaziantep through targeted psychosocial, economic, and educational support.

\$27K for research in a genetics laboratory, contributing to the **advancement of scientific knowledge in the field of genetics**.

\$14K to support communities devastated by the **Maui wildfires**, meeting evolving needs including shelter, food, financial assistance, and other services.

Access to clean water for 1,910 residents of four villages in The Gambia, ensuring essential health and well-being for local communities.

OUR GRANTEE PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY

At Turkish Philanthropy Funds, we believe lasting change begins with strong local partners. That's why we collaborate with a diverse range of trusted partners, including universities, foundations, and NGOs across Türkiye who are driving solutions in **education, disaster recovery, gender equality, economic development, and more.**

TPF partners gain more than funding—they join a network that connects them with donors, foundations, and corporations in the U.S. and around the world. We work closely with our partners to ensure that donor generosity make the greatest impact, especially in challenging times.

What Partnership Means

FUNDING & DONOR ACCESS

We connect our partners in Türkiye with individuals, foundations, and corporations in the U.S. and around the world. Partners benefit from diverse funding channels, including donor-advised funds, field-of-interest funds, direct donations, pooled emergency relief resources, and corporate collaborations.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Through tailored consultations, webinars, site visits, and participation in learning exchanges and summits, TPF helps strengthen partners' leadership, governance, and long-term sustainability.

COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

TPF creates opportunities for expanded impact through matching contributions, bonus awards, and unique corporate and foundation collaborations.



VISIBILITY & CREDIBILITY

Partner organizations gain visibility through TPF's communication channels, campaigns, and donor spotlights. Their credibility is further enhanced by TPF's strong reputation and recognitions, including BBB accreditation, Guidestar Platinum Transparency, a 4-Star Charity Navigator rating, and GreatNonprofits Top-Rated status.

TRUST & COMPLIANCE

All TPF partners undergo rigorous vetting to ensure transparency and accountability. This trusted process not only builds donor confidence but also provides U.S.-based donors with favorable tax treatment when supporting projects in Türkiye.

PEER NETWORK

By joining TPF's network, partners become part of a broader community of NGOs across Türkiye, opening doors for knowledge-sharing, peer learning, and joint initiatives.



WHAT POWER DOES A SCHOLARSHIP HOLD?

What power does a scholarship hold? More than we can imagine. Even a modest stipend for a high school student can change the course of a life. It can enable a young woman from a small village to become the first doctor her community has ever known. It can help a determined student break barriers as the first in her family to attend Brown University. It can empower a graduate to lift her entire household with a steady income from the healthcare profession she now holds.

When financial support is combined with mentorship, guidance, and emotional encouragement, the impact multiplies. That is exactly what our partner PAYDA provides. Working in small towns across Türkiye, PAYDA has an extraordinary gift for identifying bright, promising young women and standing beside them for life. From scholarships to mentorship, PAYDA not only helps students achieve their goals, **it often gives them the courage to dream them in the first place.**

We'd like you to meet a few of them—among many others—who are just as inspirational and bright. Each is supported by PAYDA in every possible way through grants from TPF, made possible by your generosity.

Meet Esra

Born and raised in Batman, Esra has seven siblings. Her parents never went to school, and their literacy level is novice. Her father works as a construction worker, with no stable income, and moves from one construction to another in the labor force. Her mother who raised Esra and her siblings is a housewife.

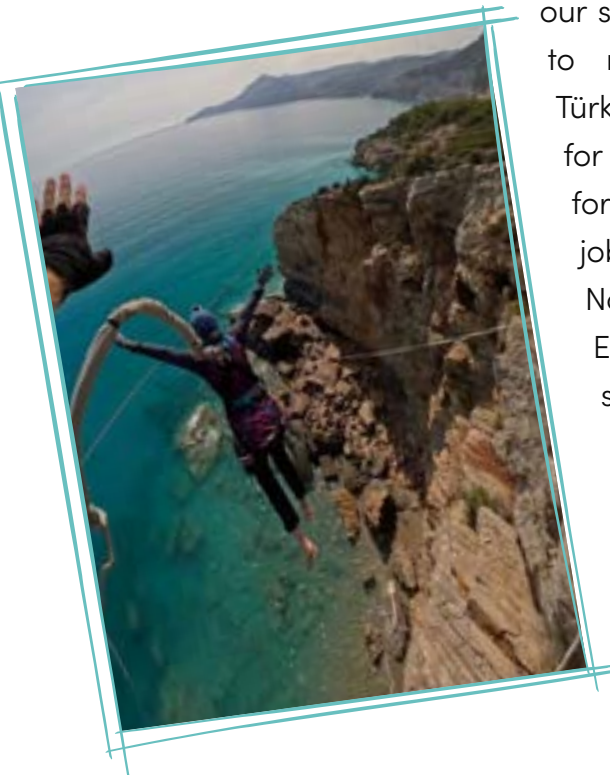
As her parents experienced both financial and social challenges that rose from lack of education, it's been a priority in their household to go to school. No matter which school or where, all family members were encouraged to learn to read and write as opposed to Esra's parents, and get a college degree so that they can all have a brighter future and a place in

our society. One field comes to mind in southeastern Türkiye as the best option for all children to pursue for a steady income and job safety - healthcare. Not surprisingly, all of Esra's older brothers and sister are working in the healthcare sector as technicians and sociologists.



And Esra holds on to the family tradition. She studied medicine at Mersin University and started working last week at the emergency care at a public hospital in Siirt. She takes pride in being the first doctor in her family and treating her patients with care in the region she feels at home. Esra always had good grades in school but the financial difficulties in her household almost held her back despite her parents' devotion to support her.

Thanks to your generosity, Esra has been able to graduate from high school and college and become a doctor in the region, and gives back to her community. She still remembers with a smile on her face the day the PAYDA team paid a visit to her home in Batman, and met with her family. That visit made her feel special, and a true part of the PAYDA family. Today, she is proud to be the first medical doctor in her family. And she cherishes each and everyone one of you as her champions all the way from Siirt.



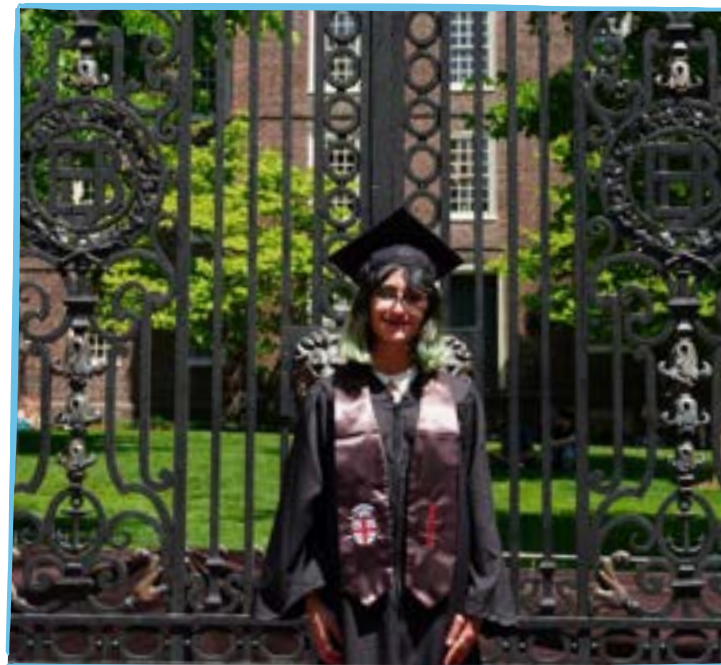
Meet Revşen

Revşen's story is nothing but extraordinary. Born and raised in Mardin, she has been the star of her high school, Mardin Fen Lisesi. Her grades were top notch since elementary school, and that showed in all of her exams. She was accepted to Robert College, which requires 500/500 in high school exams but her family did not want her to go to Istanbul, boarding at that age. As she was saddened to stay in Mardin not being able to pursue her dreams of studying at her dream school, Revşen did not give up. She focused on her studies and taught herself English, at a pretty advanced level. Her life changed when she met with PAYDA during their visit to Mardin and took her under their wings to support her in every means.

Revşen was selected to join PAYDA's RCIMUN (Robert College International Model United Nations) project –a conference where 500+ students from different backgrounds get together, leaving their ecosystem behind and engage with their peers around daily discussion topics and practice English. That project changed Revşen, reshaped her dreams and vision of her future. She decided there and then that she would like to go pursue her college degree in the States, where she can get the top-notch education with countless opportunities. And this time, she wouldn't let anyone hold her back. Her hard work combined with PAYDA's guidance on college applications, and financial support for SAT exams, she realized her dreams. She got into Brown University with a full scholarship. She is the first student from Mardin High

School accepted to an Ivy League university in the States and hopefully, she won't be the last. PAYDA even convinced her parents to allow Revşen to go to Brown University, explaining the uniqueness of her success and the importance of such educational opportunities.

Inspired by her meeting with Feryal Özel Revşen majored in astrophysics, and graduated with distinction. Today, she works as a science teacher at a charter high school where she takes pride and joy in reaching out to students coming from disadvantaged communities, and making a difference in their lives through science. She would like to continue academics and pursue a PhD degree in the future. As she is grateful for all the support that enabled her to realize her dreams and get out of her ecosystem in Mardin, she considers PAYDA as her family who she can count on no matter what.



Meet Yasemin



Yasemin will be the first female doctor in her village, Idil in Şırnak. It was such a big moment for her community that all the villagers came to her home to congratulate her on acceptance to Koc University's Medical School with full scholarship.

Her success story started at an early age, always motivated by her father who called her "Professor Doctor Yasemin" at home. Bright and hardworking, she focused on her studies and that didn't go unnoticed by PAYDA. She was in high school when PAYDA volunteers took her under their wings, and supported her more than financially. Through mentors, and camps around social development, Yasemin found herself surrounded by an amazing community who cheered for her to realize her dreams. As she studies medicine at Koç University, she's passionate about discovering other fields such as psychology and political science to equip herself with all the opportunities she could find.

Her dream is to complete her degree in Türkiye, and then continue her studies in the United States. After traveling to the States last year for an internship through PAYDA's incredible network, she decided then and there that she would like to earn her specialty in the States. Her time here made her feel so welcome that she would like to experience this culture where everyone is accepted and appreciated as who they are. Progress in the medical field being top notch in the States is another contributing factor to her dream of studying here and becoming the best in her field.

Even when Yasemin had lost her mother unexpectedly a couple of years ago, she was resilient in a remarkable way that she scored on top in her studies. As an inspiring, hardworking woman in her twenties, she shows us how much young women from disadvantaged communities can accomplish if they're provided with opportunities in life. It's your kindness and support that enables Yasemin and many others in Türkiye to push the boundaries of inequalities in life. Yasemin will be the first female doctor in her village, and with your support, her journey is only beginning.

Esra, Revşen, Yasemin... these are just three among hundreds of young women whose lives have been transformed by PAYDA, each breaking through the inequalities they were born into. With your support, they are becoming doctors, scientists, teachers, and changemakers but more importantly, leaders who will shape their communities and inspire generations to come. Thank you for investing in their futures, and in the brighter, more equitable world they are creating.



From Streets to Treats

A year ago, Türkiye introduced the “Animal Protection Law,” allowing stray animals to be collected and placed in shelters. Yet the reality has proven challenging. While shelter capacity stands at around 105,000, nearly 4 million stray dogs and cats continue to live on the streets. This gap has led to overcrowded shelters, where animals face new struggles, from poor living conditions to limited access to vaccinations and proper nutrition.

At TPF, we believe that all creatures deserve to live in dignity, in health, and surrounded by the care and love they deserve — including stray animals. Our solution has been to partner with Dört Ayaklı Şehir, supporting the well-being of stray animals by facilitating neutering, increasing shelter capacities, and improving the adoption process. Thanks to your generous support for TPF’s Street Animals campaign, incredible changes have been made for these animals, most importantly helping them find loving homes and families.

Meet Karamel, who was abandoned when he was only two weeks old. Without proper care, he was malnourished and had difficulty breathing. Your support enabled us to provide immediate treatment, which continued for three months until he was healthy. The first challenge was complete — healing Karamel — but the second one proved even harder. For six months, he waited for a

family to adopt him, until a dog-loving family with a five-year-old German Shepherd met him and took him home. Today, Karamel spends his days spoiled with love and treats, happily playing and napping.

Karamel is lucky compared to Sezen, a three-month-old puppy saved from the rubble after the earthquake in Antakya. She was the only survivor from her apartment, including her family. With a fractured bone and damaged organs, Sezen was in intensive care for four months, yet she did not give up and regained her health thanks to your generosity. It took 900 days for a family to adopt Sezen, but the wait was worth it. Today, she is with her forever family all the way in Berlin chasing pigeons with joy.

Nar, Coco, Nana, Mec, and many more — once stray dogs and cats — now have the chance to start fresh, leaving insecurities and harsh living conditions behind. You gave them a second chance at life, which they are fulfilling to the fullest, safely in their new homes, surrounded by love with their newfound forever families.

Yet our work is far from over. Every day, thousands of stray dogs and cats still struggle to survive on the streets. With your support, we can expand our reach—offering safety, healing, and compassion. Together, we can give every animal the chance to live the life they deserve.



Carrying Forward Zehra Taşman's Legacy Through Empowering Women

Nearly a decade ago, Sibel unlocked the door to a modest beauty center in Bolu, a quiet city ringed by forests and mountains. What began as a means of livelihood soon became something more intimate: a refuge. Within its walls, she has created not only an income stream for her family, but also a rare kind of community—where women feel at ease, where the rituals of trimming, styling, and pampering often give way to something deeper: conversation, counsel, a safe space to exhale.

For outsiders, Sibel's story might already look like the fulfillment of a dream. But for her, the shop has always been the first act of a larger ambition. She envisions a beauty academy, the first in Bolu, where young women could gain both the training and the confidence to step into the industry—whether as skilled employees or eventual owners themselves. Recently, she took tangible steps in that direction, converting her own two-story building into a learning center and painstakingly securing permits for structural upgrades. Her savings carried her as far as they could; after that, she needed something more.

That something arrived in the form of the Zehra Taşman Women's Empowerment Program, a program of Bolu Bağışçılar Vakfı (BBV). When Sibel applied, her determination stood out. She was admitted.

In the same cohort was Muhterem, a farmer whose life's work is the soil. She grows fruit, vegetables, and legumes with an emphasis on organic methods, but her aspirations reach further: sustainable seed production, a stronger marketing chain, and—most of all—raising awareness among fellow farmers about the fragile ecosystems they depend on. For her, too, ambition required more than grit; it required mentors, resources, and a network. The program welcomed her as well.



The Zehra Taşman Women's Empowerment Program is less an intervention than a kind of inheritance. It honors its namesake, Zehra Taşman, who, as a gifted student, had to abandon her education for lack of money but never lost her devotion to learning. Her son, Haldun Taşman—Chairman Emeritus of TPF—created the program to extend the opportunity his mother had been denied. In a way, every woman who enters the program carries forward what Zehra could not pursue herself.

Today, Sibel and Muhterem, along with their peers, find themselves not only with financial support but with something deeper: the training, guidance, and solidarity that help a business grow from fragile idea to sustainable enterprise. Sibel's academy and Muhterem's farm are not simply individual projects, but the growth of a larger vision, seeded by one woman's unfinished story and nurtured into many futures.

As TPF, we are proud to be part of this project and to carry forward Zehra Taşman's legacy through many more entrepreneurial women to come!

You Can Be in the Olympics *as a Supporter!*

At just 17, Derin Deniz Sorguç is already making history for Türkiye. She began her sporting journey with horse riding and skiing, but it was kiteboarding that truly captured her heart. In 2020, she switched to Formula Kite, joined the national team in 2021, and became part of the Olympic team in 2022.

For over a year, TPF has supported Derin, helping her train, travel, and compete in championships both at home and abroad through our partnership with Akut Sports Club, which is dedicated to training and empowering young athletes while promoting teamwork, resilience, and community responsibility. Some competitions she won, others gave her invaluable experience — but every race brought her closer to her dreams. Even when serious knee and foot injuries threatened to slow her down, Derin never gave up. In 2024, she helped Türkiye secure an Olympic quota at the Last Chance Regatta in France, proving that women can shine in Formula Kite. In 2025, she became the U19 European Champion and placed third in the U21 European Championship.

This is exactly where we want to see young women: dreaming big, facing challenges head-on, and never giving up. Derin's next goal is the 2028 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, and we stand with her — from Türkiye to the Olympics—wherever she goes, carrying our hopes and pride. Every supporter can be part of her journey. Are you with us?



At TPF, Partnership Goes BEYOND GRANTMAKING

We believe that lasting change requires investing in the strength of our grantees—helping them grow, adapt, and lead with confidence. That is why capacity building is at the heart of our partnership strategy.

Through trainings, tailored consultations, and opportunities for peer learning, we work alongside our partners to ensure they are equipped not only with resources but also with the knowledge and tools to maximize their impact.

One way we advance this vision is through our annual Partners Meetings, where organizations come together to learn, exchange ideas, and explore solutions to shared challenges.



TPF's Partners Meeting in Istanbul:

Building Trust, Transparency, and Transformation through Impact Measurement

This past June, Turkish Philanthropy Funds (TPF) brought together its partner organizations in Istanbul for a day of reflection, learning, and collaboration. The gathering, centered on the theme of **Impact Measurement**, was more than just a meeting — it was part of TPF's long-term commitment to strengthening the capacity of local organizations in Türkiye.

As one of TPF's core capacity-building initiatives, these Partners Meetings serve as a platform where NGOs come together to share experiences, exchange ideas, and deepen their knowledge on pressing issues that shape the sector. This year, the spotlight on **Impact Measurement** underscored a shared aspiration: moving beyond activity-based reporting to truly understanding how projects transform lives and communities.

Throughout the sessions, partners explored practical tools and methodologies for evaluating their programs. More importantly, they examined how impact data can not only enhance accountability but also strengthen advocacy efforts and attract more sustainable funding.

By equipping NGOs with skills to measure and communicate their outcomes effectively, TPF helps ensure that donor contributions translate into lasting change.

The Istanbul meeting also reinforced TPF's broader vision: **to foster a philanthropic ecosystem in which organizations are not only well-funded but also resilient, data-informed, and positioned to scale their impact.** By investing in the growth of its partners through trainings, tailored consultations, site visits, and peer-learning opportunities, TPF advances a model of philanthropy rooted in collaboration and long-term sustainability.

As one partner expressed during the meeting, "It is not just about the resources we receive; it's about how TPF helps us grow into stronger, more impactful organizations."

For TPF, impact measurement is not a technical exercise but a pathway to empowerment. By nurturing this capacity across its partner network, TPF envisions a future where NGOs in Türkiye are equipped to meet today's challenges with innovation, credibility, and enduring results.



OUR PARTNERS

Arts & Culture

Antakya Medeniyetler Korosu Derneği – Antakya Choir Association

Hatay Senfoni Orkestrası Kültür ve Sanat Derneği – Hatay Symphony Orchestra Culture and Art Association

Kırkayak Kültür Sanat ve Doğa Derneği – Kirkayak Culture, Arts and Nature Association

Disaster Relief

Arama Kurtarma Derneği (AKUT) – Search and Rescue Association

AKUT Vakfı (AKUT) – Search and Rescue Foundation

Askıda Ne Var Derneği – Askıda Ne Var Association

Bilim ve Teknolojide Kadın Derneği (SistersLab) – Association of Women in Science and Technology

Buradayız Hatay Derneği – Buradayız Hatay Association

Çukurova Üniversite Sanayi İşbirliği Vakfı – Çukurova University Industry Collaboration Foundation

Dayanışma İnsanları Derneği – People of Solidarity Association

Ele Ele Eğitim ve Kültür Derneği – El Ele Education and Culture Association

Erişilebilir ve Sürdürülebilir Yaşam Derneği (ESYAD) – Accessible and Sustainable Living Association

Fusun Sayek Sağlık ve Eğitim Geliştirme Derneği – Fusun Sayek Association for the Development of Health and Education

Genç Hayat Vakfı – Young Lives Foundation

Gıda Kurtarma Derneği (FRA) – Food Rescue Association

Environment & Sustainability

Sen de Gel Derneği – Support for Improvement in Social and Economic Living Association

Türkiye Bilişim Vakfı (TBV) – Turkish Informatics Foundation

Yuvam Dünya Derneği – Yuvam Dünya Association for Combating Climate Change

İhtiyaç Haritası (İH) – NeedsMap Cooperative

Rimmen Kadın Kooperatifi – Rimmen Women's Initiative Production and Business Cooperative

Samandağ Spor Kulübü – Samandag Sports Club

Sulukule Gönüllüleri Derneği – Sulukule Volunteers Association

Sivil Alan Hareket Ağı Derneği – Civil Society Action Network Association

Şehir Dedektifi Kent, Çevre ve Sanat Derneği – City Detective: City, Environment and Art Association

Temel İhtiyaç Derneği (TİDER) – Basic Needs Association

Toplumsal Fayda Derneği – Societal Impact Association

Unvansız Gönüllüler Derneği – Unvansız Gönüllüler Association

Yeni Arayışlar Girişimi Platformu Derneği (YAPDER) – New Pursuits Initiative Platform Association

Yüksek Öğretimde Rehberliği Tanıtma ve Rehber Yetiştirme Vakfı (YÖRET) – Foundation of The Societal Development and Education

Equality & Equity in Education

Ali İsmail Korkmaz Vakfı (ALİKEV) – Ali Ismail Korkmaz Foundation

Ankara Fen Liseliler Derneği (AFLIVA) – Ankara High School Association of Science

Antalya Çağdaş Eğitim ve Kültür Vakfı (ANTÇEV) – Antalya Contemporary Education and Culture Foundation

Basketbol için Destek ve Eğitim Vakfı (BİDEV) – Basketball Solidarity and Education Foundation

Boğaziçi Üniversitesi Mezunlar Derneği (BUMED) – Alumni Association of Boğaziçi University

Boğaziçi Üniversitesi Vakfı (BÜVAK) – Boğaziçi University Foundation

Bornova Anadolu Lisesi Eğitim Vakfı (BALEV) – Bornova Anatolian High School Education Foundation

Darüşşafaka Cemiyeti – Darüşşafaka Society

Darüşşafakalılar Derneği – Darüşşafaka Alumni Association

Güneşane Vakfı – Gunesane Foundation

Hisar Eğitim Vakfı – Hisar Education Foundation

İlköğretim Okullarına Yardım Vakfı (İLKİYAR) – Educational Funds for Elementary School

İstanbul Teknik Üniversiteler Birliği Derneği (İTUBirlik) – Istanbul Technical University Alumni Association

Koç Üniversitesi – Koç University

Köy Okulları Değişim Ağı (KODA) – Rural Education Research & Development Center

Kodluyoruz – We Code

Nesin Vakfı – Nesin Foundation

Okul Destek Derneği (ODD) – School Support Association

Öğretmen Ağı – Teachers Network

Öğretmen Akademisi Vakfı (ORAV) – Teachers Academy Foundation

PAYDA Derneği – PAYDA Association

Robert Koleji – Robert College

Sabancı Üniversitesi – Sabancı University

Sağlık ve Eğitim Vakfı (SEV) – Health and Education Foundation

Talebeyiz Biz Derneği – Talebeyiz Biz Association

Tarsus Amerikan Koleji Mezunlar Derneği (TAC) – Tarsus American College Alumni Association

Toplum Gönüllüleri Vakfı (TOG) – Community Volunteers Foundation

Türk Eğitim Derneği (TED) – Turkish Education Association

Türk Eğitim Vakfı (TEV) – Turkish Educational Foundation

Türkiye Eğitim Gönüllüleri Vakfı (TEGV) – Educational Volunteers Foundation

Türkiye Yardım Sevenler Derneği (TYSD) – Türkiye Charity Association

Tüvana Okuma İstekli Çocuk Eğitim Vakfı (TOÇEV) – Tüvana Foundation for the Education of Motivated Children

Türkiye Görme Özürlüler Kitaplığı (TÜRGÖK) – Library of Türkiye for Visually Disabled

Young Guru Academy (YGA) – Young Guru Academy

Gender Equality

Anne Çocuk Eğitim Vakfı (AÇEV) – Mother Child Education Foundation

Çağdaş Yaşamı Destekleme Derneği (ÇYDD) – Association for Support of Contemporary Living

Değişim Liderleri Derneği (DLD) – Change Leaders Association

Eşit Gelecek Derneği – Equal Future Association

Kadın Balıkçılar Derneği – Women in Fisheries Society

Kadın Emeğini Değerlendirme Vakfı (KEDV) – Foundation for the Support of Women's Work

Kadın Hekimler Eğitim Destek Vakfı (KAHEV) – Turkish Female Physicians' Education Support Foundation

Kadın Merkezi Vakfı (KAMER) – KAMER Foundation

Konuşmamız Gerek Derneği – We Need to Talk Association

Korunmaya Muhtaç Çocuklar Vakfı (Koruncuk) – Turkish Foundation for Children in Need of Protection

Sosyal Politika, Cinsiyet Kimliği ve Cinsel Yönelim Çalışmaları Derneği (SPoD) – Social Policy, Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation Studies Association

Suna Kıraç Vakfı (Suna'nın Kızları) – Suna Kıraç Foundation (Suna's Daughters)

Türkiye Kadın Girişimciler Derneği (KAGİDER) – Women Entrepreneurs Association of Türkiye

Türk Üniversiteli Kadınlar Derneği (TUKD) – Turkish Association of University Women

Türkiye Kadın Dernekleri Federasyonu (TKDF) – Federation of Women Associations of Türkiye

Health Innovations

65+ Yaşlı Hakları Derneği – 65+ Elder Rights Association

Birey ve Toplum Ruh Sağlığında İz Derneği (BİR-İZ) – BİR İZ Foundation

Dünya İnsani Dayanışma Derneği (WHR) – World Human Relief

Endometriozis ve Adenomyosis Derneği – Turkish Endometriosis & Adenomyosis Society

Gülmek İyileştirir Derneği – Gülmek İyileştirir Association

Kanserli Çocuklara Umut Vakfı (KAÇUV) – Hope Foundation for Children with Cancer

Lokman Hekim Sağlık Vakfı – Lokman Hekim Health Foundation

Lösemili Çocuklar Vakfı (LÖSEV) – The Foundation for Children with Leukemia

Manisa Çölyak ve Organik Beslenme Derneği (ÇÖLYAK) – Manisa Celiac Organic Nutrition Association

Make-A-Wish Türkiye – Make-A-Wish Türkiye

Maya Vakfı (MAYA) – Maya Foundation

Medikal Arama Kurtarma Derneği (MEDAK) – Medical Rescue Association of Turkey

Nirengi Derneği – Nirengi Association

Türk Kanser Derneği (TKD) – Turkish Cancer Association

Türk Onkoloji Vakfı (TOV) – Turkish Oncology Foundation

Türk Psikologlar Derneği (TPD) – Turkish Psychological Association

Türkiye Aile Sağlığı ve Planlaması Vakfı (TAPV) – Turkish Family Health and Planning Foundation

Türkiye Down Sendromu Derneği (Down Türkiye) – Türkiye Down Syndrome Association

Türkiye Otizm Erken Tanı ve Eğitim Vakfı (TOHUM) – Tohum Autism Foundation

Türkiye Psikiyatri Derneği (TPD) – Psychiatric Association of Türkiye

Türkiye SMA Vakfı – Türkiye SMA Foundation

Türkiye Spastik Çocuklar Vakfı – Cerebral Palsy Türkiye

Social and Economic Development

Sığınmacılar ve Mülteciler Dayanışma Derneği (ARSA) – Asylum Seekers and Refugees Solidarity Association

AKUT Spor Kulübü – AKUT Sports Club

Ashoka Türkiye (ASHOKA) – Ashoka Türkiye

Baksı Kültür Sanat Vakfı – Baksı Culture and Arts Foundation

Bilim Akademisi – Science Academy

Bolu Bağışçılar Vakfı (BBV) – Bolu Community Foundation

Habitat Derneği – Habitat Association

Hayata Destek Derneği – Support to Life

Girişimcilik Vakfı (GİRVAK) – Entrepreneurship Foundation

İNOGAR – INOGAR Cooperative

İnsani Gelişme Vakfı (İNGEV) – INGEV Foundation

Kalkınma Atölyesi – Development Workshop Cooperative

Mavi Kalem Sosyal Yardımlaşma ve Dayanışma Derneği – Mavi Kalem Social Assistance and Charity Association

Sivil Toplum için Destek Vakfı (STDV) – Support Foundation for Civil Society

Türkiye Ekonomi Politikaları Araştırma Vakfı (TEPAV) – The Economic Policy Research Foundation of Türkiye

Türkiye Teknoloji Geliştirme Vakfı (TTGV) – Technology Development Foundation of Türkiye

Yeni Bir Lider Derneği – A New Leader Association

GRANTS IN ACTION 2025

Arts & Culture

American Turkish Society (\$10,000) Supported ATS Film, TV and Media Fund.

Film Independent Inc. (\$20,000) Provided support to filmmakers to create their films, build audiences for their projects, and promote diversity in the film industry.

Turkish American Orchestra (\$61,856) Supported the orchestra's ongoing needs to inspire and connect diverse audiences and communities through the universal language of music.

Turkish and International Music Ensemble (\$476) Supported a concert featuring a lineup of musicians blending traditional Turkish melodies with Western instruments, including the New York Atatürk Chorus.

Disaster Relief

AKUT Vakfı - Search and Rescue Foundation (\$211,670) Provided for the construction of a Family Health Center with a capacity for four physicians in Hatay, Türkiye, a region heavily impacted by the February 6, 2023, earthquakes, with the initiative aimed at strengthening local healthcare services in the disaster's aftermath.

Baksı Kültür Sanat Vakfı - Baksı Culture and Arts Foundation (\$25,000) Provided income and employment opportunities to women affected by the earthquake through a production workshop established in Bayburt.

Basketbol için Destek ve Eğitim Vakfı (BİDEV) - Basketball Solidarity and Education Foundation (\$48,824) Supported the construction and renovation of school basketball courts and organized seminars and training programs for educators, aiming to help 350 children in primary and secondary schools in disadvantaged areas affected by the recent earthquake develop healthy personalities and identities through the sport of basketball.

Bilim ve Teknolojide Kadın Derneği (SistersLab) - Association of Women in Science and Technology (\$50,784) Supported the long-term recovery of youth—especially women—in Adiyaman by establishing an Innovation and Career Center at Adiyaman University. The center offers software training, technical skills development, and soft skills sessions to enhance employability and foster enduring resilience.

Buradayız Hatay Derneği - Buradayız Hatay Association (\$108,223) Supported the transformation of the Buradayız

Hatay Center into a youth and community hub offering education, psychosocial support, cultural activities, and small business assistance - promoting recovery, resilience, and economic sustainability in post-earthquake Hatay.

Columbia University (\$455,751) Supported the Columbia-TPF Resilience Fund, which finances projects led by Columbia faculty in partnership with local NGOs in regions of Türkiye affected by the February 2023 earthquakes. + Supported a female student's MA studies in the U.S. + Established an endowed scholarship at the university.

Çukurova Üniversitesi Vakfı - Cukurova University Foundation (\$4,774) Supported a Children's Wellness Center providing orthotics and prosthetics to new child patients affected by the earthquake, as well as replacements or adjustments for those who had outgrown them, along with psychological therapy and educational support to promote their ongoing development and integration into society.

Dayanışma İnsanları Derneği - People of Solidarity Association (\$47,500) Supported the transformation of a local civil society office in Adiyaman into a youth and community hub, offering workshops, psychosocial support, and vocational training to enhance youth engagement, emotional well-being, and collaboration within civil society during post-earthquake recovery.

Dört Ayaklı Şehir - The Four-Legged City (\$4,998) Supported a campaign to raise awareness of animal welfare, foster community engagement, and garner support for improving the lives of street animals, particularly dogs and cats.

Dünya İnsani Dayanışma Derneği (WHR) - World Human Relief (\$149,040) Delivered trauma-focused mental health and psychosocial support in Hatay through free therapy and workshops, serving over 250 earthquake survivors - including women, children, and marginalized groups - at WHR's prefabricated center in Antakya.

Erişilebilir ve Sürdürülebilir Yaşam Derneği (ESYAD) - Accessible and Sustainable Living Association (\$51,374) Supported people with disabilities and their caregivers through psychosocial support, accessibility improvements, capacity-building, and livelihood activities, promoting inclusive, community-based recovery in earthquake-affected areas.

Eşit Gelecek Derneği - Equal Future Association (\$23,895) Provided career mentorship, academic support, and psychosocial development through a six-month empowerment program for 200 girls aged 16-18 from earthquake-affected regions, to help participants overcome systemic barriers, explore career opportunities, and make informed decisions about their academic and professional futures.

Genç Hayat Vakfı - Young Lives Foundation (\$50,000) Supported a project providing comprehensive care to 300

children aged 11-18 affected by the earthquakes in Hatay and Adiyaman. Through YLF youth centers, children accessed essential services including protection, social cohesion, meaningful youth engagement, educational activities, and psychosocial support. Delivered by experienced professionals, this integrated approach addressed their basic needs while promoting well-being and fostering emotional resilience.

Hatay Senfoni Orkestrası Kültür ve Sanat Derneği - Hatay Symphony Orchestra Culture and Art Association (\$49,971) Supported the empowerment of 50 students from Fine Arts High Schools and aspiring university candidates by providing comprehensive music education, including instrument training, music theory lessons, and conservatory preparation. The program also incorporates music therapy workshops to support emotional healing and well-being, while promoting inclusivity by engaging students from diverse socio-economic and cultural backgrounds.

Hayata Destek Derneği - Support to Life (\$50,478) Supported the OKI and HİJİ project, which assists 950 disaster-affected and impoverished children by providing school supplies and hygiene kits. The project strengthens their connection to education, reduces dropout risks, and ensures basic needs are met for healthy growth and learning. + Provided multi-purpose cash assistance to households particularly vulnerable due to the August 2024 wildfires in İzmir.

Kadın Merkezi Vakfı (KAMER) - KAMER Foundation (\$49,750) Supported the Starting Again Project, addressing the urgent needs of women and children in earthquake-affected districts and villages of Gaziantep by providing targeted psychosocial, economic, and educational support.

Kırkayak Kültür Sanat ve Doğa Derneği - Kırkayak Culture, Arts and Nature Association (\$48,750) Supported the Mutfakna Project, building on the success of Mutfak/ Matbakh, a solidarity kitchen in Gaziantep, to economically empower women and foster social cohesion in earthquake-affected communities. The project also promotes coexistence and gender equality by hosting 12 cooking workshops for 120 women from diverse backgrounds and organizing a development workshop to design sustainable local economic empowerment models.

Köy Okulları Değişim Ağı (KODA) - Rural Education Research & Development Center (\$559,719) Supported the Post-Disaster Rural Education Support Programme, addressing urgent educational challenges in rural areas severely impacted by the February 2023 earthquakes, aiming to empower 120 teachers and enhance program sustainability over two years. + Supported KODA's Teacher Communities Program, which strengthens the personal and professional development of rural teachers through peer support and learning networks.

Mavi Kalem Sosyal Yardımlaşma ve Dayanışma Derneği - Mavi Kalem Social Assistance and Charity Association

(\$115,203) Supported the economic empowerment of 255 women in Hatay affected by the February 6, 2023 earthquakes. The project includes in-kind financial support for 25 women entrepreneurs, a consultancy hotline providing tailored business advice to 200 women, one-on-one mentoring and capacity-building sessions for 125 women, and the development of a solidarity network to strengthen market access and collective visibility.

Medikal Arama Kurtarma Derneği (MEDAK) - Medical Rescue Association of Turkey (\$50,000) Provided access to healthcare services and improved health outcomes for women and children in Hatay by increasing pregnancy, newborn care, and childhood immunization rates through digital solutions and on-the-ground initiatives.

Öğretmen Ağı - Teachers Network (\$124,700) Supported a Teacher Support Hub in Hatay, providing psychosocial support, peer collaboration, and professional development for 1,000 educators—helping restore well-being and strengthen education in the post-earthquake context.

Rimmen Kadın Kooperatifi - Rimmen Women's Initiative Production and Business Cooperative (\$75,941) Supported the economic empowerment of 80 women in Samandağ, Hatay, by strengthening the Rimmen Women's Cooperative through new product development, skill-building workshops, marketing support, and institutional capacity building.

Samandağ Spor Kulübü - Samandag Sports Club (\$35,000) Supported over 1,500 children—especially girls and children with special needs—through inclusive sports, psychosocial support, family activities, and child-led committees, while collaborating with local organizations to ensure access to education, health, and social inclusion.

Sulukule Gönüllüleri Derneği - Sulukule Volunteers Association (\$24,194) Supported the Rights in Frame project, promoting the psychosocial well-being of children aged 10-18 in post-earthquake Hatay through rights-based creative workshops and the production of a child-led short film. In partnership with the Tomurcuk Association, the project creates safe spaces for expression and helps children process trauma, build social connections, and strengthen communication skills.

Şehir Dedektifi Kent, Çevre ve Sanat Derneği - City Detective: City, Environment and Art Association (\$54,980) Supported the Playful Adiyaman project, promoting children's participation in urban life through weekly workshops in Hayat Park, a community space co-designed with local children. The project engages 600 children in creative sessions on play, heritage, and ecology, while establishing a Children's Advisory Council to involve them in local decision-making.

Talebeyiz Biz Derneği - Talebeyiz Biz Association (\$49,677) Transformed a site at the Arsuz Community Center in Hatay into a safe and accessible space for youth cultural and artistic activities, managed by Young Art Ambassadors, including weekly movie nights, a music studio, and art workshops.

Türkiye Down Sendromu Derneği (Down Türkiye) – Türkiye Down Syndrome Association (\$13,965) Supported a project beginning with a comprehensive needs assessment in Adıyaman and Gaziantep, followed by selection of local practitioners and field training programs for those who lost jobs due to the earthquake. Container classrooms will also be constructed to create employment opportunities and empower families and individuals with Down syndrome.

Türkiye Eğitim Gönüllüleri Vakfı (TEGV) – Educational Volunteers Foundation (\$140,500) Provided mobile, inclusive education to 800 children aged 6–14 in earthquake-affected and disadvantaged areas—including children of seasonal agricultural workers—through TEGV's Firefly education trucks, enhancing academic skills, supporting emotional well-being, and promoting equal learning opportunities.

Türkiye Ekonomi Politikaları Araştırma Vakfı (TEPAV) – The Economic Policy Research Foundation of Türkiye (\$50,000) Supported the Rebuilding After Disaster: Entrepreneurship Support Program, a pilot initiative fostering entrepreneurship in earthquake-affected regions, starting with Gaziantep, Kahramanmaraş, and Hatay. The program empowers individuals to develop e-commerce initiatives, create jobs, and rebuild socio-economic resilience.

Unvansız Gönüllüler Derneği – Unvansız Gönüllüler Association (\$50,570) Supported a project empowering earthquake-affected women and their children in container cities through a 24-week technology-based education program, including six-week robotics and coding training, culminating in nationally recognized certifications to enhance technical skills and employability.

Yeni Arayışlar Girişimi Platformu Derneği (YAPDER) – New Pursuits Initiative Platform Association (\$97,302) Supported a project using surfing, leadership training, and education to enhance the psychosocial well-being and long-term development of children and youth in earthquake-affected Hatay, reaching over 3,000 participants and providing in-depth programs for selected youth.

Yuvam Dünya Derneği – Yuvam Dünya Association for Combating Climate Change (\$50,000) Supported a project providing women and youth in three earthquake-affected provinces with mental health support combined with green entrepreneurship training, aiming to strengthen emotional recovery and economic independence through a pilot model.

Yüksek Öğretimde Rehberliği Tanıtma ve Rehber Yetiştirme Vakfı (YÖRET) – Foundation of The Societal Development and Education (\$73,081) Supported a project strengthening the capacity and well-being of 30 psychosocial support providers in post-earthquake Hatay through training, supervision, and self-care activities.

Environment & Sustainability

Sen de Gel Derneği – Support for Improvement in Social and Economic Living Association (\$22,000) Supported the construction of four new solar-powered water wells in four villages in Gambia, benefiting 1,910 people.

Hawaii Community Foundation (\$14,134) Supported communities devastated by the Maui wildfires in meeting evolving needs, including shelter, food, financial assistance, and other essential services.

Türkiye Bilişim Vakfı (TBV) – Turkish Informatics Foundation (\$1,421) Supported the enhancement of a climate solutions project to improve outreach and visibility.

Equality & Equity in Education

A New Leader Association (\$4,390) Provided a scholarship to an undergraduate student.

American University (\$15,000) Supported a female student's PhD studies in the U.S.

American-Turkish Friendship Council (ATFC) (\$4,694) Supported the ATFC Minnesota branch.

Ankara Fen Liseliler Derneği (AFLIVA) – Ankara High School Association of Science (\$3,500) Provided scholarships to four university students and two high school students.

Antalya Çağdaş Eğitim ve Kültür Vakfı (ANTÇEV) – Antalya Contemporary Education and Culture Foundation (\$12,189) Provided a computer instruction unit for use by primary school students.

Arizona State Foundation (\$92,381) Provided a scholarship to an undergraduate student and an English course program for participating high school teachers in Türkiye.

Bilkent Üniversitesi – Bilkent University (\$6,250) Supported the Bilkentpreneurs Challenge project, helping 15 university students present business pitches, compete for seed funding, build professional networks, and gain recognition for their ideas.

Boğaziçi Üniversitesi Mezunlar Derneği (BÜMED) – Alumni Association of Boğaziçi University (\$30,650) Supported the BUMED Needs Map fund, providing 108 university students from disadvantaged backgrounds with emergency assistance—including rent, utilities, cell phone expenses, computer repairs, internet access, and urgent medical care—33 of whom are from the earthquake-affected region.

Boğaziçi Üniversitesi Vakfı (BÜVAK) – Boğaziçi University Foundation (\$1,162) Provided meal scholarships to two university students for one academic year.

Cornell University (\$10,000) Provided to name four seats at in the Sibley Dome Lecture Hall.

Darüşşafaka Cemiyeti – Darüşşafaka Society (\$164,469) Supported the education of 15 underprivileged students who lost their parents through the Become a Guardian project and provided annual scholarships for 78 Darüşşafaka alumni university students.

Darüşşafakalılar Derneği – Darüşşafaka Alumni Association (\$952) Provided scholarships to two university students.

Drexel University (\$10,000) Provided a scholarship to one undergraduate student.

Güneşane Vakfı – Gunesane Foundation (\$9,500) Supported the enclosure of their workshop area for winter conditions, covered the foundation director's salary, and maintained the reverse osmosis system for safe use of well water.

İhtiyaç Haritası (İH) – NeedsMap Cooperative (\$134,009) Supported the creation of a documentary highlighting the life and legacy of Nermin Abadan Unat, proceeds of which will be used to establish a scholarship fund to empower female university students in her name. + Provided support for the recovery and strengthening of companies in industrial zones affected by the August 2024 wildfires in İzmir, delivering machinery and raw materials. + Covered one year of professional expenses for a young fellow from Esas Sosyal's First Chance Program 2024.

İlköğretim Okullarına Yardım Vakfı (İLKİYAR) – Educational Funds for Elementary School (\$31,180) Provided support for the construction of the Village of Science and Art, open to all who wish to learn, participate, and contribute in Türkiye.

İstanbul Teknik Üniversiteler Birliği Derneği (İTÜBirlik) – Istanbul Technical University Alumni Association (\$7,218) Provided scholarships to 35 female university students in need of financial assistance.

Koç Üniversitesi – Koç University (\$74,742) Supported three university students in the Anatolian Scholarship Program who are academically strong but financially disadvantaged.

Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (\$27,531) Supported research in a genetics laboratory, contributing to advancements in the field.

Nesin Vakfı – Nesin Foundation (\$10,069) Supported 40 economically disadvantaged students with educational expenses and school supplies.

Okul Destek Derneği (ODD) – School Support Association (\$2,597) Supported the Okul Destek Derneği Summer School by covering salaries of math teachers developing the 2024 program content and a full-time central office teacher.

Regents University of California Los Angeles (\$50,000) Supported a female high school graduate from Türkiye to pursue undergraduate studies, prioritizing healthcare and special education programs at accredited U.S. universities.

Robert Koleji – Robert College (\$20,998) Supported Robert College's general scholarship fund, providing financial assistance for students in need.

Sabancı Üniversitesi – Sabanci University (\$41,976) Supported one student through the Sabanci University Scholarship Fund.

Sağlık ve Eğitim Vakfı (SEV) – Health and Education Foundation (\$33,655) Supported 11 high school students attending American colleges in Türkiye. + Supported a Teacher Conference covering business and psychology topics, including workplace resilience, motivation, teacher well-being, cognitive behavioral therapy methods, anxiety management, and coping with uncertainty.

Tarsus Amerikan Koleji Mezunlar Derneği (TAC) – Tarsus American College Alumni Association (\$1,948) Supported the Lay Your Brick for Better Education scholarship program for 26 high school students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The George Washington University (\$49,003) Supported a female student's MA studies in the U.S.

The Georgia State University Foundation (\$5,000) Supported the GSU Business Fund.

Toplum Gönüllüleri Vakfı (TOG) – Community Volunteers Foundation (\$37,336) Provided scholarships to 24 university students across Türkiye, delivered disaster preparedness training for youth and adults in earthquake-affected regions. + Covered one year of professional expenses for a young fellow from Esas Sosyal's First Chance Program 2024.

Türk Eğitim Derneği (TED) – Turkish Education Association (\$52,687) Supported the TED Disaster Scholarship Project, ensuring education continuity for 871 children who lost parents in the February 6, 2023 earthquake in Kahramanmaraş. Provided financial, academic, and psychosocial support to improve performance, emotional well-being, and high school graduation rates.

Türk Eğitim Vakfı (TEV) – Turkish Educational Foundation (\$78,629) Funded the naming of a common room in a women's dormitory in Ankara and awarded scholarships to six academically successful university students in need.

University of Washington (\$2,000) Supported the graduation ceremony of the UW Neurological Surgery residency program.

Young Guru Academy (YGA) – Young Guru Academy (\$21,742) Delivered essential science education and resources to 50 earthquake-affected children in Türkiye by supplying science kits to a village school. + Conducted hands-on STEM workshops and distributed reusable robotics and coding kits to ~2,000 underserved children aged 7–13 across 12 U.S. states. + Supported teacher training, provided access to digital learning platforms, and covered travel, logistics, and venue expenses for the Stanford Spokes "Science with ConScience on the Road" initiative.

Gender Equality

Çağdaş Yaşamı Destekleme Derneği (ÇYDD) – Association for the Support of Contemporary Living (\$395,102) Provided scholarships to a total of 1,218 students in Türkiye, including 885 students affected by the February 2023 earthquakes: 201 university students and 1,017 high school students.

IEDC-Bled School of Management, Postgraduate Studies (\$10,000) Provided a scholarship to a woman seeking career advancement, targeting potential women leaders and entrepreneurs through YMP and MBA programs.

Kadın Hekimler Eğitim Destek Vakfı (KAHEV) – Turkish Female Physicians' Education Support Foundation (\$5,570) Supported the KAHEV-TPF Scholarship Fund to provide scholarships to 10 female university students.

Manhattan College (\$35,690) Supported a female student's undergraduate studies in the U.S.

Payda Derneği (PAYDA) – Payda Association (\$70,158) Provided educational resources—including laptops, internet access, summer camp participation, and monthly support—to 406 university, middle, and high school students from disadvantaged backgrounds. + Covered PAYDA's general expenses, including the coordinator's salary. + Supported Sakarya TEV Esat Egesoy Bedia Başgöz Primary and Middle School.

Soroptimist Foundation Inc (\$300) Supported projects aimed at educating, empowering, and enabling women and girls worldwide.

Suna Kırış Vakfı (Suna'nın Kızları) – Suna Kırış Foundation (Suna's Daughters) (\$4,813) Supported the maintenance of essential operations for all five Children's Hubs by covering fixed monthly costs to keep the hubs hygienic, accessible, and functional.

The New School (\$37,686) Supported a female student's undergraduate studies in the U.S.

Türkiye Kadın Dernekleri Federasyonu (TKDF) – Federation of Women Associations of Türkiye (\$14,034) Provided toys and rehabilitation resources for 300 children in the Purple Women and Children Safe Space in the earthquake region, creating safe areas for women and girls in container and tent cities.

Türkiye Korunmaya Muhtaç Çocuklar Vakfı (KORUNCUK) – Turkish Foundation for Children in Need of Protection (\$2,794) Supported sports activities for children under the Koruncuk dormitory service, offering volleyball and basketball training to meet diverse developmental needs.

Women 4 Women Inc (\$250) Supported the empowerment of women survivors of war and conflict, enabling them to acquire skills needed to rebuild their families and communities.

Health Innovations

Brooklyn Zen Center (\$1,350) Supported the embodied training community in the Soto Zen tradition.

Business Council for International Understanding (\$10,000) Supported BCIU's inaugural campaign.

Darülaceze Başkanlığı – Darulaceze Presidency (\$128,250) Covered the renovation costs of the Kitchen Building at the Darülaceze Okmeydanı complex.

Lösemili Çocuklar Vakfı (LÖSEV) – The Foundation for Children with Leukemia (\$189,980) Provided free treatment for children with leukemia and cancer at LÖSEV Hospital, covering essential medical needs such as routine supplies, medicines, and medical equipment. + Funded the naming of a patient room in honor of Neriman Nuraltay.

Spectrum Works (\$6,930) Supported around 100 individuals with autism through the 14th Annual Bike Tour with MTS Logistics for Autism.

Türk Onkoloji Vakfı (TOV) – Turkish Oncology Foundation (\$313,500) Supported the construction of a Cancer Screening and Early Diagnosis Center on land donated to TOV. A new branch office will also be established to strengthen public education and screening programs in the region.

Türk Silahlı Kuvvetleri Elele Vakfı (TSK Elele) – Turkish Armed Forces Elele Foundation (\$106,875) Supported the Special Education and Rehabilitation Center Physiotherapy Unit Device and Material Renewal Project, including the purchase of new technological devices for physically disabled students attending the TSK Elele Foundation Special Education and Rehabilitation Center.

Türkiye Otizm Erken Tanı ve Eğitim Vakfı (TOHUM) – Tohum Autism Foundation (\$1,371) Supported one student through the scholarship program.



Social and Economic Development

American Turkish Association of Southern California (ATASC) (\$2,900) Supported the San Diego branch of ATASC, the 2025 Festival, and ATASF-ATAMLA.

Anne Çocuk Eğitim Vakfı (AÇEV) – Mother Child Education Foundation (\$11,800) Covered one year of professional expenses for a young fellow from Esas Sosyal's First Chance Program 2024.

Ashoka Türkiye (ASHOKA) (\$30,000) Supported community gathering events with Ashoka Fellows.

Assembly of Turkish American Associations (ATAA) (\$2,500) Supported efforts to cultivate an informed and empowered Turkish American community and strengthen U.S.-Türkiye relations.

Bolu Bağışçılar Vakfı (BBV) – Bolu Community Foundation (\$108,645) Supported the 2023-2024 Zehra Tasman Support Program, benefiting 15 young women, and the Zehra Tasman Women's Entrepreneurship Support Program, assisting 30 women over 12 months. + Supported the HENTBOLU project by covering accommodation, travel, food, uniforms, and other expenses for players participating in matches listed in the Turkish Handball Federation (THF) 1st League. + Also supported the foundation's general administrative expenses.

City Harvest, Inc. (\$750) Supported a project focused on rescuing nutritious food and distributing it free of charge to individuals experiencing hunger.

Cultural Vistas (\$1,000) Supported international exchange programs worldwide.

Endometriosis Foundation of America (\$12,000) Supported initiatives advancing awareness, promoting education, and sponsoring research on endometriosis.

Esas Sosyal (\$7,626) Supported the My English Chance program, providing employment opportunities to young people facing inequalities in their transition to the workforce due to graduating from lesser-known universities.

Go Project Inc. (\$250) Supported an open-source project developed using the Go programming language.

Neurosurgery Research & Education Foundation (\$5,000) Supported the Volker K. H. Sonntag Fund for clinical outcome studies, spine fellowships, and clinical or basic science research.

Kodluyoruz Derneği – We Code Association (\$11,800) Covered one year of professional expenses for a young fellow from Esas Sosyal's First Chance Program 2024.

Seattle Preparatory School (\$6,500) Supported the operational expenses of the school.

Sivil Toplum için Destek Vakfı (STDV) – Support Foundation for Civil Society (\$2,966) Supported the STDV Children's Fund, backing projects that address child poverty and promote children's rights.

Turkish Women's League of America Inc (\$2,000) Supported the promotion of friendship and understanding between American and Turkish women, while contributing to the work of similar community organizations.

Türkiye Yardım Sevenler Derneği (TYSD) – Türkiye Charity Association (\$12,030) Supported the construction of the interior, library, and production workshops for the mothers of the TYSD Atatürk Kindergarten, built in the earthquake region to support the preschool education system.

UNEMAG (\$10,000) Supported the publication and development of Envoy magazine.

Resilience and Renewal: TPF EARTHQUAKE FUND

Deepening Impact Through Community Well-Being

Thirty-two months have passed since the devastating twin earthquakes of February 6 shook southeastern Türkiye. Yet for countless families, the loss and disruption remain deeply felt, as if it were yesterday. Thanks to your generosity, TPF responded swiftly, meeting urgent needs and standing with communities at their most vulnerable. But recovery is not a moment—it is a journey.

Our goal has been to transform stories of loss into stories of hope and resilience. Each grant fuels this transformation—supporting healing, renewal, and long-term recovery.

In 2025, we entered the third phase of our work, moving from immediate relief and short-term recovery toward sustainable, long-term impact. This phase reflects a core belief: lasting recovery depends on strengthening local capacity and maintaining a meaningful presence in the region. Together with our partners, we are helping communities not only recover but adapt, rebuild, and thrive. To maximize reach and sustainability, we continue to pursue co-funding opportunities and integrate confirmed international contributions into the Fund's core pool.



STRATEGIC DIRECTION: PHASE 3

Sustainable Resilience for Long-Term Impact

Guided by compassion, accountability, and commitment, the Fund has evolved with each phase of recovery. Over the past year, our strategy has sharpened its focus: placing sustainable resilience and community well-being at the center of every funding decision. This shift reflects both what we've learned from earlier funding rounds and our ongoing commitment to deep, community-rooted impact.

Core Principles and Priorities

WELL-BEING AS THE STRATEGIC ANCHOR

Grants are assessed based on their contribution to psychosocial, social, and economic well-being. This holistic approach ensures that efforts complement one another and move communities toward a shared vision of recovery and resilience.

STRENGTHENING LOCAL CIVIL SOCIETY

From the beginning, our focus has been on supporting NGOs. We aim to ensure that recovery efforts not only meet immediate needs but also build stronger, more responsive, and community-rooted organizations.

DEEPENING IMPACT THROUGH TRUSTED NATIONAL PARTNERS

Alongside local groups, we support established national NGOs with regional credibility and proven results. These partners are empowered to scale context-specific models that generate multiplier effects for entire communities.

STRATEGIC OUTCOMES AND IMPACT AREAS

31
projects
supported

\$2,323,541
allocated
in 2025

4
key dimensions
of well-being

Children & Youth

- Improved learning outcomes
- Stronger life skills
- Increased community resilience

Mental Health & Psychosocial Support

- Expanded access to care
- Better emotional well-being
- Stronger coping mechanisms

Children with Disabilities

- Inclusive services
- Development support
- Greater social participation

Economic Development

- New jobs created
- Local businesses revitalized
- Vocational training provided

On-the-Ground Commitment

- 8 field visits across multiple cities
- Partner site checks & project openings
- Donor engagement & commemorative events

Accountability & Learning

- Rigorous monitoring practices
- Community needs driving grantmaking
- Stronger partner relationships

Unified Objective

Stronger
Healthier
More Self-Reliant Communities

TPF TÜRKİYE EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND

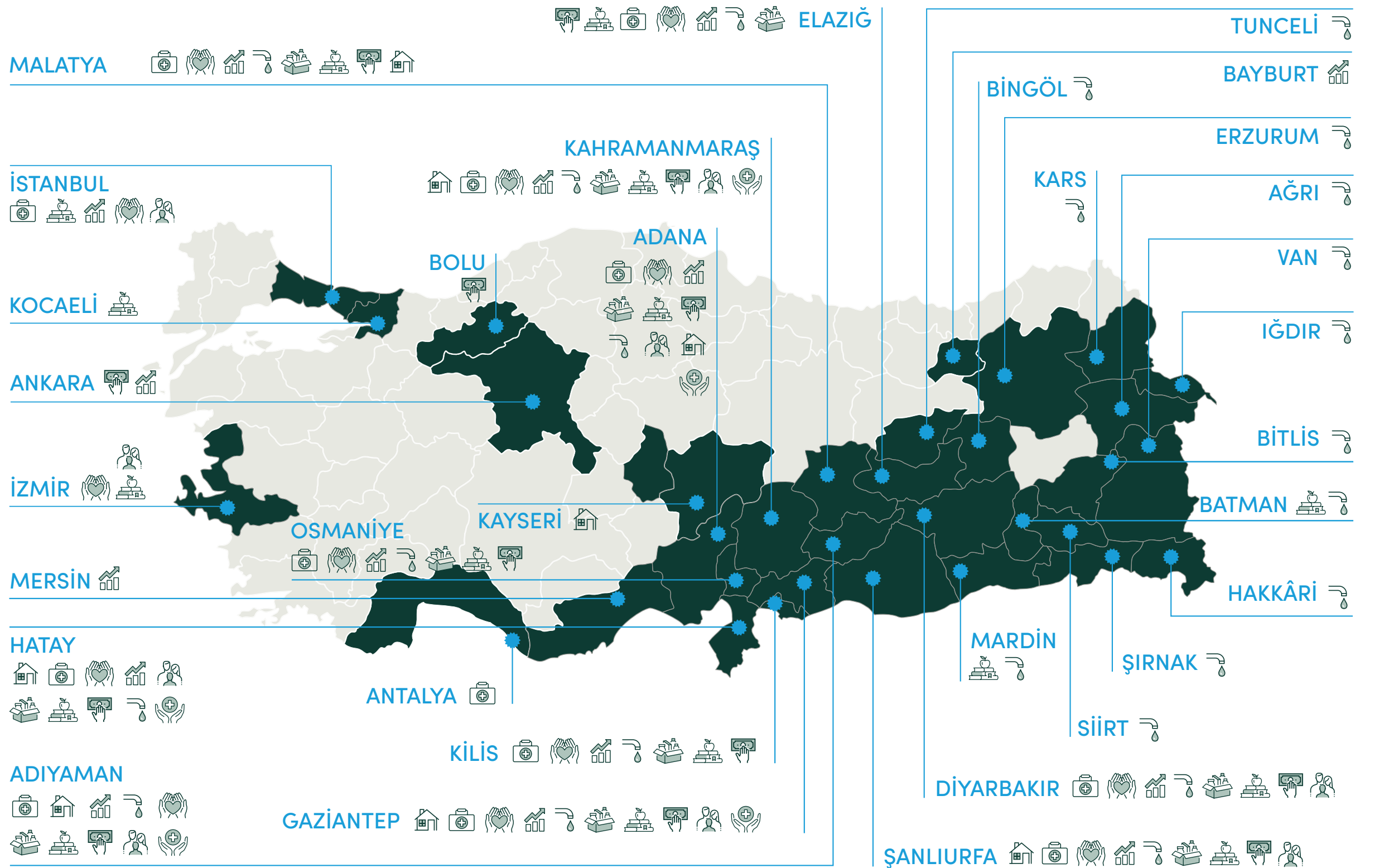
GRANT IMPACT
as of June 30, 2025

100% of your donations go
directly to the earthquake
region in Türkiye.

2.6M
people
impacted

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granted

93
NGOs
supported



Empowered and Resilient TEACHERS

Born and raised in Istanbul, Aleyna had always dreamed of becoming a teacher. For years, she worked at a prestigious private school, close to her family and earning a steady income. Yet something was missing. She believed that all children deserve access to quality education — whether in private or public schools, in bustling cities or remote villages. Determined to turn this belief into action, she made a life-changing decision.

When the twin earthquakes struck Southeast Anatolia in 2023, Aleyna requested to be assigned to the affected region. Her request was quickly accepted, and soon she arrived in Samsat, a small town in Adiyaman. There, she became a first-grade teacher in a school that welcomed children from nearby villages, local families, and families displaced by the disaster. It was the community Aleyna had long dreamed of serving but it came with immense challenges. Many students carried the weight of trauma of the earthquake. Others had limited access to technology or lacked supportive learning environments. Within a year, the demands of the classroom and being homesick left Aleyna feeling exhausted, unsure of her abilities, and even questioning her future as a teacher.

That's when KODA stepped in with the Post-Disaster Rural Education Support Programme. Designed specifically for teachers like Aleyna, working in the earthquake region, the program paired them with experienced mentors who offered guidance, encouragement, and practical strategies. Teachers like Aleyna also joined workshops focused on social and emotional learning, designed not only for their students' well-being but also for their own. Aleyna discovered the program on social media, applied, and was selected to participate. The impact has been profound. Today, she is deeply grateful, feeling more confident both in her teaching skills and in the way she engages with her students. As someone who traditionally followed rules to the letter and was more mature than her peers, Aleyna's greatest challenge had been connecting with children and meeting them at their level. With KODA's

GRANTEE ORGANIZATION	RURAL SCHOOL TRANSFORMATION NETWORK (KODA)
Project Details	Post-Disaster Rural Education Support Programme (ASKDEP) is a two-year project addressing the urgent educational challenges in rural areas severely impacted by the February 2023 earthquakes. The program provides mentoring support for inexperienced teachers and introduces Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) practices for students, aiming to strengthen both educational capacity and emotional resilience in post-disaster settings.
Project Objective	To empower teachers and students in earthquake-affected rural areas through mentoring and SEL, directly supporting 60 mentee teachers, training 30 mentor teachers, 10 SEL trainers, and 6 mentor consultants, while reaching more than 2,580 children and 5,160 parents. The project also seeks to ensure long-term impact by developing a policy framework for post-disaster education and creating scalable models for emergencies.
Grant Amount	\$549,719

support, she has learned to connect with children through play, empathy, and encouragement. She also struggled with managing her reactions when students were unkind, quarreled, or did not fully engage in projects. When conflicts arise in the classroom, she now responds with calm and compassion rather than frustration. Her students, in turn, see her not as a strict authority but as someone who believes in them, disappointed when they fall short, yet always encouraging them to try again.

KODA's teacher support program has been transformative for Aleyna, and for many more teachers in the region. As TPF, we are proud to stand with each and every one of them and excited to see what their students will accomplish in the future. When teachers are resilient and empowered, so too are their students.



A World Built and Sustained by YOUNG PEOPLE



TEBDİL-İ MEKAN FESTIVAL

Time: 4 days

Participants:
250 young people

Location: Arsuz, by the sea

From: Six towns (Samandağ, Defne, Antakya, Kırıkhan, Arsuz, and İskenderun)

Activities: Arts, crafts, singing, dancing, sports, juggling, and more

Purpose: To heal through the arts from the shared post-disaster trauma caused by the February 6 twin earthquakes

What to bring:
An open heart and the courage to begin again.

Welcome to the Tebdil-i Mekan Festival, where earthquake-impacted youth discovered something extraordinary: healing. And it happened through the simple yet powerful combination of being together and creating art.

At the heart of the festival were 14–17-year-old Art Ambassadors, who co-created every detail. Their vision turned four days into a living expression of resilience. In this powerful festival, songs carried new meaning, dances shook off sorrow, and handmade crafts helped turn a new page. In every activity, art became a path toward healing.

The festival was made possible by a collaboration of 14 NGOs working in the earthquake region, offering a breath of fresh air to youth, most of whom have lived

in temporary container housing since February 2023. Together, they transformed a difficult reality into a celebration of solidarity and renewal, a world momentarily rebuilt by young people themselves.

By the end of each day, the joy on their faces said it all. They felt safe, connected, and free to be themselves—without fear of judgment. Smiles replaced worry, laughter echoed through the tents, and the question on everyone's lips was the same: "When is the next one?"

While 14 organizations, including TPF, brought this festival to life, the true heroes were you: our donors. Through your contributions to the TPF Earthquake Fund, you gave these young people a rare gift: a safe space to feel connected, to heal, and to imagine a brighter future.

Tebdil-i Mekan Festival is proudly:

Organized by Talebeyiz Biz, Fusun Sayek Sağlık ve Eğitim Geliştirme Derneği and Ali İsmail Korkmaz Vakfı

Funded by TPF, STDV and Türkiye Mozaik

In collaboration with Arsuz Kent Konseyi Gençlik Meclisi, Buradayız Hatay, Gençlerle Sanat İnisiyatifi, Deprem Dayanışması Derneği, İskenderun Güney Eğitim Vakfı, Kolektif Koordinasyon Derneği, SKYÇD and Suna'nın Kızları

GRANTEE ORGANIZATION

TALEBEYİZ BİZ ASSOCIATION

Project Details

Equal Access and Active Youth Participation in Arts and Culture: A Community-Based Model for Post-Disaster Contexts is a youth-driven initiative that transforms the Arsuz Community Center into the "Art Depot," a safe and inclusive hub where young people can engage in art, music, theater, and creative workshops. The project also organizes the Tebdil-i Mekân Youth Art Festival and develops a Youth Art Ambassadors Program, fostering leadership and cultural engagement in post-disaster Hatay.

Project Objective

To ensure equal access and active participation of youth aged 13–18 in arts and cultural activities in the post-disaster context of Hatay. By creating safe spaces for artistic expression, hosting workshops, and organizing youth-led festivals, the project strengthens resilience, supports healing, and empowers young people to take leadership roles in rebuilding their communities.

Grant Amount

\$49,677

Resilience in EVERY NOTE

It takes twelve notes to create a song. One that makes others feel what you feel—a song that brings comfort, eases sorrow, or sparks joy. Those same twelve notes carry even greater meaning: they hold the power to heal, to dream, and to connect. In the earthquake-affected region, that power means everything. For young people facing loss and grief, music offers a path to healing.

The Hatay Symphony Orchestra embraced this power by supporting 50 students from Fine Arts High Schools and aspiring university candidates. Through instrument training, music theory, and conservatory preparation, the program gives young people more than technical skill. It provides a path to recovery—not just to nurture talent, but to strengthen emotional well-being and create an inclusive space for young people from diverse backgrounds.

By reviving Hatay's cultural life, this initiative highlights the transformative role of art in healing communities. Each note played and every song sung is not only music—it is renewal, resilience, and hope taking root.

We are proud to stand alongside these young musicians and grateful to our donors for helping make their journey possible. Together, we are shaping a future where healing resonates through every note.



GRANTEE ORGANIZATION

HATAY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CULTURE AND ART ASSOCIATION

Project Details

This project supports 50 students from Fine Arts High Schools and aspiring university candidates by providing comprehensive music education, including instrument training, theory lessons, and conservatory preparation. It also incorporates music therapy workshops to promote emotional healing and well-being, while ensuring inclusivity by engaging students from diverse socio-economic and cultural backgrounds. By advancing Hatay's cultural revival and raising public awareness of the importance of art education, the initiative empowers young talent to contribute to the region's artistic and cultural future.

Project Objective

The project aims to provide access to quality music education and emotional healing for 50 students from Fine Arts High Schools and aspiring university candidates. Through instrument training, theory lessons, conservatory preparation, and music therapy workshops, the initiative supports both artistic development and emotional well-being. At the same time, it seeks to promote Hatay's cultural revival and ensure inclusivity by offering equal opportunities for students from diverse socio-economic, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds, thereby nurturing young talent and contributing to the region's artistic future.

Grant Amount

\$49,971

Weaving ART, MEMORY, AND HOPE

The Story of Hüsamettin Koçan and Baksı

Hüsamettin Koçan was born in a remote village 45 kilometers from Bayburt, where life was defined by hard work and resilience. Raised by his mother in this rugged landscape, he carried her strength and determination with him as he set out into the world. That journey led him to Istanbul, where he studied at the State Applied Fine Arts School and later taught at Marmara University, eventually becoming a professor and dean. Along the way, he earned recognition abroad, including the Salzburg City Honor Award in Austria, and chaired UNESCO's International Association of Plastic Arts in Türkiye.

Yet despite a career that placed his paintings in museums and earned him respect in academic circles, Koçan never lost sight of the place he came from. "The place where you were born and raised is your center," he has said. For him, art was not only about galleries and exhibitions but about bringing beauty, possibility, and opportunity back home. That vision became the Baksı Museum.

Perched on a hill above the Çoruh Valley, Baksı opened its doors in 2010 as more than just a museum. Its architecture invites the landscape inside; its mission bridges contemporary and traditional art. What began as a dream took shape through the Baksı Culture and Arts Foundation, and within a few years, it had grown into an award-winning institution recognized by the European Museum Forum in 2014. Today, it houses exhibitions, workshops, a library, and residencies, but perhaps most importantly, it is a living hub for its community.

Baksı has created new livelihoods in a region long defined by migration and scarcity. Women gather in workshops to practice embroidery and weaving, reviving traditional crafts while earning income. Children come for art programs that connect them to new ideas while anchoring them in their heritage. In Koçan's view, the museum is not just a cultural space but a way to give life back to a village that once seemed forgotten.



After the devastating earthquakes of February 6, 2023, the partnership between Turkish Philanthropy Funds and Baksı took on new urgency. Together, they created opportunities for women affected by the disaster, turning the museum's ateliers into spaces of resilience and renewal.

That is how Nergis, a mother of two, found her way there. Widowed and struggling to make ends meet in her village, she grew vegetables, kept her expenses low, but had few ways to earn steady income. One day in Bayburt, she spotted a brochure for an embroidery workshop. Stepping into the atelier, she discovered rows of yarn in every color and women weaving side by side, laughing and working together. For her, it was more than a workshop; it was a way to rebuild her life.

Each stitch she now sews carries more than thread. It carries dignity, companionship, and hope. And in this, you can sense the enduring presence of women like Hüsamettin Koçan's mother, whose quiet determination first shaped his path. Her spirit echoes in the stories of Nergis, Suna, Ayşe, and countless others who, at Baksı, are not just weaving textiles but creating brighter futures for themselves and their families.

GRANTEE ORGVANIZATION	BAKSI CULTURE AND ARTS FOUNDATION
Project Details	This project aims to provide sustainable livelihood opportunities for women—particularly those affected by the February 2023 earthquake—by combining training, production, and cultural engagement. A central working space was rented in Bayburt and transformed into a fully functional training and production area, including an open kitchen, office partitions, furnished work areas, and necessary utilities.
Project Objective	The initiative seeks to empower women by offering training, production opportunities, and income generation in a supportive community setting. By integrating local women into the production of textile and accessory items for partner brands, the project enhances both skills and livelihoods, while also contributing to long-term resilience for earthquake-affected families
Grant Amount	\$50,000

Beyond RECOVERY

One Purpose: Thriving Together

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our donors whose generosity has been the cornerstone of our efforts in the earthquake-affected regions of Türkiye. Your support is part of a larger story—one of many—that together form our shared purpose of rebuilding lives and restoring hope.

Help us Get the Word Out on Social Media

Please continue supporting TPF by spreading the word on social media. Sharing our mission and impact with your network can help us reach new supporters and make an even greater difference.

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THANKS TO YOUR UNWAVERING COMMITMENT, WE TOOK IMMEDIATE ACTION, PARTNERING WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS TO ADDRESS URGENT NEEDS WHILE LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR LONG-TERM RECOVERY.

At TPF, we are committed to ensuring that your contributions make a lasting impact. Our team frequently visits the region, constantly reviewing and assessing the evolving needs of the communities we serve. These visits keep us closely connected to the ground, enabling us to make informed decisions and adapt our strategies to provide the most effective support.

We also recognize that rebuilding will be a long journey, expected to span over a decade. As we continue to invest in **strengthening local capacity and maintaining a meaningful presence in the region**, the need for ongoing support remains critical. Please continue supporting our efforts of transforming stories of hardship into stories of resilience.

Please reach out

to our Director of Philanthropy,
Pınar Özyürek at pinar@tpfund.org
for a meeting with Team TPF
if you'd like to be more involved or better
join us at one of our trips to the region.



Have Your Gift Matched

You have the chance to double your impact! With TPF recognized on all major corporate giving platforms, you have the opportunity to amplify your impact through employee giving programs. Your contribution to our Earthquake Relief Fund can potentially be doubled by your employer, providing even more support to those in need. Leverage your corporate benefits to help rebuild lives with TPF!

If your company doesn't have a program in place, you can contact TPF to explore setting one up together. Let your employer know of your interest in supporting this important cause, and they may be willing to work with you to make a meaningful impact.



Become a Recurring Donor

The ongoing needs in the region change every day, and we closely monitor each and every one of them. With the long road ahead for recovery, your monthly donation can make a big difference in our communities in the earthquake region.

Start a Fundraiser

Since inception, we've witnessed incredible individuals starting fundraisers to support the causes they believe in. 10K marathons, climbing the highest mountain in the States, 100 hours of live streaming, donating birthdays are just a few behind the scenes of our communities' inspiring fundraisers. You can do it too! You can start a fundraiser for TPF Earthquake Fund at www.tpfund.org, share it with your family and friends. You'll be amazed how you can mobilize your network to make a difference.



Direct Corporate and Foundation Gifts

TPF, recognized for its transparency and effectiveness, is a trusted partner for corporations and foundations seeking to create meaningful impact. We work closely with CSR departments and foundation arms to align their priorities with high-impact projects in Türkiye and the U.S.

If you are part of a corporation or foundation—or can connect us with one—your introduction could spark a partnership that transforms communities. A simple email to info@tpfund.org is the first step toward collaboration that changes countless lives.



Join the Movement with a Donor Advised Fund

TPF currently manages over 50 DAFs, demonstrating our commitment to not only receiving but also responsibly stewarding and directing charitable contributions towards impactful causes. With TPF, you have the opportunity to establish a DAF and engage in strategic personal philanthropy to make a lasting impact in your community and beyond. Please reach out to our Director of Philanthropy, Pinar Ozyurek at pinar@tpfund.org to learn more about this empowering way to give.

If you have a DAF at another institution, you still can direct your DAF contributions to a cause under TPF.

Become a force for enduring change with Giving Circles!

With recovery efforts expected to span over 10 years, now is the time to engage in a deeper, more sustained form of philanthropy. By starting a Giving Circle with TPF, you and your network can pool resources, wisdom, and passion to spearhead long-term initiatives that communities truly need. When you unite with others you multiply your impact!

A Journey of Impact and Hope
TPF GALA 2025



A Journey of Impact and Hope TPF Gala 2025

“A special room, full of special people,” said Hamdi Ulukaya, past recipient of the TPF Philanthropic Leadership Award, as he paid tribute to the Özmen Family. His words could not have been more fitting for the **TPF Gala 2025**.

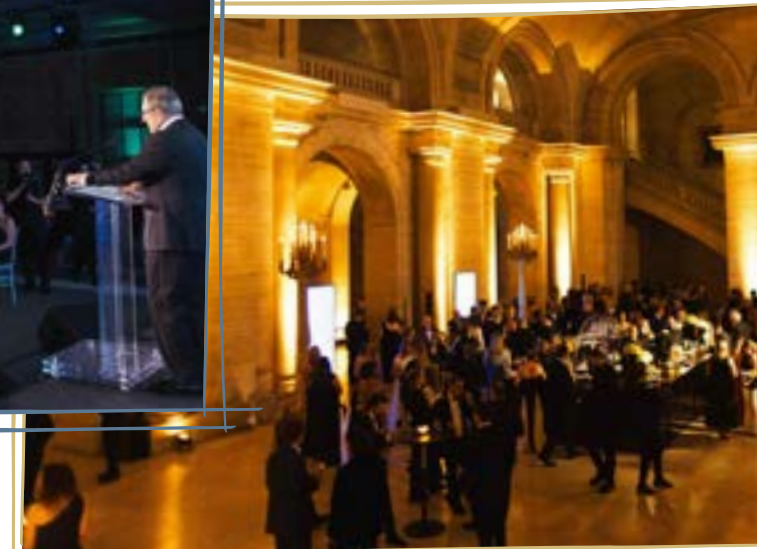
What made the evening truly extraordinary was not only the program but the people in the room. Each guest carried something unique—their own story. Some were passionate about education, others about disaster recovery, gender equality, or youth empowerment. Their motivations were diverse, yet all were united by the same spirit of generosity and shared belief in TPF’s mission.

Together, we raised an incredible **\$2.7 million**, fueling TPF’s story of impact and hope. These funds will uplift and empower communities for a brighter future, with a portion dedicated to the **TPF Changemaker Scholarship Fund**. Through this, countless young people will have the opportunity to pursue their dreams, write their own stories, and lead transformative change in their communities and beyond.

Adding to the magic of the evening was the presentation of the **Philanthropic Leadership Award** to **Eren, Fatih, and Eda Özmen**. The recognition honored the family’s unwavering commitment to philanthropy—rooted in vision, empathy, and generosity—that has transformed countless lives and continues to inspire us all.

From powerful performances to heartfelt tributes, the Gala was a celebration not only of the progress TPF has made over the past 18 years but also of the shared values that guide us forward. It was a true reflection of the collective impact our community creates—and only the beginning of what we can achieve together.

One sentiment echoed across the evening: **our strength lies in unity**. The Gala reminded us that while each donor, partner, and scholar carries their own narrative, together we advance a single purpose—building lasting impact through philanthropy. Thank you for being part of this journey, whether in person or from afar. Your support, generosity, and trust make all the difference.



*We are deeply grateful to all
who made this evening unforgettable.*

To **Eren, Fatih, and Eda Özmen**, recipients of the **TPF Philanthropic Leadership Award**, your unwavering commitment to meaningful change and your generosity of spirit were the inspiration behind this evening. You remind us of the impact one family can have when they lead with empathy.

To **Hamdi Ulukaya**, thank you for honoring the Özmen Family with a tribute that moved us all. Your lifelong example of giving with purpose continues to light the way.

To **Merve Gürsel**, our Creative Director and TPF Board Member: Thank you for bringing your vision, elegance, and tireless dedication to every detail of this night. You turned a gathering into an experience we'll never forget.

To our Gala Co-Chairs, **Mustafa Kemal Abadan** and **Mehmet Kırdar**: Your leadership, wisdom, and belief in our mission brought this celebration to life in the most magical way.

To French Operatic Coloratura, **Emma Shapplin**, your performance stirred every soul in the room. Thank you for filling the night with beauty and transcendence.

To New Media Artist, **Mert Onaran**, whose digital art gave the evening another layer of depth and meaning: Your creativity helped us see the world, and our mission, in new ways.

To our gracious Master of Ceremonies, **Jülide Ateş**: Your warmth, presence, and grace guided us through the night with elegance and heart.

To our incredible **TPF team**: Thank you for your tireless effort, your belief in what we do, and your commitment to making this night not only possible but powerful.



*The TPF Philanthropic Leadership Award
celebrates extraordinary individuals who have
demonstrated an unwavering commitment to
strengthening communities through visionary
leadership, generosity, and meaningful impact.*

*Presented biennially, this prestigious award
honors those whose lifetime dedication to
philanthropy has transformed lives, inspired
others, and set a lasting example.*

*Recipients embody the very essence of
philanthropy—through their careers,
leadership, and sustained efforts to create
positive change.*

IMPACT THROUGH COLLABORATION

For Corporations and Foundations

At TPF, we know that many stories come together to create one shared purpose. Every corporation, every foundation, and every partner brings a unique perspective, yet we are united by a common goal: building a more equitable and compassionate world.

Philanthropy takes many forms, and so do the partnerships we create. We tailor each collaboration to reflect the distinct values and vision of our partners, whether through corporate social responsibility initiatives, foundation grants, or long-term strategic projects. Through customized philanthropic engagement strategies, we help corporations align giving with company culture and values. With community and corporate foundations, we co-design sustainable initiatives that not only extend the impact of your grants but also advance your mission.

Backed by nearly two decades of experience and a trusted network on the ground, TPF ensures that resources are directed where they matter most. Together, we turn diverse stories of giving into one powerful purpose: transforming lives and strengthening communities.

WHY PARTNER WITH TPF?

- 1 Trusted relationships with local NGOs across Türkiye
- 2 Firsthand knowledge of the communities we serve
- 3 Transparent, swift, and accountable grantmaking
- 4 A results-driven approach that measures success in stories, and lasting change—not just numbers.



CASE STUDY

BUILDING RESILIENCE

TPF and GlobalGiving's Partnership for Earthquake Recovery in Türkiye

How TPF Engages Institutional Partnerships to Address Systemic Challenges in Post-Disaster Recovery

PROJECT NAME:	Comprehensive Multi-Project Support for Long-Term Disaster Recovery
STAKEHOLDERS:	Turkish Philanthropy Funds, GlobalGiving, Basketball for Education Foundation (BIDEV), Medical Rescue Association (MEDAK), Talebeyiz Biz Association, Turkish Education Association (TED)
TIME PERIOD:	August 2024 – September 2025

Overview

Since the February 6th earthquakes, TPF has taken a strategic, needs-driven approach to grantmaking—guided by field assessments, evolving priorities, and a commitment to long-term impact. Beginning with emergency relief, including shelter, food, and hygiene supplies, TPF quickly shifted its focus to emotional healing, rebuilding, and community-led recovery. Local partners were essential in ensuring that every donation made a meaningful, on-the-ground impact.

GlobalGiving and TPF share a long-standing partnership rooted in trust and impact. It began in 2011 when GlobalGiving provided a direct grant to TPF's Van Earthquake Fund. Since then, GlobalGiving has consistently supported TPF's mission. For almost 15 years, GlobalGiving has supported TPF's mission by featuring its programs on its global platform and helping channelling thousands of individual donations toward grassroots-led impact in Türkiye.

In August 2024, this long-standing partnership deepened once again further when GlobalGiving generously contributed a \$200,000 direct grant to TPF's Earthquake Relief Fund—launching a powerful collaboration to strengthen local NGOs and amplify TPF's strategic disaster response.

This grant partnership has supported four critical, community-based projects that address key recovery needs in the region:

- **Expanding Access to Healthcare for Women and Children in Southeastern Türkiye Through Digital Health Solutions with – MEDAK**
- **Equal Access and Youth Participation in Arts and Culture: A Community-Based Model for Post-Disaster Recovery with – Talebeyiz Biz Association**
- **One Big Step for Basketball: Empowering Youth Through Sports in Earthquake-Affected Regions with– BIDEV**
- **Disaster Scholarships: Ensuring Education and Hope After the Earthquake with– TED**

Together, TPF and GlobalGiving are not only delivering critical support but also investing in the long-term resilience of communities—ensuring a recovery that is holistic, inclusive, and led by those who know their communities best.

Key Takeaways

INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIPS FOR LONG-TERM RECOVERY

TPF's long-term recovery strategy centers on high-impact partnerships that drive systemic change. These collaborations ensure sustained support after large-scale disasters, helping communities not just recover but build resilience. By strengthening the capacity and visibility of local partners, they tackle deep-rooted inequities and create lasting impact.

GLOBALGIVING'S SUPPORT

Since 2011, GlobalGiving has supported TPF programs through direct-grants and channelling individual donations. This trusted partnership deepened further in 2024 with a \$200,000 direct grant to TPF's Earthquake Relief Fund, investing in local communities, strengthening grassroots organizations, and leveraging TPF's deep regional expertise and networks for systemic impact.

LOCALLY LED RECOVERY SOLUTIONS

Lasting recovery requires strong, capable local organizations. TPF invests in NGO capacity—enhancing infrastructure, operations, and program delivery. This dual impact strengthens organizations while fostering resilient, self-reliant communities capable of meeting present and future challenges. In this most recent partnership, four local organizations—MEDAK, Talebeyiz Biz, BIDEV, and TED—were supported.

Challenges and Response

While disasters strike in an instant, recovery is a long and evolving journey. One key challenge is sustaining support over time while staying responsive to changing needs. TPF addresses this through a flexible, three-phase strategy—immediate relief, long-term recovery, and sustainable resilience—grounded in local partnerships and on-the-ground insight. A critical element of this approach is building institutional partnerships that extend impact and ensure long-term support. GlobalGiving's grant, received 18 months after the disaster, reinforced this model—boosting TPF's ability to support community-led recovery with lasting impact.

Importance of Investing in Local NGOs for Long-Term Impact

Beyond providing direct relief, TPF recognized the critical role local NGOs play in recovery and rebuilding efforts. By investing in the capacity of these organizations, TPF ensures that the foundations of disaster response are strengthened for both today and the future. Through funding and resources, TPF helps NGOs build their infrastructure, enhance their operational capacity, and deliver more effective programs on the ground. This investment enables local organizations to expand their reach, develop resilience, and become better equipped to address ongoing and future needs. It's a dual impact: empowering NGOs to serve communities more effectively while fostering the self-reliance of the communities they serve.



Innovative Partnerships Spotlight

GLOBALGIVING

GlobalGiving, one of the world's largest crowdfunding platforms, has connected over 1.8 million donors with community-led projects across 175+ countries since its founding in 2002. For nearly 15 years, GlobalGiving has partnered with TPF, amplifying its initiatives and channeling vital support to grassroots organizations in Türkiye.

In the aftermath of the 2023 earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria, GlobalGiving launched its Earthquake Relief Fund, raising more than \$7.13 million through over 31,000 donations. This fund not only provided immediate relief such as food, water, and shelter but also invested in long-term recovery. A \$200,000 direct grant to TPF further deepened this trusted partnership, combining GlobalGiving's global reach with TPF's regional expertise to ensure aid is both effective and locally led.

MEDICAL RESCUE ASSOCIATION (MEDAK)

MEDAK is a Türkiye-based nonprofit strengthening public health systems and providing emergency care in crisis zones. After the 2023 earthquakes, MEDAK partnered with HERA Digital Health, deploying 40 volunteers. MEDAK and HERA Digital Health rolled out mobile clinics to serve 5,000 women and created a digital disaster health map reaching 800,000 people in 537 health centers. With TPF's support, the current project combines the HERA Health App with field interventions to improve maternal care, childhood vaccinations, and sexual/reproductive health education. By targeting underserved areas and using AI to track needs, the initiative will continue for three years—expanding access to life-saving services and empowering women and families in earthquake-affected regions.

BASKETBALL FOR EDUCATION FOUNDATION (BIDEV)

BIDEV uses basketball to drive youth development, education, and social impact. Its program, "One Big Step for Basketball," brings the sport to disadvantaged regions, including earthquake-affected areas, by training PE teachers, coaches, and trainers.

In Diyarbakır and Hatay more than 50 educators received multi-day training in coaching, leadership, and emotional support, preparing them to serve as mentors for children in their communities. By fostering teamwork, resilience, and structured activity, the program helps youth recover from trauma while building long-term well-being and opportunity.

TALEBEYİZ BİZ

Talebeyiz Biz is a youth-led organization advancing education, creativity, and civic engagement. Following the 2023 earthquakes, it launched the Equal Access and Active Youth Participation in Arts and Culture project in Hatay to provide psychosocial support through creative spaces.

The Arsuz Community Center was transformed into the "Art Depot," hosting music, theater, visual arts, and workshops. Activities like the Tebdil-i Mekân Youth Art Festival and the Youth Art Ambassadors Program foster leadership and community participation. With TPF's support, the initiative strengthens youth recovery while building long-term, scalable models for cultural resilience.

TURKISH EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (TED)

TED is one of Türkiye's leading educational institutions, advancing equal opportunity and youth empowerment. After the 2023 earthquakes, TED launched the Disaster Scholarship Program to support children who lost one or both parents.

As of September 2024, 640 students are supported, including 71 by TPF. Each student receives tailored aid such as a \$55 stationery grant and \$50 monthly scholarships, along with mentoring, psychosocial counseling, and cultural activities. By ensuring continuity in education, TED and TPF are helping young people rebuild resilience, stability, and hope for the future.

STRATEGIC ALLIANCES FOR LONG-TERM RECOVERY

This collaboration highlights the transformative power of collective action and the importance of forging new, strategic funding partnerships to drive long-term recovery. By bringing together the global reach of GlobalGiving and the deep local expertise of TPF, this partnership demonstrates collaborations can extend the life and impact of support beyond immediate relief. Investing in grassroots and locally active organizations ensures that resources are channeled directly to where they are needed most, while also strengthening the region's capacity for self-led recovery. As disasters grow more complex, embracing long-term strategic partnership models like this one will be essential to delivering sustained, resilient change for communities and the organizations that serve them.

Impact in Numbers

ORGANIZATION	REACH	KEY ACTIVITIES	HIGHLIGHTS/ OUTCOMES
MEDAK	1,167 women 810 children 11,000+ digital users 411,163 social media engagements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12 workshops• 628 pregnancy check-ups• 1,000+ immunizations• 1,897 hygiene kits• 2,041 AI chatbot chats• 1,611 WhatsApp consultations• 337 Afetsaglikharitasi.org uses• 18,279 interactions• 28,106 website visits	Expanded digital health access; improved maternal & child health; strengthened health awareness through digital platforms
Talebeyiz Biz	883 youth 314 festival participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 28 workshops• 4 concerts• 60 youth in summer camp• 24 Canva participants• 85 open-air movie attendees• 120 concertgoers• 80 music studio users• 200 regular Youth Space participants	Fostered psychosocial healing and youth leadership through arts, culture, and creativity
BIDEV	50+ physical education teachers (impacting thousands of youth)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 40+ hours of training• Personal development roadmaps• Networking opportunities	Built teacher capacity in Diyarbakır, Mardin & Hatay, ensuring sustained youth empowerment through sports
TED	71 students	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monthly scholarships• In-kind support• 17+ educational & psychosocial events• Ongoing mentorship	Enhanced student motivation, emotional well-being, and school engagement after disaster

Impact Beyond Numbers

Collectively, the projects strengthened resilience, well-being, and community capacity in earthquake-affected areas, creating sustainable systems in health care, youth cultural engagement, sports education, and academic support.

Conclusion

A MODEL OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

The partnership between GlobalGiving and TPF underscores the critical importance of long-term, strategic collaboration—and the power of combining global reach with local expertise in disaster recovery. By bringing together GlobalGiving’s vast donor network and TPF’s trusted presence and deep knowledge of Türkiye, this initiative has gone beyond emergency relief to invest in local organizations such as MEDAK, Talebeyiz Biz, BIDEV, and TED. Together, these projects advance healthcare, education, psychosocial healing, and youth empowerment in earthquake-affected regions. Grounded in trust, flexibility, and shared purpose, this multi-project model shows how institutional partnerships can drive systemic change and build resilience where it’s needed most. As recovery continues, it offers a blueprint for how global-local collaboration can deliver sustainable, community-centered solutions in the face of future disasters.



CASE STUDY

CONNECTING LOCAL TALENT TO GLOBAL OPPORTUNITY

How TPF Connected Underserved Students in Türkiye with Worldwide Career Mentorship

Overview

Through the English Chance Program and a unique partnership with Goldman Sachs, TPF and Esas Sosyal opened new pathways for students from under-resourced Turkish universities to strengthen their English, build professional skills, and connect with global career mentors.

While the English Chance Program already provides language training, career development, and mentoring, the partnership with Goldman Sachs Community TeamWorks added a powerful new dimension: the Speed Mentoring Event.

This initiative brought together Goldman Sachs professionals from around the world with Turkish students for real-time, high-impact guidance—broadening horizons, building confidence, and exposing participants to career perspectives at a truly global level.

Key Takeaways

FIRST GLOBAL MENTORSHIP LINK

Through TPF’s facilitation with the leadership of Basak Yavuz, a long-time TPF donor and a Partner at Goldman Sachs, Esas Sosyal partnered with Goldman Sachs to bring international professionals directly into the English Chance Program for the first time.

DIRECT GLOBAL EXPOSURE

28 students engaged with 12 Goldman Sachs mentors from offices across the U.S., U.K., and beyond—gaining access to perspectives rarely available to students from lesser-known Turkish universities.

HIGH PARTICIPANT SATISFACTION

Students rated the event extremely positively (overall satisfaction 9.29/10; communication skills 9.29/10; productivity 9.04/10).

CONFIDENCE & CAREER READINESS

Students reported increased confidence in English communication, improved self-expression, and new insights into professional pathways.

MUTUAL VALUE

Mentors also described the exchange as inspiring and enriching, highlighting the two-way benefits of cross-border knowledge-sharing.

SCALABLE MODEL

The success of this pilot shows the potential of corporate volunteer programs to complement language and skills training with real-time global mentorship.

PROJECT NAME:

English Chance Program & Goldman Sachs Speed Mentoring

STAKEHOLDERS:

Turkish Philanthropy Funds (TPF), Esas Sosyal (Esas Social), Goldman Sachs

TIME PERIOD:

April 2024–May 2025

The Challenge

LANGUAGE BARRIERS

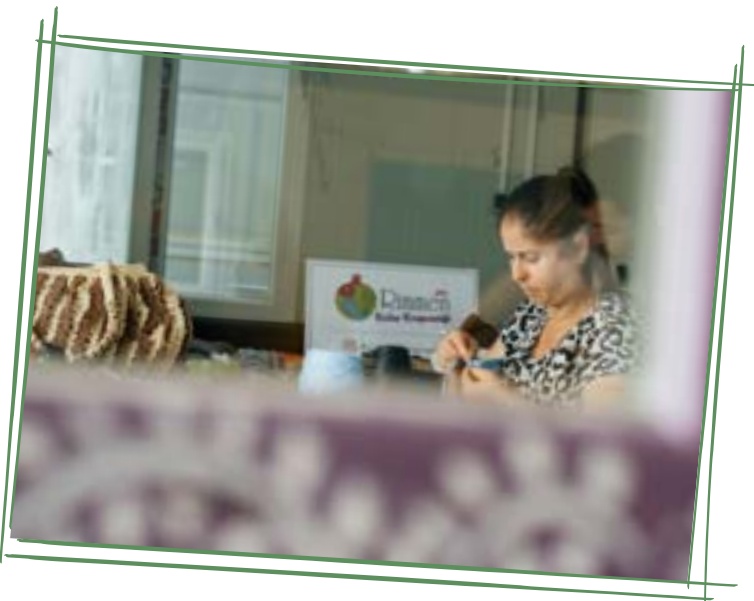
Research by Esas Social shows that one in four Turkish university students report inadequate English proficiency.

SKILL GAPS

55% of university students seek additional courses outside of school to strengthen employability.

NETWORK LIMITATIONS

Students from lesser-known universities lack exposure to industry professionals and global career pathways, which hinders competitiveness in the job market.



The Response: Supporting Youth Through Skill-Building

Youth employment in Türkiye is not only an economic challenge—it is also a matter of equity and inclusion. Proficiency in English, professional soft skills, and access to diverse networks are vital drivers of upward mobility, yet for many first-generation university students, these opportunities remain out of reach.

Esas Social launched the English Chance Program in 2020 to address these challenges by offering English training, structured soft-skills workshops by a prestigious institution, Berlitz,—including time management, CV preparation, diversity and inclusion, and interview simulations—and comprehensive career development resources and global career pathways, which hinders competitiveness in the job market.

Innovative Partnership for Greater Impact

Esas Sosyal, TPF and Goldman Sachs

The collaboration between Esas Sosyal, TPF, and Goldman Sachs shows how cross-sector partnerships can multiply social impact. Esas Sosyal brings local expertise and a data-driven approach to youth development; TPF contributes its philanthropic network and facilitated the connection with Goldman Sachs through the Community TeamWorks Program; and Goldman Sachs provides global corporate expertise and volunteer mentorship.

The **Speed Mentoring Event**, which connected Turkish students with Goldman Sachs professionals worldwide for real-time, high-impact career guidance merged language training, professional skill-building, and international mentorship into a single experience. The initiative strengthened employability, built confidence, and expanded students' career horizons.

This partnership demonstrates that when underserved youth, particularly women and first-generation graduates, are equipped with targeted training, mentorship, and access to global networks, they are more likely to overcome systemic barriers. Empowering young people with these tools fosters inclusive economic opportunity and drives long-term social mobility in Türkiye.

ESAS SOCIAL

Esas Social is a pioneering social investment platform established in 2015 by Esas Holding, one of Türkiye's leading investment firms. Focused on addressing systemic inequality, Esas Social develops long-term programs that create equal opportunities for young people from underprivileged backgrounds—especially first-generation university graduates from public universities.

Its flagship initiatives, such as the First Chance Program and the English Chance Program, provide comprehensive support through training, mentoring, employment readiness, and language development. Esas Social stands out for its data-driven approach and commitment to measurable impact, social justice, and intergenerational equity.

With strong ties to civil society and the private sector, Esas Sosyal acts as a bridge between youth and opportunity. Their partnership with TPF has enabled their work to reach a wider, global audience and connect with the Turkish diaspora in meaningful ways.

GOLDMAN SACHS

Goldman Sachs is a global financial powerhouse that also leads in corporate citizenship through volunteerism and philanthropy. With a focus on economic empowerment, education, and inclusive growth, Goldman Sachs encourages its employees to engage in meaningful service—mentoring young people, sharing expertise, and supporting social causes around the world through the Goldman Sachs Community Teamworks Program.

As part of this commitment, Goldman Sachs partnered with Esas Social and TPF to participate in the Speed Mentoring event for the English Chance Program volunteers from various Goldman Sachs offices around the world including the London, New York, Zurich, offered real-time career advice, mentorship, and inspiration to Turkish youth navigating academic and professional transitions.

This partnership reflects Goldman Sachs' belief in the power of knowledge-sharing and inclusive mentorship. By connecting with young people in Türkiye, they help expand career aspirations, build confidence, and open doors to global perspectives.

"One word: EXCELLENT. Through Esas Sosyal, I had the opportunity to meet mentors whom I would rarely have the chance to meet given my own life circumstances and network. From the moment I joined the program, as Emine Hanım rightly pointed out, the emphasis on social aspects and providing equal opportunities was a priceless example of a future role model for me. Having direct communication with those mentors and participating in such a high-quality institutional event was truly delightful for me. I found the event to be highly productive until the very last minute, and I didn't want it to end."

"At a time when I felt inadequate due to lack of experience after the job interviews as a recent graduate, this program gave me hope. I left with many notes; it was fantastic for me."

"Excellent organization and execution of the event. I was very surprised on how outgoing, open and honest the participants were communicating / exchanging with me. A very natural dialog on many different topics. I had an unforgettable time still smiling full of joy."



Impact in Numbers

ENGLISH CHANCE PROGRAM
(4th Cohort, Apr 2024 – May 2025)

500

participants (69% women)

88%

program completion rate

85%

accessed internships, workshops, trainings, or international programs during the program

93%

reported the program strengthened their CVs

86%

felt their employment prospects improved after graduation

84%

gained valuable networking opportunities

Social Return on Investment (SROI):
1 TL invested = 6.6 TL in social value

GOLDMAN SACHS SPEED MENTORING
(July 17, 2024)

28

mentees

12

Goldman Sachs mentors

Overall satisfaction:
9.29/10

Productivity rating:
9.04/10

Communication skills rating:
9.29/10

Impact Beyond Numbers

Beyond the numbers, participants reported increased confidence, improved self-expression, and enhanced networking skills—particularly in English. Engaging with global professionals offered valuable inspiration, career guidance, and motivation to pursue future goals. The experience fostered a strong sense of inclusion, belonging, and career readiness, while providing hope and encouragement to recent graduates facing challenging job market conditions. Mentors and mentees alike described the exchange as mutually enriching, with both sides gaining new perspectives and learning from one another.

Conclusion

The collaboration between Esas Social, TPF, and Goldman Sachs demonstrates how targeted investment, corporate voluntary engagement, and grassroots expertise can unite to empower youth and unlock their potential. Programs like English Chance are vital for closing opportunity gaps and preparing Türkiye’s next generation for success in a global economy.

By integrating language training, professional skills development, and global mentorship, and by leveraging innovative cross-sector partnerships, this model not only equips Türkiye’s young people for today’s job market but also positions them to thrive in an interconnected world.

“I am honored to connect talented young people in Türkiye with experienced professionals through Goldman Sachs’ Community TeamWorks. The participants, selected from Esas Sosyal’s English Chance program, exemplify the potential of youth empowered through education and mentorship. Seeing my colleagues step up to mentor, share their experiences, and inspire students was deeply meaningful—not just for the participants, but for us as well. Bringing my colleagues on board has been incredibly rewarding; witnessing them guide students, share insights, and build confidence shows the real impact mentorship can have. Initiatives like this open doors for youth, broaden perspectives, and create opportunities that truly change lives.”

Başak Yavuz
Partner, Goldman Sachs

PARTNERING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CORPORATIONS



EVENT SPONSORSHIPS AND PARTICIPATION

Be part of our exclusive events.

HOW? You can support our galas and events by committing to specific aspects of an event or establishing long-term partnerships where you commit to sponsoring multiple events for a specific period. Event sponsorships offer a platform to showcase shared values and engage with our network of supporters to further serve our communities.



MATCHING GIFTS

Honor your employees for their acts of giving.

HOW? Double or triple the impact of your employees' contributions by matching their charitable gifts to TPF. Matching programs can be customized to highlight causes that resonate with your workforce.

27,748
MATCHING
GIFTS

TOTALING
\$4,313,543
LAST 5 YEARS



STRATEGIC PHILANTHROPIC ADVISING

Shape your giving with impact

HOW? Work with TPF's experts to design innovative, tailored giving strategies and cause marketing programs that align with your corporate mission and values. We provide guidance to ensure your philanthropy is both meaningful and effective, connecting your goals with pressing community needs.



IN-KIND GIFTS

Share your expertise for good.

HOW? In kind gifts are accepted only for TPF case by case basis. You can provide professional services or pro bono expertise to support TPF or our vetted NGO partners. These contributions are accepted on a case-by-case basis to ensure they meet community needs.



TPF'S CHANGEMAKER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Invest in future leaders.

HOW? Support TPF's Changemaker Scholarship Fund, which provides talented students in Türkiye with access to quality education in the U.S. Your contribution can fund scholarships fully or partially.



CORPORATE GIVING PROGRAMS

Turn your vision into action.

HOW? Collaborate with TPF and our vetted NGO partners to design and implement projects that align with your company's focus areas. We manage the process end-to-end, from due diligence and grantmaking to monitoring and reporting.



PERCENTAGE SALE

Turn customers into changemakers.

HOW? Commit a portion of sales from designated products or services to TPF or a specific cause. Campaigns can be time-bound or ongoing, and we'll help connect them to community impact.



PARTNERING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FOUNDATIONS



CO-GRANTING PARTNERSHIPS

Multiply your impact.

HOW? Collaborate with TPF to scale programs in shared priority areas. By combining resources, we co-design and fund initiatives that expand reach and deepen results.

WHY? Through TPF’s local knowledge and trusted relationships in Türkiye, your philanthropic investments go further—achieving greater scale, efficiency, and community impact.

DISASTER RELIEF AND RECOVERY EFFORTS

Respond when it matters most.

HOW? Partner with TPF to provide timely emergency relief and long-term recovery support in the aftermath of disasters. Contributions can be directed to TPF’s Disaster Fund or to tailored recovery projects.

WHY? With our rapid response infrastructure and deep local network, we ensure aid reaches affected communities efficiently and that recovery efforts are sustained well beyond the immediate crisis.

DISSOLVE A FOUNDATION INTO A FUND AT TPF

Simplify without losing impact.

HOW? Transition your private foundation into a fund at TPF. We manage all compliance, administration, and grantmaking, while honoring your charitable goals and legacy. Funds can carry your name and be fully customized to reflect your mission.

WHY? Running a private foundation can be costly and burdensome. By shifting to TPF, you eliminate overhead while ensuring your resources are fully dedicated to grants and impact—safeguarding your legacy with ease and transparency.

SUPPORT EXISTING PROJECTS

Strengthen what works.

HOW? Join us in funding initiatives from TPF’s extensive project portfolio that align with your mission and focus areas. We handle due diligence, local empowerment, and transparent budget oversight.

WHY? Supporting existing projects ensures resources reach vulnerable communities quickly while maximizing outcomes through proven models already making a difference.

CUSTOMIZED GRANT PROGRAMS

Extend your foundation’s reach.

HOW? Let TPF manage the grantmaking process on your behalf from identifying and vetting nonprofits to conducting site visits, administering funds, and monitoring impact.

WHY? By outsourcing grant administration to TPF, your foundation amplifies its effectiveness, ensures compliance, and delivers measurable results, freeing you to focus on vision rather than administration.

LAST 3 YEARS

AMOUNT	QUANTITY
CORPORATIONS \$2,631,536.63	223
FOUNDATIONS \$3,642,699.27	149

We express our deepest appreciation to all the institutional allies who have steadfastly championed our cause.

We are deeply grateful for the overwhelming support from so many distinguished entities. While we cannot individually acknowledge every supporter here, we wish to highlight select partnerships that exemplify the collaborative spirit and drive behind our collective efforts.



FOR ATTORNEYS AND FINANCIAL ADVISORS

Let Us Help You Help Your Clients

TPF AS YOUR CHARITABLE PARTNER

At Turkish Philanthropy Funds, we know attorneys, accountants, wealth managers, and financial planners play a vital role in guiding clients' philanthropic goals. By partnering with TPF, you help your clients make tax-advantaged gifts that reflect their values while maximizing impact in Türkiye, the U.S., and beyond. We're chosen by countless Turkish-Americans for our expert team, diverse giving options, ability to handle complex assets, understanding of community needs, and efficient management.

WHY CHOOSE TPF FOR YOUR CLIENTS?

TAX ADVANTAGES

Maximize U.S. tax benefits while giving internationally.

Our IRS classification confirms maximum legal tax benefits for donors. TPF is "tax-exempt" under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; as a "publicly supported" organization under Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi); "not a private foundation" under Section 509(a)(1); and as a "community trust" under Treas. Reg. Sections 1.170A-9(e)(10) and (11).

SIMPLIFIED GIVING

We handle compliance, due diligence, and reporting.

CUSTOMIZED SOLUTIONS

Donor-Advised Funds, planned gifts, scholarships, and more.

TRUSTED PARTNER NETWORK

Every NGO vetted for accountability and transparency.

LEGACY PLANNING

Create lasting impact through bequests, estates, or life insurance.

GLOBAL IMPACT, LOCAL EXPERTISE

Nearly two decades connecting U.S. donors with Türkiye's needs.

Client Scenarios We Support

The Entrepreneur Giving Back

Opens a Donor-Advised Fund after selling a business.

The Family Preserving a Legacy

Creates a Designated Fund for girls' education.

The Corporate Executive

Establishes a Matching Gift Program for employees.

The Global Citizen

Supports nonprofits in both New York and Istanbul.

The Planner Thinking Ahead

Builds a planned gift into an estate plan.

The Gift of Unneeded Life Insurance

Transfers a policy to fund lasting causes.

Appreciated Assets

Donates stock, avoids capital gains, increases impact.

Retirement Accounts

Uses IRA/401(k) to minimize estate taxes and give back.

The Donor Who Wants Simplicity

Lets TPF handle compliance and reporting.

The Family Considering or Winding Down a Private Foundation

Chooses a DAF over running their own foundation, ensuring their legacy endures.

How TPF Supports You

We provide the structure, expertise, and flexibility that allow you to focus on your client's vision.

We become part of your advisory team, offering seamless, impactful, and lasting ways to achieve each client's philanthropic goals.

Contact us to discuss your client's charitable legacy

We can provide information about our fund types, suggested wording to help draft the gift instrument, and more.

Pınar Özyürek
TPF Director of Philanthropy
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pinar@tpfund.org

THE PEOPLE BEHIND TPF

We are honored to collaborate with a community of philanthropists whose **many stories come together in one purpose: creating lasting impact.** Our vibrant donor community continually pushes the boundaries of generosity, committed to profound and enduring change.

Your unwavering dedication and kindness enrich our shared legacy of giving and strengthen the bonds that unite and empower our community. Together, we weave our stories into the very fabric of philanthropy, inspiring new possibility and hope.

The Founders Society

Turkish Philanthropy Funds' Founders Society is a circle of visionary leaders whose belief in the power of community and generosity laid the very foundation upon which TPF stands today. Each story of giving within this circle—investment of \$50,000 or more—has become part of a larger purpose: building TPF into a trusted platform for strategic philanthropy.

These founding donors do more than fund programs. They shape possibilities. They inspire others to give boldly. And together, their many stories have advanced one shared purpose: addressing the most pressing challenges facing our communities in Türkiye, the U.S., and beyond.

We are deeply grateful to each member of the Founders Society for their generosity, trust, and partnership. Their commitment not only sustains our mission—it powers a legacy of impact for generations to come.

With heartfelt appreciation, we thank the following members of our Founders Society.

THE NORTHSTARS \$1M+

The Özmen Family
Nihal and Haldun Tashman
Hamdi Ulukaya

CHAIRMAN'S CIRCLE \$500,000+

Serpil and Yalçın Ayaslı

LEADERSHIP CIRCLE \$250,000+

Özlenen Eser Kalav
Mehmet Lütfi Kırdar
Haluk Soykan

PIONEERING PARTNERS \$150,000+

Mustafa Kemal Abadan
Hakkı Akbulak
Vedat and Assia Eyüboğlu

The Founders Circle

TPF's six founding members had a vision for a foundation that could encourage philanthropy among those interested in supporting Türkiye 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 to our **legacy**. And we are forever grateful for their service.

Haldun Tashman, Chairman Emeritus

Haluk Soykan

Mustafa Kemal Abadan

Murat Ağırnaslı

Özlenen Eser Kalav, CEO Emeritus

Erinch R. Özada

LEAD PARTNERS \$100,000+

Ender and Murat Ağırnaslı
Selin and Ali Gülçelik
Şevket Turgut Neşe
Louis and Aylin Tashman Kim

KEYSTONE PARTNERS \$50,000+

The Attar Family
Zeynep and Evren Bilimer
Nakiye and Ziya Boyacıgiller
Nur and Aziz V. Hamzaoğulları
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Jetta and Çetin Karabulut
The Marmara Group
Hatice and Kevin Morrissey
Erinch Özada
Yonca and Halit Özbelli
Ramerica Foundation
Fatma and Eugene Sayan
Elif and Tamer Seçkin
Burcu and Mete Tuncel

The Legacy Society

At Turkish Philanthropy Funds, we are honored to celebrate our Legacy Donors, visionary individuals and families whose many stories of generosity unite in one purpose: creating impact that endures across generations.

By including TPF in their estate plans or establishing permanent funds, these donors ensure the causes they care about continue to flourish. Their foresight not only sustains our mission but also lights the way for future generations. We are profoundly grateful for their lasting commitment.

Mustafa Kemal Abadan
Anonymous
Nakiye and Ziya Boyacıgiller
Ömer Ertur
Özlenen Eser Kalav
Hülya and Aydın Koç
Şevket Turgut Neşe
Cevat ve Nezahat Neziroğlu
Asuman and Faruk Özer
Ali Rıza Sarioğlu
Elaine and Mehmet Selis
Asuman and Metin Taşkın
Nihal and Haldun Tashman
Ömer Uzun

TPF Giving Funds

The following is a list of funds at Turkish Philanthropy Funds in Fiscal Year 2025

* Funds in bold are Memorial Funds

Ağırnaslı Fund

Amazing Futures Fund

Arkadaş Fund

Atalı Family Fund

**Attila Karaosmanoğlu
Scholarship Fund**

Aylin Kim Fund

Başol Family Fund

BEBA Innovation and
Entrepreneurship
Foundation Fund

Brainstem Goodness Fund

Bülent Elmacı Fund

Defne-Can Gürsel
Kurtteveli Fund

Dorothy and Robert Keller
Excellence in Teaching Fund

Dreamcatcher Fund

Ege Family Fund

Eken-Schieber Fund

Emre Özgü Scholarship Fund

Erzurum Education Fund

Fatoş and Ahmet Bozer
Fund

Fügen Neziroğlu's Women's
Voice Fund

Gamze Ateş Charitable
Fund

Hülya and Aydın Koç Fund

**Irem Bölükbaşı
Memorial Fund**

Kenan and Kayla İncoğlu
Fund

Lisa Sardinas Gift Fund

Melike and Ahmet Raşit
Öztürk Fund

Muslu Family Fund

Nihal Akbulut Fund

OSA Education Fund

Özmen Fund

Porcaro Education Fund

**Rasim and Nesrin Bayraslı
Scholarship Fund**

Sankur Family Fund

Seçkin Family Fund

Sedona Fund

Serkan Tosun Fund

Shepherd Family Fund

Tashman Fund

Tashman-Kim Fund

Taşkın Education Fund

The Lale-Tunç Doluca Fund

Turkish Women's
Initiative Fund

Üçok Family Fund

Umudumuz Fund

Vedat and Assia Eyüboğlu
Family Fund

Yavuz and Nermin
Abadan Fund

Yusuf Galip Üçok Fund

Zafer Ecevit Fund

Ziya and Nakiye
Boyacıgiller Family Fund

**Ziya G. Boyacıgiller
Memorial Fund**

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Gülçelik Family Funds

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Maria Figueroa Küpçü
Founding Partner, Helia
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Lexin Capital

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Bernstein Private Wealth
Management

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Philanthropist

Tamer Seçkin
Surgeon, Author, and
Founder, Endometriosis
Foundation of America

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Chief Information Officer,
Commercial Bank at Lloyds
Banking Group

Senay Ataselim Yılmaz,
Ph.D.
Executive Director, TPF

Management

Şenay Ataselim Yılmaz, Ph.D., *Executive Director*

Senay leads Turkish Philanthropy Funds as its Executive Director and has been instrumental since its inception. She is a writer, lecturer, and passionate advocate for social change. Recognized with the 2025 Beacon Award presented by the Ellis Island Honors Society, the International Herst Fellow by the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society, and as a Young Society Leader by the American-Turkish Society. She holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the Graduate Center, CUNY, and has completed executive education programs at Columbia and Harvard Business Schools. Additionally, Senay is a trained yoga and mindfulness instructor.

Sandra Escaruiazo, *Director of Finance*

Sandra is the Director of Finance with over twelve years of experience in nonprofit management, with a particular focus on financial management and grants administration. She has led international programs advancing human rights and women's rights across Europe, Latin America, and North Africa. Sandra brings deep expertise in organizational operations, program oversight, and cross-regional partnerships. She holds extensive experience in strengthening nonprofit systems to maximize impact and sustainability.

Pınar Özyürek, *Director of Philanthropy*

Pınar is the Director of Philanthropy, bringing more than 15 years of experience in fundraising and donor relations. She has held leadership roles at Koç University, SEV, and Esas Holding/Esas Social. Pınar specializes in major donor cultivation, corporate partnerships, and strategic philanthropy. She holds a BA from Koç University and MA degrees from Sabancı University and the University of Chicago. Her professional development includes, among other qualifications, a Leadership Certificate from Columbia Business School and a Fundraising Certificate from the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy at Indiana University.

Burçak Küçükusta, *Institutional Partnerships Lead*

Burçak is a marketing and innovation professional with 15+ years of experience in the consumer goods and footwear industries. She began her career at Unilever Türkiye and later led B2B consultancy and e-commerce at her family's fourth-generation footwear business. Deeply committed to social impact, she has championed scholarship initiatives, led alumni engagement for ACI (Izmir American Collegiate Institute), and supported family business development through TAIDER. She serves as President of the R&D Committee and on the Supervisory Board of TASEV (Turkish Shoe Sector Development Foundation), fostering cross-sector collaboration. A Sabancı University economics graduate, she also holds an executive MBA from Boğaziçi and a digital marketing certificate from Northwestern University.

Amber Deniz Kale, *Communications Lead*

Deniz is a storyteller passionate about uplifting communities through meaningful connection. She studied Arts Administration at Sorbonne University and earned an MA in Media Studies from The New School, where her thesis explored gender-based violence in Türkiye. Before joining the nonprofit world, she worked in art galleries and taught baking, believing both art and food foster connection. At TPF, she manages content across all communication platforms, sharing stories that inspire giving and impact. Based in Los Angeles, she represents TPF on the West Coast and believes even small acts of kindness can spark meaningful change.

Seda Özdemir Şimşek, *Earthquake Fund Lead*

Seda is a seasoned researcher and strategic program leader with extensive experience in civil society. She has also served as a university lecturer for many years, integrating academic knowledge with real-world impact. Seda holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science and International Relations from Marmara University and a master's degree in Modern Turkish History from Boğaziçi University, where she is currently pursuing her Ph.D. Her work spans research, program development, and capacity building, reflecting a deep commitment to social change. Seda's interdisciplinary approach bridges academia and community, driving inclusive, impactful, and sustainable initiatives across diverse sectors.

Seval Gülen Arkan, *Programs Lead*

Seval is a sociologist with expertise in social research, program coordination, and civil society engagement. She earned her BA in Sociology from Middle East Technical University and completed her MA in Modern Turkish History at the Atatürk Institute of Bogazici University. She has served as a research assistant at Maltepe University and Bogazici University and has contributed to research projects focused on local politics, religion, agriculture, and labor conditions in Türkiye. From 2018 to 2022, she served as General Coordinator at the Karakutu Association, and she continues to play an active role in civil society organizations.

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Intern

Kayra Aran
Intern

Ela Krause
Intern

Derin Aksoy
Intern

Güler Ayçiçek
Intern

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Intern

Leyla Küpçü
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İpek Cem Taha

Innovation & Social Impact Summit Committee

Didem Altop

Zeynep Bilimer

Ayşegül İldeniz

Ülkü Rowe



Financial STEWARDSHIP

Building Trust Through Every Contribution

TRACEABLE ACCOUNTABILITY

Financial Stewardship

Turkish Philanthropy Funds takes great pride in providing clear, transparent information about our investment management and performance, financial position, and administrative fees.

Our board of directors has developed investment policies and guidelines that provide for prudent asset management. An Investment Committee, composed of board members and volunteer experts in the investment field, oversees the investment activities of TPF.

Investment Management

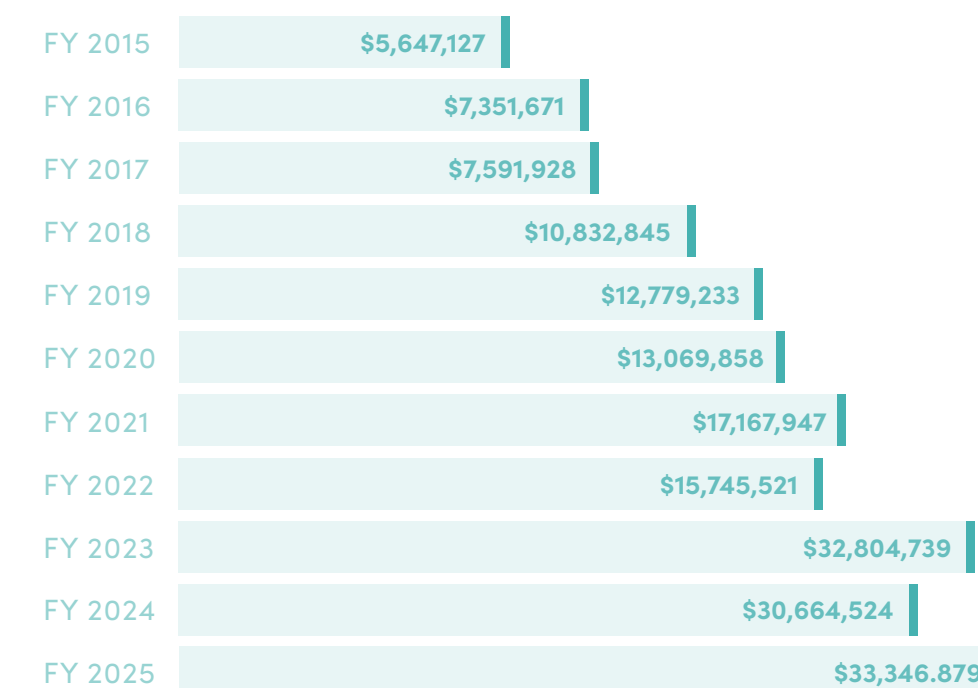
Effective and strategic investment of assets is one of our key responsibilities. Turkish Philanthropy Funds' investment philosophy is to invest charitable funds prudently that support both growth and grantmaking. TPFs investment portfolio comprises diversified pools managed by specialized investment managers.

1 - GUIDANCE: With our Investment Committee overseeing the management of TPF's investment program, we rely on seasoned investment and business professionals drawn from our Board of Directors and the larger community.

2 - TRANSPARENCY: TPF consistently works to enhance its reporting, assuring that donors understand our overall strategy for managing long-term and short-term assets. TPF frequently communicates with donors to make it easy to obtain detailed information on our financial position, portfolio performance, administrative fees, and policies. All audits and returns are available on our website.

3 - CHOICE: TPF partners with Morgan Stanley Global Impact Funding Trust, Inc. (MS GIFT) to offer a variety of investment options to serve our donors' charitable goals. As the sponsor of TPF's DAFs, MS GIFT manages the investment of DAFs. Funds may be invested in one of eight Investment Pools shown below, as well as a Money Market Pool. Discover these investment pool options that are available to suit various objectives (as of June 30, 2025):

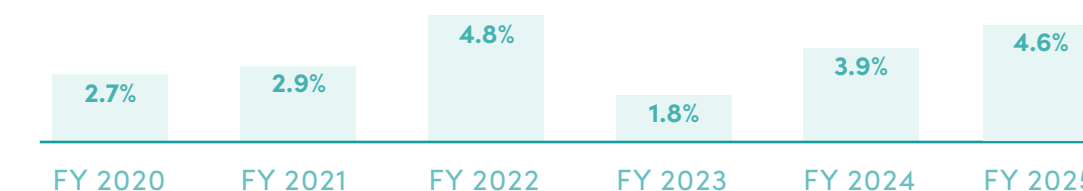
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS over 10 years



TOTAL ASSETS by fund type



CHANGE IN OPERATING EXPENSES over 5 years as a percentage of total assets



TRACEABLE ACCOUNTABILITY

OBJECTIVE

AGRESSIVE
POOL

Seeks to provide growth of capital through a long-term target asset allocation of 80% Equities and 20% Fixed Income.

GROWTH
POOL

Seeks to provide growth of capital and modest current income through a long-term target asset allocation of 62% Equities and 38% FixedIncome.

BALANCED
POOL

Seeks to provide a combination of growth of capital and current income through a long-term target asset allocation of 47% Equities and 53% Fixed Income.

CONSERVATIVE
POOL

Seeks to provide some growth of capital with a focus on current income through a long-term target asset allocation of 80% Fixed Income and 20% Equities.

Investing with Impact

AGRESSIVE
POOL

Seeks to provide growth of capital through a long-term target asset allocation of 100% Equities. As available and prudent, this pool will seek investments, which support and/or recognize the importance of environmental, social and governance factors through exclusionary screening, integrating environmental, social and governance criteria into the investment selection process and other approaches.

Investing with Impact

BALANCED
POOL

Seeks to provide a combination of growth of capital and current income through a long-term target asset allocation of 47% Equities and 53% Fixed Income. As available and prudent, this pool will seek investments, which support and/or recognize the importance of environmental, social and governance factors through exclusionary screening, integrating environmental, social and governance criteria into the investment selection process and other approaches.

ETF EQUITIES
POOL

Seeks to provide growth of capital through a long-term target asset allocation of 100% Equities.

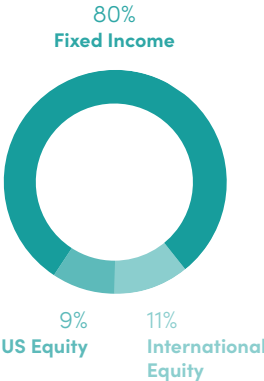
ETF FIXED
INCOME POOL

Seeks to provide some growth of capital with a focus on current income through a long-term target asset allocation of 100% Fixed Income.

MONEY
MARKET POOL

Invested in bank deposits and short-term cash equivalents. FDIC insured.

STRATEGIC TARGET ALLOCATIONS



LEGACY POOL	3 MONTHS	YTD	12 MONTHS	3 YEARS	5 YEARS	10 YEARS	SINCE INCEPTION
MS GIFT Balanced Fund	6.02%	6.71%	9.46%	7.71%	5.58%		5.86%
BENCHMARK	6.30%	7.01%	11.08%	10.00%	6.63%		7.12%
MS GIFT Aggressive Fund	8.87%	8.41%	11.97%	11.95%	9.37%		10.60%
BENCHMARK	9.42%	8.89%	14.16%	14.34%	10.76%		11.71%
MS GIFT Conservative	3.31%	4.87%	6.91%	4.11%	2.10%	2.73%	3.20%
BENCHMARK	3.21%	4.99%	7.93%	5.83%	2.71%	3.57%	3.92%
MS GIFT Growth Fund	7.48%	7.52%	10.85%	10.24%	7.86%		8.66%
BENCHMARK	7.86%	8.00%	12.65%	12.09%	8.59%		9.34%
MS GIFT Impact Aggressive Fund	10.50%	9.40%	12.86%	14.80%	10.72%	7.54%	7.44%
BENCHMARK	11.53%	10.05%	16.17%	17.35%	13.65%	9.99%	9.57%
MS GIFT Impact Balanced Fund	5.73%	6.53%	8.96%	8.08%	4.71%	4.09%	4.05%
BENCHMARK	6.31%	7.10%	11.13%	9.87%	6.43%	6.05%	5.82%
MS GIFT Fixed Income ETF	0.74%	2.96%	4.15%				%
BENCHMARK	1.21%	4.02%	6.08%				%
MS GIFT Equity ETF	9.51%	8.97%	12.96%	11.52%	9.21%	7.16%	8.52%
BENCHMARK	9.42%	8.89%	141.6%	14.34%	10.76%	8.46%	8.43%

4 - FEES: Our administrative fee on your investment is straightforward, all-inclusive, and drives higher returns. Each Fund is subject to an annual charitable administrative fee to cover DAF operating expenses such as grantmaking, recordkeeping, annual audits, tax filing, quarterly statements, and other legal and fiscal responsibilities. We follow your instructions and execute your philanthropic needs. We closely manage costs to minimize these fees and benchmark them against industry averages to ensure competitiveness. Fees also keep us on track to ensure that we provide the highest quality service to our donors. In addition, Fund accounts are charged relevant investment management fees by MS GIFT.

Read our full investment brochure on our website: www.tpfund.org

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

TPF has received the highest ranking from all charity evaluators, validating that TPF adheres to sector best practices and is financially efficient in executing our mission.

1,283
DONORS

CONTRIBUTED TO NEW AND
EXISTING FUNDS,
bringing our total assets to

\$33.4M

\$1.6M

INVESTED
in donor-advised
funds

\$2.3M

ENTRUSTED TO TPF
to grant directly
to partners on the
ground

\$622K

CONTRIBUTED
to add to our discretionary funds
supporting a range of critical issues

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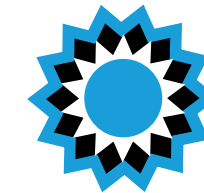
GRANTS AND
SCHOLARSHIPS
were awarded,
totaling more than

\$6M

BRINGING TPF'S
TOTAL GRANTMAKING
since its founding
in 2007 to

\$54M

Operating expenses were 4.6% of total assets —significantly lower than the 5–7% benchmark for community foundations nationwide, underscoring TPF's strong financial stewardship and operational efficiency to maximizes the dollars available for communities.



TURKISH
PHILANTHROPY
FUNDS

Every story shared in this report—of donors, partners, scholars, and communities—reminds us of one truth: while each journey is unique, together they advance a single purpose.

At Turkish Philanthropy Funds, we are humbled by the trust you place in us and inspired by the generosity that fuels our collective mission. To date, more than 100,000 donors have contributed over \$50 million to 250+ organizations, touching more than 3 million lives. These stories of giving and resilience not only change lives today but also shape a brighter tomorrow.

As we look ahead, we invite you to continue writing this story with us. Together, through many stories and one shared purpose, we will keep building hope, strengthening communities, and creating lasting impact.

Thank you for being part of this journey.

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