

BTF ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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BRIDGE TO TÜRKİYE FUND



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear BTF Community,

This year, we are delighted to be entering our 20th year. The journey we embarked upon in 2003 as a small and local community of like-minded individuals has blossomed into a mature organization that has spread to many corners of the United States and beyond.

Like the classic story of The Little Engine That Could, for almost 20 years, we have been chugging along, full of optimism and perseverance. We have come a long way from our early beginnings and humble days of supporting a couple of rural scholarships. This year, we are proud to support over 1,600 University Scholarships and nearly 300 rural school teachers with educational kits. Even though our load gets heavier each year, we continue to remind ourselves, like in The Little Engine That Could, "We think we can; We think we can!"

Of course, without your trusted support, none of this would be possible. Because of you, our generous community of givers, and your unwavering support, we continue to grow year after year. You are the essential ingredient of our cause. You provide the fuel for this little engine! Our gratitude runs deep for all of you. A million times, our thanks go to you...

Our simple charitable model is to remove barriers to education. And our North Star is Better Education. Through our bridge of kindness, we connect thousands of donors from around the globe to thousands of students and teachers in Türkiye. Together, we are working to bring about hope and opportunities for young learners, gender equity for girls, and empowerment for exceptional teachers, by funding their needs. In short, we are unlocking potential and providing equitable education for underserved Turkish youth.

As you will see in the upcoming pages, we have a powerful story to share. We firmly believe that the engine of our story is the entire BTF community. It takes a village to bring about change, and we are proud of all our heroes; our community of grassroots supporters, local leaders, our governance team, our sponsors, organizational staff, and field partners in Türkiye. This integrated community of generous people allows BTF to fund and serve an ever-increasing number of students and rural teachers in Türkiye.

Once again, thank you for supporting BTF and Better Education with your talent, time, and generosity. It is a privilege and joy to have your support in this endeavor.

All the best,
Emin Pamucak
President, BTF
On behalf of our entire team



BTF YEAR IN REVIEW

- 290 BTF 4Kids educational sets have been sent to underprivileged segments of Turkish Society. Thanks to your contributions their multiplier effect resulted in our reaching more than 70,000 children.
- 1607 scholarships were conveyed to underserved students.
- 10 new partners joined us.
- With company gift matching program, additional 96 BTF 4Kids sets and 100 Empowerment Scholarships were funded.
- We continued to improve BTF's donor and client services by developing a modern technological infrastructure.

Previous Year

Total Number of Scholarships: 1121

Number of 4Kids sets: 114

Number of new partners: 6

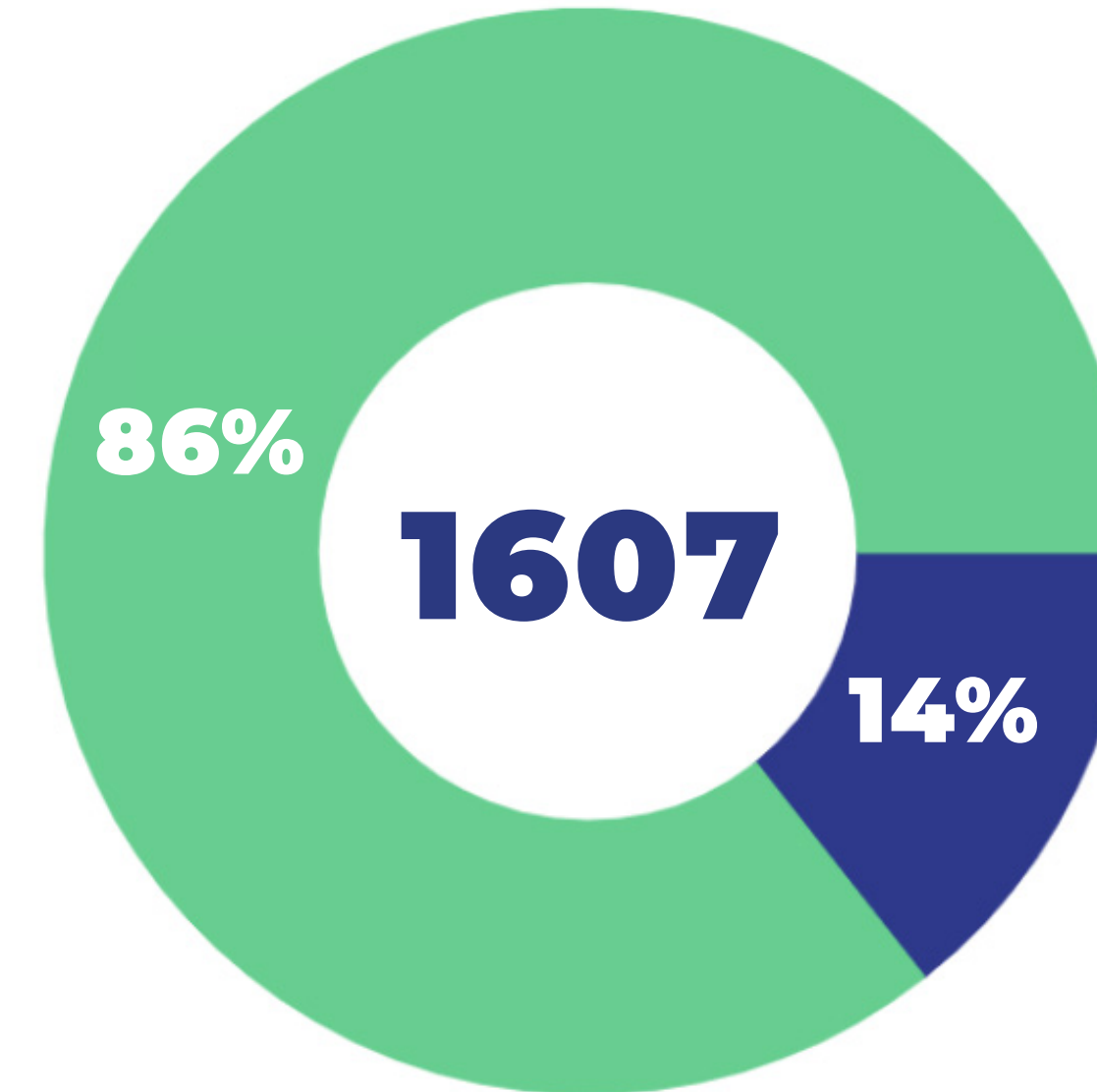


EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

BTF's Empowerment Scholarship Programs are about creating opportunities for underprivileged students by giving the gift of education. Many of our scholarship recipients are first-generation college students.

Your educational gifts reached more than 1600 students. 1532 were in universities and 75 in secondary school.

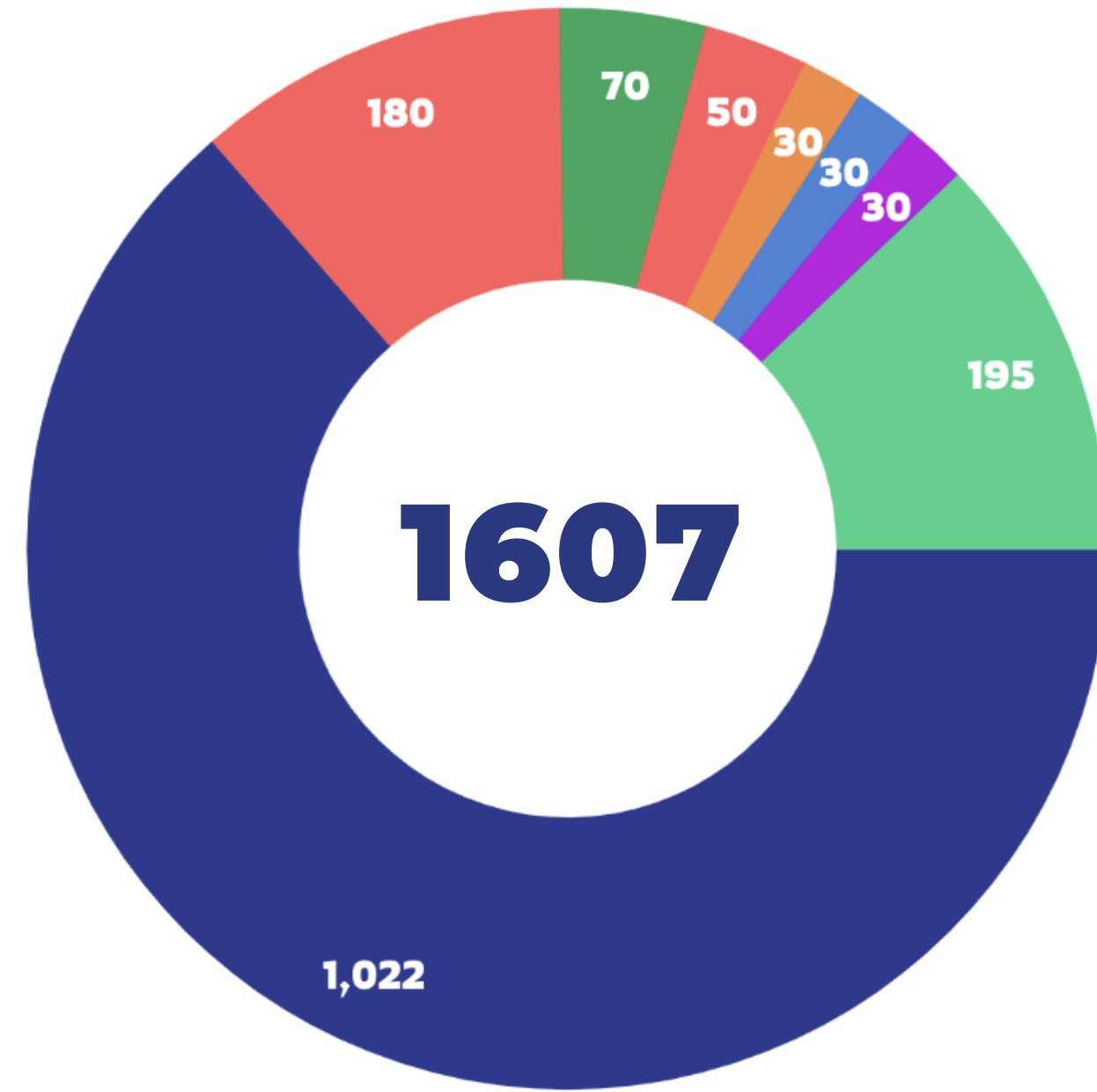
1376 of these students are female and 231 are male.



■ Male: 231 ■ Female: 1,376



SCHOLARSHIPS BY PARTNERS



- Association for Supporting Contemporary Life (Çağdaş Yaşamı Destekleme Derneği - ÇYDD): 1,022
- Middle East Technical University Alumni Association İstanbul (ODTÜMİST): 180
- Ahbab Platform: 70
- Boğaziçi University Foundation (BÜVAK): 50
- İstanbul Technical University Alumni Association (İTÜ MD): 30
- Bilkent University: 30
- Hacettepe University Alumni Association (HÜMED): 30
- Other: 195

1022 Scholarships from Association for Supporting Contemporary Life (ÇYDD)

With 1000 college students and 22 secondary level Scholarships, ÇYDD has the biggest share of BTF's Empowerment Scholarships.

180 Scholarships from ODTÜMİST

70 from AHBAP

50 from BÜVAK

Previous Year;

ÇYDD: 764

ODTÜMİST: 154

AHBAP: 60

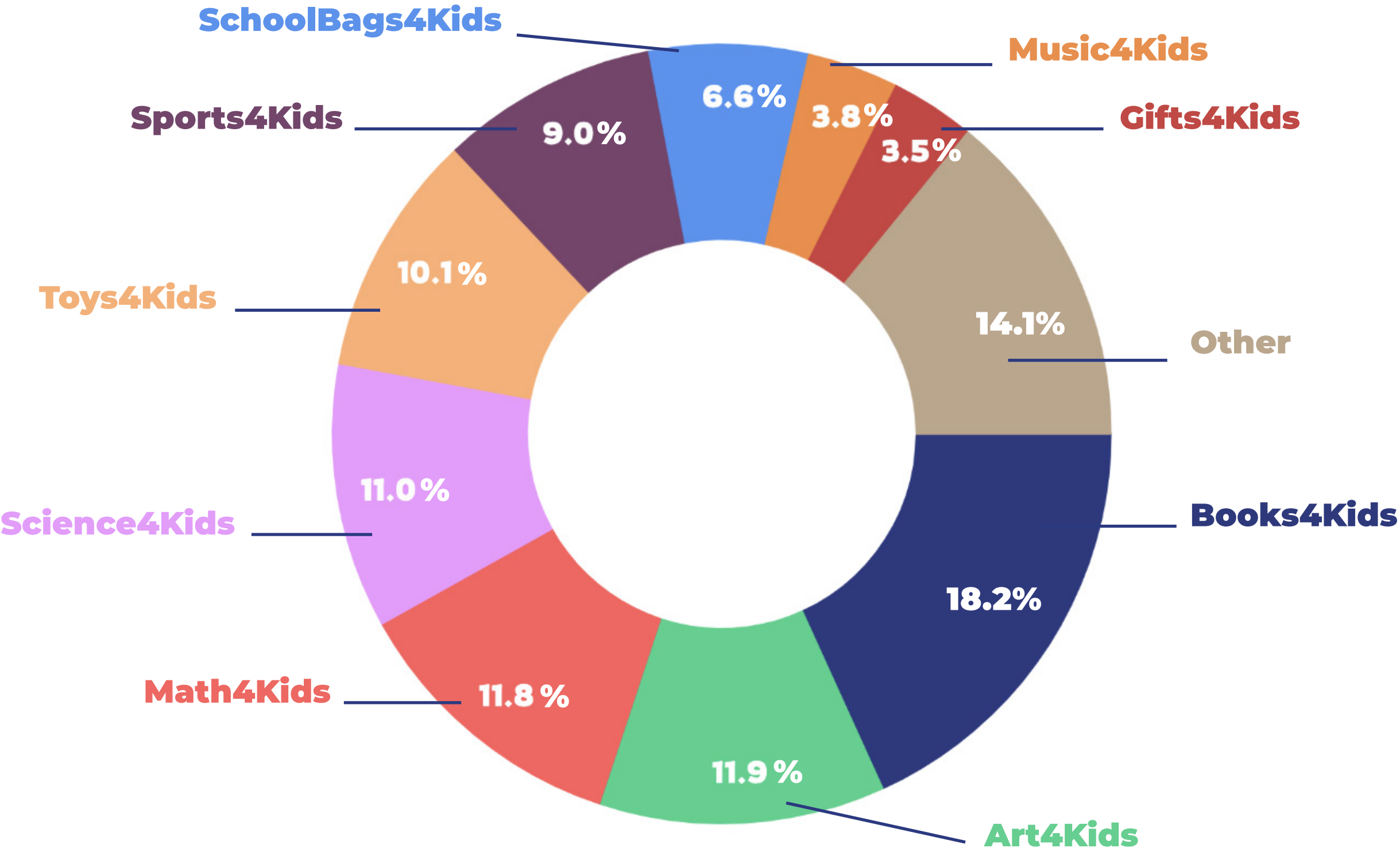
BÜVAK: 53

BTF 4KIDS PROJECTS

BTF 4Kids Projects are intended to enhance classroom learning. 4Kids sets are designed to meet teachers' needs for educational supplies, and to help make learning engaging and fun.

- Through BTF 4Kids sets more than 70,000 students were given opportunity to reach a brighter future.
- In 2022 with your support we sent a total of 290 BTF 4Kids sets to our schools in Türkiye's rural areas.

Share of 4 Kids Sets Delivered in 2022

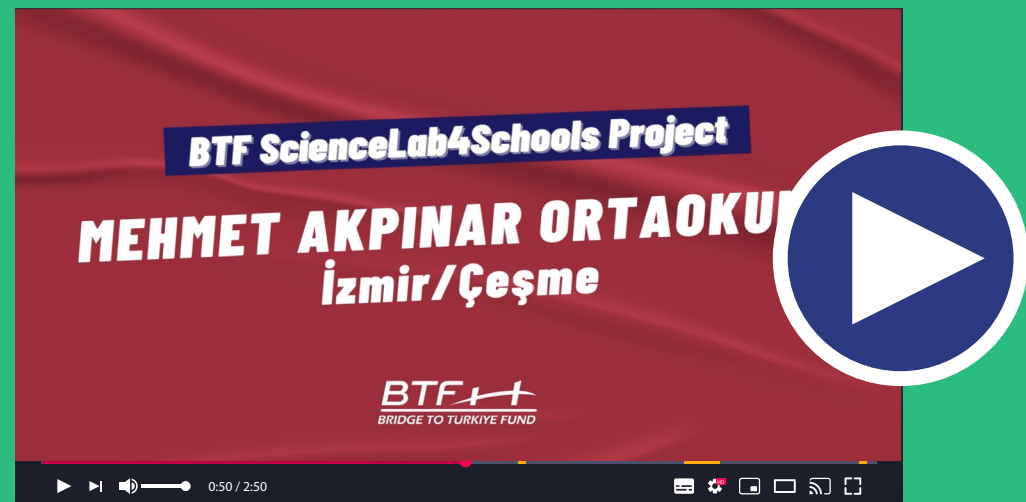
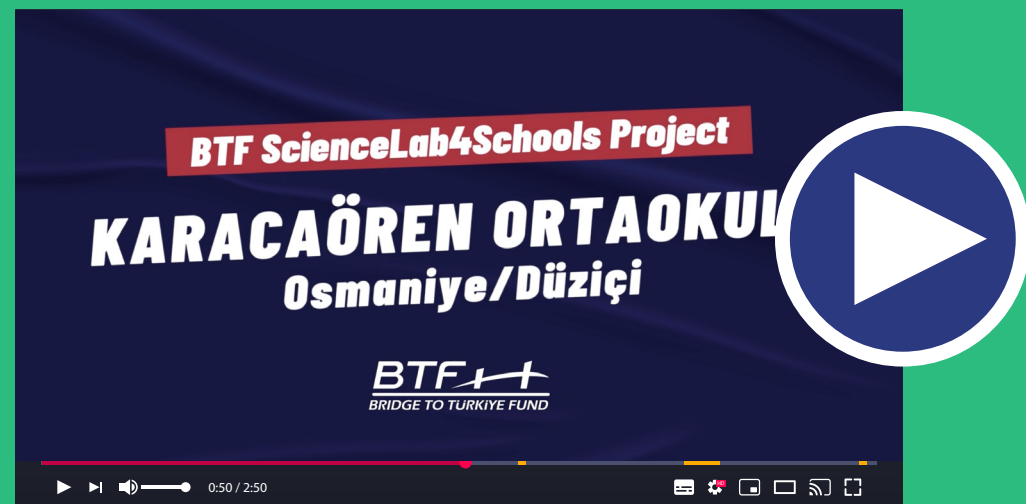
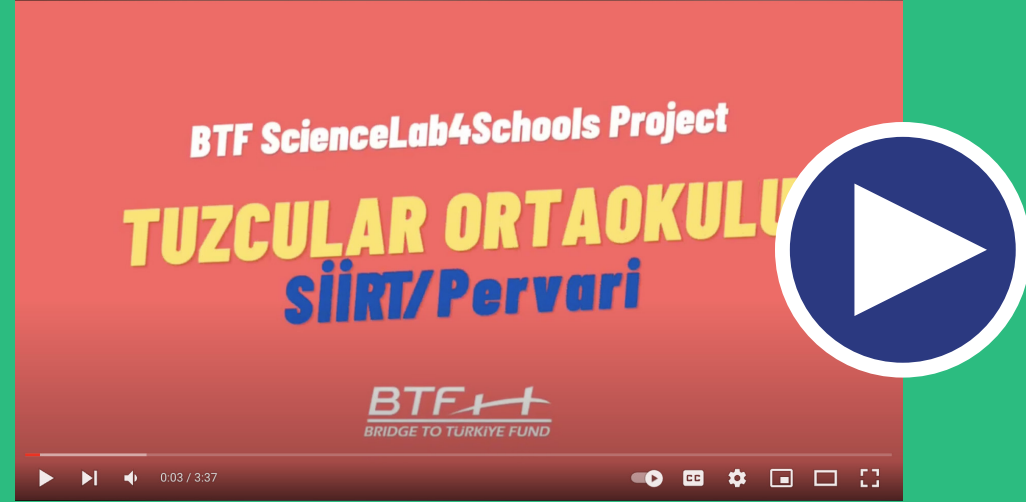


SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY LABS PROJECTS

BTF's ScienceLabs4Schools program encourages kids to look at natural phenomena in their surroundings from a scientific point of view. The labs provide students in disadvantaged segments of society opportunities to learn science properly.

In 2022, five full scale labs were built through the ScienceLabs4Schools project. 322 students will engage in experimental and observational learning in these labs. Furthermore, the projects have a multiplying impact, as generations of students will benefit from them.

Learn more at: <https://btf.support/btf-named-projects>.



LIBRARY PROJECTS

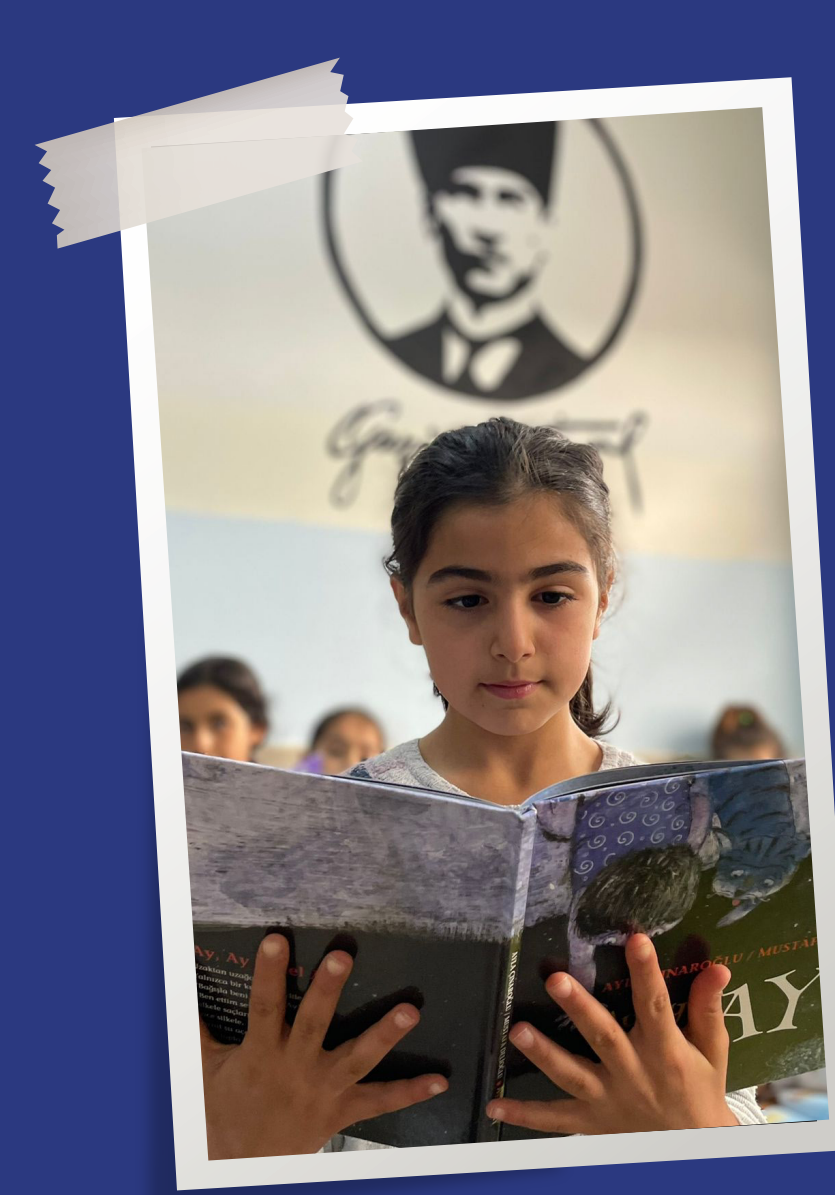
BTF's Donor Inspired Projects (DIP) is a program for those who would like to direct their philanthropy to larger efforts such as the creation or enhancement of libraries. With contributions earmarked for Libraries4Schools a total of 19 libraries were set up in 2022.

DIP Libraries: Larger scale projects

- Dumlupınar İlkokulu – ANKARA
- Zafer İlkokulu – KOCAELİ
- Arılı İlk ve Ortaokulu – RİZE
- Çağlayan Osman Hacıoğlu İlk ve Ortaokulu – Rize
- Şehit Cavit Köroğlu Anadolu Lisesi – Selim Özcihan

Our donors also established 14 small libraries in:

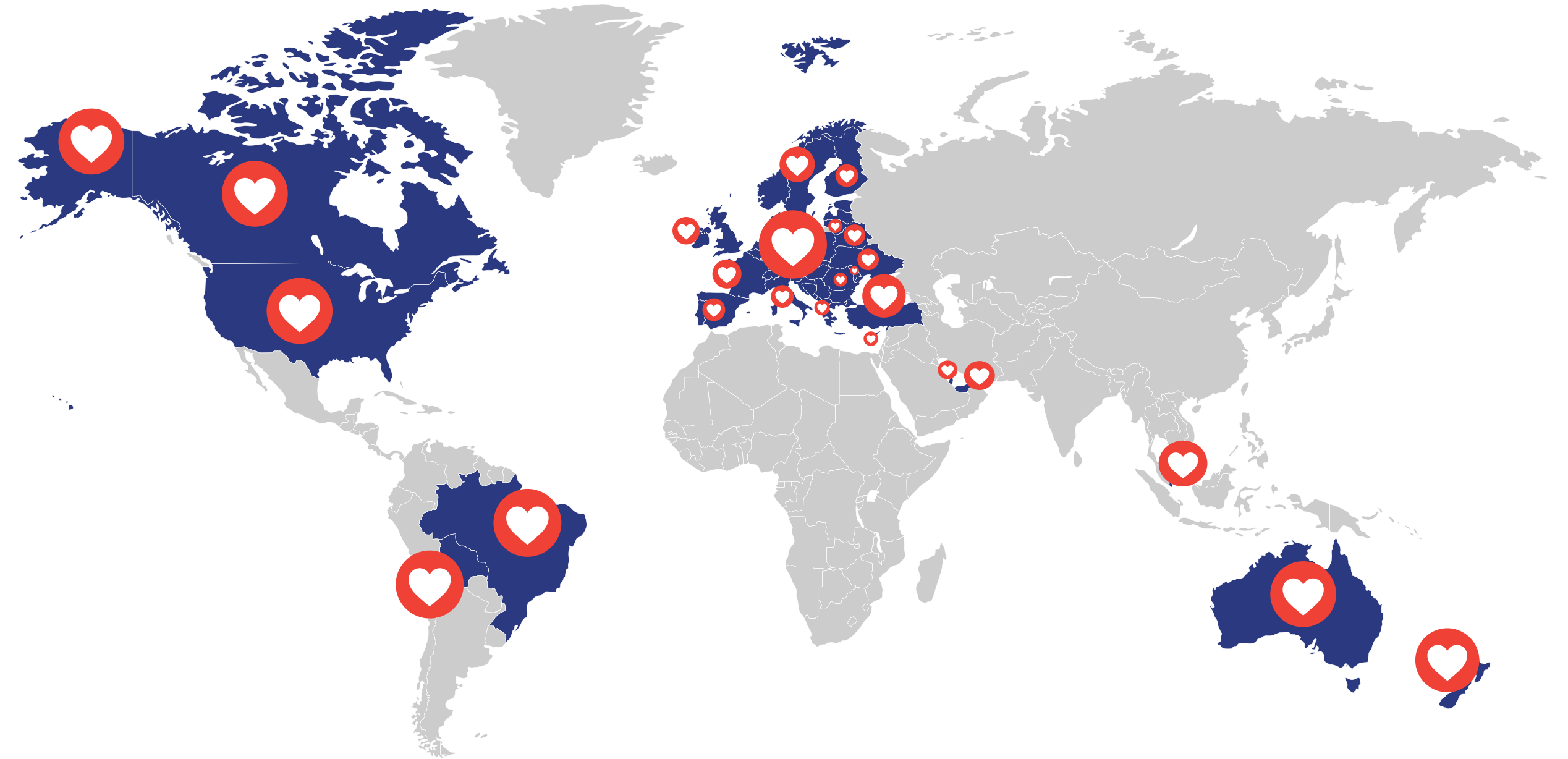
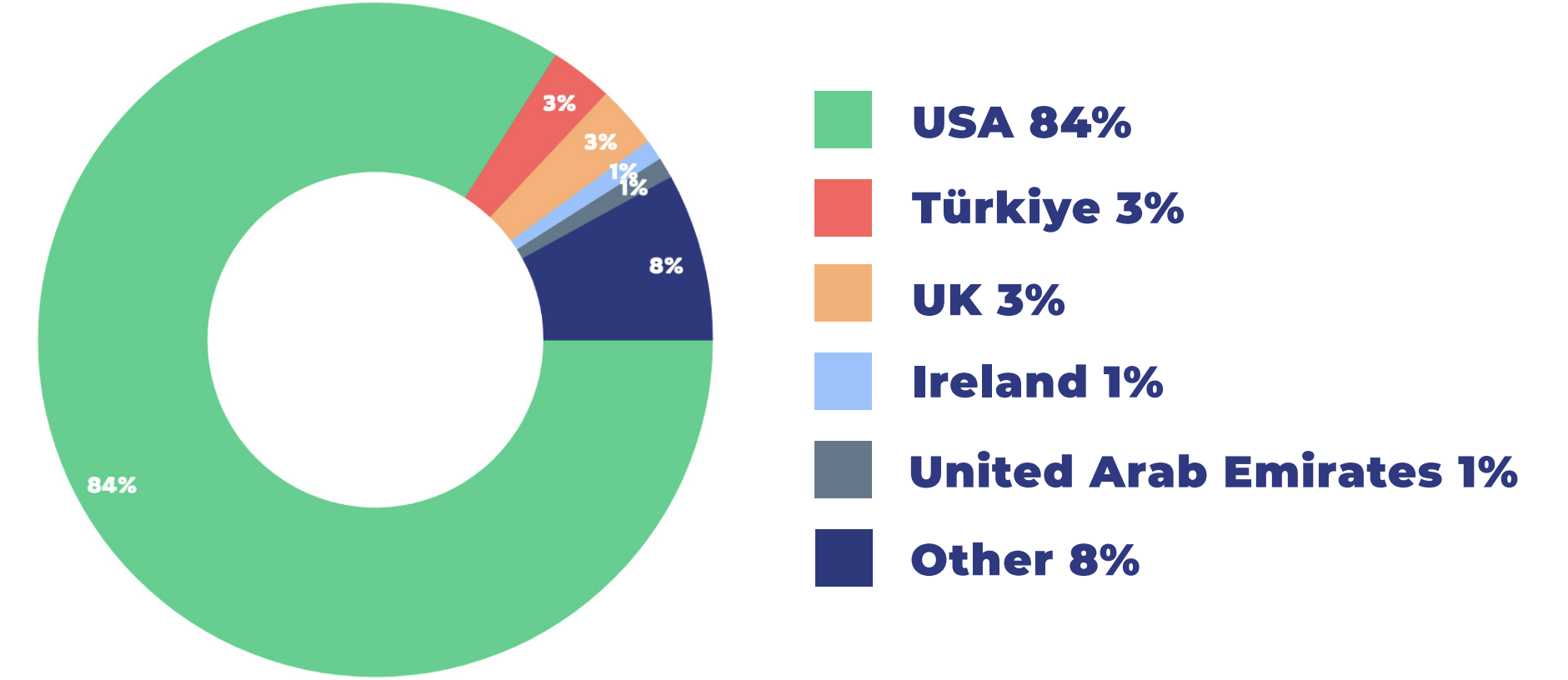
Diyarbakır, Balıkesir, Bitlis, Çankırı, Erzurum, Gaziantep, Iğdır, Manisa, Siirt, Sivas



SUPPORTERS OF BTF'S PROJECTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

Our supporters continue to contribute BTF's projects from all around the world. They are from;

- Austria
- Bolivia
- Bulgaria
- Canada
- Cyprus
- Ireland
- England
- France
- Hungary
- Germany
- Italy
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Qatar
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Singapore
- Türkiye
- United Arab Emirates



NEW PARTNERS IN 2022



EXAMPLES OF 2022 BTF CIRCLE INITIATIVES



Talk4aCause 1 Dilek Yetmez Virtual Talk Event

15 scholars/10 BTF 4Kids sets
BTF Community



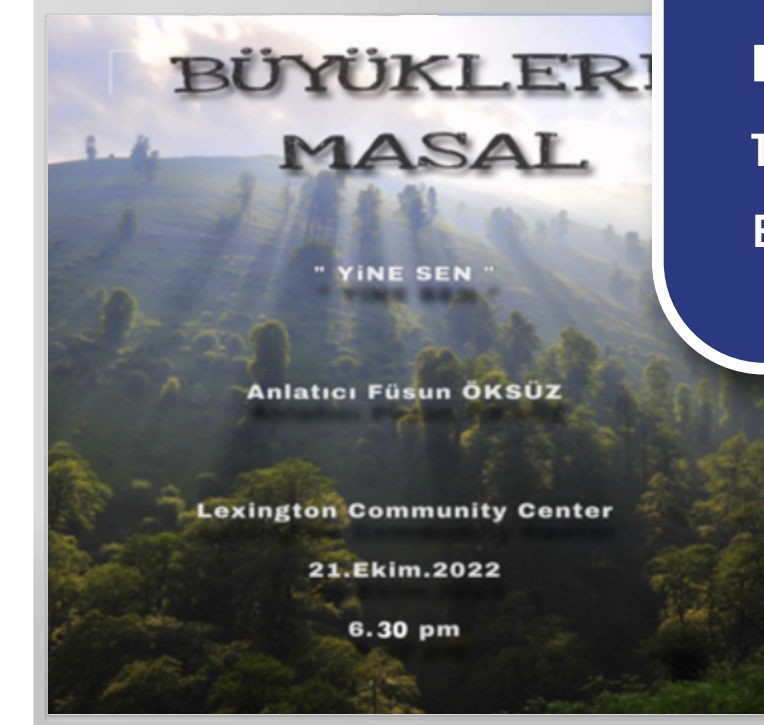
BTF NY/NJ Circle Run Walk4Kids Event

20 scholars/12 BTF 4Kids sets
BTF's NY/NJ/CT Giving Circle



11th Annual Boston BTF 5K Run&Family Fun Event

35 scholars/22 BTF 4Kids sets
BTF's Boston Giving Circle



Büyüklerle Masal

1 scholar/ 1 BTF 4Kids sets
BTF's Boston Giving Circle

EXAMPLES OF 2022 BTF CIRCLE INITIATIVES



44.İstanbul Marathon

45 scholars/45 BTF 4Kids sets
BTF's Friends of Groups



Next Song For The Kids

30 scholars/20 BTF 4Kids set
Neslihan Önder Spada



Hike4aCause

7 female candidate teachers
Zülfüner Yavuzkan Rasin



NYCRuns Big Apple Half Marathon

1 scholar/1 BTF 4Kids set
Micole Doyle

SOCIAL MEDIA FUNDRAISERS

For major campaigns BTF uses Facebook as a tool to call supporters to action. Captains of campaigns who want to raise monies for BTF relating to personal events, for example in connection with birthdays, anniversaries, etc., also prefer to use the app.

A total of 696 supporters contributed during BTF’s social media fundraisers. Through these donations BTF provided 153 scholarships for first-generation college students and delivered 96 BTF 4Kids sets to village schools.



Bridge to Türkiye Fund's Back to School Fundraiser

Fundraiser for Bridge to Türkiye Fund by Bridge to Türkiye Fund

\$1,347 raised of \$2,000

Ended



Bridge to Türkiye Fund's 23NisanGifts4Kids fundraiser

Fundraiser by Bridge to Türkiye Fund

\$5,265 raised of \$6,000

Ended



Bridge to Türkiye Fund's fundraiser

Fundraiser by Bridge to Türkiye Fund

\$1,020 raised of \$1,500

Ended



Bridge to Türkiye Fund's Kurban Bayramı Fundraiser

Fundraiser by Bridge to Türkiye Fund

\$1,545 raised of \$5,000

Ended

OFFICE EVENTS AND VISITS

We enjoy getting together with our partners. During 2022 BTF staff and board members visited:



BÜMED Visit, July '22



Nesin Matematik Köyü - September '22



Destekle Değiştir Event - October '22



ODTÜ Mezunlar Derneği - November '22

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ÇYDD Visit - November '22

LOOKING AHEAD

In 2023 we want to deliver at least 350 BTF 4Kids sets and provide scholarships for 2000 new university students. We will reach out to teachers and children in rural schools and to underprivileged students everywhere in Türkiye, making life-changing impacts by expanding our family of partners and donors.



Thank You!

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