

LEADERSHIP LETTER

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

Every year gives us an opportunity to reflect not only on what we have accomplished, but on what made that impact possible. As we look back on FY26, one idea stands out: **connection**.

For 19 years, TPF has brought together people who want to make a difference with the organizations, knowledge, resources, and opportunities that can turn that intention into meaningful action. What began with a belief in the power of philanthropy has grown into something much larger: an ecosystem of donors, nonprofit partners, scholars, companies, foundations, advisors, academic institutions, volunteers, and community leaders working across Türkiye and the United States.

This year, we saw the power of that ecosystem in countless ways.

We saw it in students whose ambitions were met with opportunities that could change the course of their lives. We saw it in donors who transformed deeply personal values and legacies into opportunities for the next generation. We saw it in local organizations that continued to stand beside communities long after the urgency of a crisis had faded from the headlines. We saw it in companies and foundations that brought their resources and reach to shared challenges. And we saw it when leaders, experts, and changemakers came together to exchange ideas, build relationships, and imagine what might be possible together.

These stories remind us that philanthropy is rarely the work of one person or one institution.

TPF’s role is to help make these connections possible and make them stronger. We connect generosity with purpose, resources with trusted local knowledge, and people with opportunities to contribute. We bring institutions together around shared challenges. We invest not only in programs, but also in the people and organizations that sustain change over time. And we create spaces where relationships can grow into partnerships, and partnerships into collective action.

The strength of this ecosystem is also reflected in TPF’s growth. We ended FY26 with **\$37.2 million in net assets**, including more than **\$14.2 million in our endowment**, strengthening the financial foundation of TPF. During the year, we granted **\$4.93 million through more than 190 grants to 100 organizations**, connecting philanthropic resources with work across education, health, gender equality, disaster resilience, social and economic development, arts and culture, and the environment.

The numbers demonstrate how far TPF has come. But they also give us a greater responsibility to think beyond immediate results.

As our work following the 2023 earthquakes enters its final phase, our focus is increasingly on the long-term strength and sustainability of organizations rooted in affected communities, so that the capacity built through years of recovery remains long after the Earthquake Fund itself concludes. Through our scholarship programs, we are building relationships with young people that we hope will extend far beyond their education. Through our institutional partnerships, we are connecting local experience with global knowledge and expertise. And through

the TPF Summit, Dialogue Circles and Community Tables, we are creating places for people and ideas to meet in ways that can lead to something new.

Across all of this work, we are asking not simply **what philanthropy can accomplish today, but what it can help make possible tomorrow**.

None of this happens without trust.

The resources entrusted to TPF represent people’s hopes, priorities, memories, and aspirations for the future. Stewarding them responsibly is one of our greatest responsibilities. Strong governance, transparency, thoughtful due diligence, and organizational sustainability are not separate from our mission. They are the foundation that allows every other part of this ecosystem to work.

As we approach TPF’s 20th anniversary, we are especially mindful of how far this community has come. Over the past decade alone, TPF’s net assets have grown more than sixfold. Yet what matters most is what exists behind that growth: relationships built over nearly two decades, organizations strengthened, opportunities created, and a community that continues to expand because people choose to participate in it.

To every donor who entrusted us with your philanthropy, every nonprofit partner who invited us into your work, every scholar who shared your aspirations with us, every company, foundation, and institution that collaborated with us, and every volunteer, advisor, Board member, committee member, and friend who contributed your time, expertise, and belief in our mission: **thank you**.

You are not simply part of TPF’s story. **You are part of what makes this ecosystem possible**.

Together, we have spent 19 years building connections. As we enter our 20th year, we look forward to seeing what those connections make possible next.

With gratitude,



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