OUR PEOPLE

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 and to our legacy. And, we are forever grateful for their service.

Haldun Tashman
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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. Their early and sustained investments—each a commitment of $50,000 or more—have made it possible for TPF to grow into a trusted platform for strategic giving.

These founding donors do more than fund programs. They shape possibilities, they inspire others to give boldly, and they ensure that we can continue 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 support is not only sustaining our mission—it is powering a legacy of impact.

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

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$1M+

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$500,000+

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The 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.

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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
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Şenay Ataselim Yılmaz, Ph.D
Executive Director

Şenay 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, Şenay is a trained yoga and mindfulness instructor.

Seval Gülen Arıkan
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 Ataturk Institute of Boğaziçi 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.

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.

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.

Bahar Aldanmaz Fidan, Ph.D
Foundation Relations and Grants Lead

Bahar is a sociologist with expertise in gender justice, disaster response, and transnational philanthropy. She earned her MA in Social Sciences from the University of Chicago and her Ph.D in Sociology from Boston University, where she was awarded the Community Impact Award. A Fulbright scholar and recipient of the Sociologists for Women in Society Social Impact Award, she has combined academic research with nonprofit leadership throughout her career. She co-founded Konuşmamız Gerek, Türkiye's first NGO dedicated to menstrual justice, which has reached more than two million girls and women across 32 provinces. She is also the co-author of Hadi Konuşalım, the first children's book in Turkish on menstruation. At TPF, she applies her academic and civil society experience to strengthen partnerships and advance community-driven philanthropy.

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 University and a digital marketing certificate from Northwestern University.

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TPF DIALOGUE CIRCLE

This Year's Conversations

Some of the most meaningful connections begin with a conversation.

The **TPF Dialogue Circle** brings together senior business leaders, entrepreneurs, innovators, and thinkers in an intimate setting to exchange perspectives on the ideas shaping our lives, our communities, and our future.

Through invitation-only gatherings, the Circle creates space for conversations that go beyond traditional networking. Members engage directly with thought leaders and one another around topics ranging from leadership and artificial intelligence to youth opportunity, women's entrepreneurship, social impact, and our changing world.

Each gathering begins with a different question, but the purpose remains the same: to bring people and ideas together, encourage new perspectives, deepen relationships, and connect leadership with a broader sense of responsibility to the community.

Over time, these conversations are building something larger than any single event: a community of leaders who come together not because they necessarily share the same perspectives, but because they value curiosity, thoughtful exchange, and the possibility of learning from one another.

WHERE AI MEETS HUMANITY

How can advances in science and technology expand what is possible in human health while keeping people at the center?

Dr. Tamer Seçkin
Surgeon, Author & Founder Endometriosis Foundation of America

Dr. Piraye Beim
Geneticist, Founder & CEO, Celmatix

POWER IN A CHANGING WORLD

What responsibility do we carry toward events and communities that may be geographically distant but increasingly impossible to view as disconnected from our own lives?

Suzy Hansen
Writer

Elmira Bayraslı
CEO, Interruptrr

BECOMING THE LEADER WITHIN

What does leadership require when navigating change begins with understanding ourselves?

Ahmet Bozer
Author, Soulgery: A Lifelong Guide to Unlocking Your Potential

"For me, what makes TPF Circle unique is the combination of its intimate format, exceptional people, and greater purpose. Hosting gatherings in members' homes creates a cozy environment where conversations happen naturally and friendships develop organically. The opportunity to hear from inspiring guest speakers and fellow members means there is always something new to learn, regardless of your background or profession. Most importantly, TPF Circle brings together people who not only strive for professional success but also care deeply about supporting others and strengthening our community through philanthropy. That shared sense of purpose is what truly sets the experience apart and makes me proud to be part of the TPF community."

– **Onur Akansel,** TPF Dialogue Circle Member

"TPF Circle is a catalyst for me to reconnect with the group of people I enjoy meeting and associate myself with in New York. I tell my friends in the US that TPF does a great job in putting together high quality content and balances socializing and sophisticated discussions at all the events I attend. Also, years of consistent leadership and investment into building systems and processes continues to impress me."

– **Can İkinci,** TPF Dialogue Circle Member

We are grateful to the members of the TPF Dialogue Circle who continue to lead with curiosity, vision, and a commitment to something larger than themselves. Together, we are creating a community where meaningful conversations build relationships, broaden perspectives, and inspire new possibilities for impact.

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JOIN US AT THE TABLE

Some of the strongest communities are built around a table

TPF Community Tables

COME TO THE TABLE › SHARE › LISTEN › CONNECT › BELONG › ACT

Inspired by a tradition deeply rooted in Turkish culture, where gathering around a table means far more than sharing a meal, TPF Community Tables bring people together in intimate gatherings across the United States to meet, listen, exchange ideas, and build meaningful relationships.

Each table brings together a different mix of people: longtime members of the TPF community and those joining us for the first time, people from different generations, professions, cities, and experiences. What connects them is a shared interest in community and a desire to make a difference.

There is no stage and no formal program to sit through. The experience is intentionally personal. Guests have the opportunity to get to know one another, hear perspectives they may not otherwise encounter, learn more about the work happening across the TPF ecosystem, and explore the issues and causes that matter to them.

Over a meal, introductions become conversations. Conversations become relationships. And sometimes, those relationships become new ideas, collaborations, and ways of giving back.

That is the idea behind the Community Table:
creating a place where everyone has something to bring and everyone has a place to belong.

WHAT HAPPENS AROUND THE TABLE

Every table is different. Every conversation brings something new. Together, they are helping build a community connected not only by where we come from, but by what we hope to make possible.

COMMUNITY TAKES SHAPE

Longtime supporters reconnect face-to-face while new members of the community find a welcoming place to join.

NEW CONNECTIONS BEGIN

Guests meet people they may not otherwise encounter, discovering shared interests, experiences, and values.

STORIES ARE EXCHANGED

Personal journeys and different perspectives create opportunities to listen, learn, and understand one another more deeply.

IMPACT COMES CLOSER

Conversations with TPF staff, partners, and community members bring the work happening in Türkiye and the U.S. closer to the people supporting it.

IDEAS BEGIN TO GROW

Informal conversations can lead to new collaborations, introductions, and opportunities to contribute.

PHILANTHROPY BECOMES PERSONAL

Guests can explore what giving means to them and discover different ways to translate their interests and values into impact.

TPF COMMUNITY TABLE

March 27, 2026

Westport, Connecticut

Our first **Community Table** brought a small group together for a spring lunch in Westport, marking the beginning of a new way for the TPF community to connect closer to home.

Around the table were longtime TPF supporters and people newer to our community, representing different generations, professions, experiences, and connections to Türkiye. Some arrived knowing one another; others were meeting for the first time. What they shared was a curiosity about each other and an interest in community, philanthropy, and finding meaningful ways to stay connected. Over lunch, introductions quickly gave way to personal stories, shared interests, and conversations about the issues and opportunities that matter to each guest.

What begins at the table can continue far beyond it, one introduction becoming a relationship, one conversation opening another, and one table helping a community take shape.

What Stayed with Us

- **NEW RELATIONSHIPS FORMED NATURALLY**
  Guests who had never met quickly discovered common interests and experiences.
- **THE GATHERING BECAME A DOORWAY INTO THE BROADER TPF COMMUNITY**
  Some guests went on to attend the TPF Summit and find other ways to engage.
- **THE CONNECTIONS CONTINUED BEYOND THE TABLE**
  Several attendees stayed in touch, building new friendships and meeting again independently.
- **A LOCAL COMMUNITY BEGAN TO TAKE SHAPE**
  What started as one lunch created the beginnings of a network of people connected not only to TPF, but increasingly to one another.