

BRIDGE TO TÜRKİYE FUND

Building bridges of kindness
between Türkiye and the world
since 2003.

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✦ WHO WE ARE

At Bridge to Türkiye Fund, we connect communities worldwide for a brighter Türkiye—transforming goodwill into impactful programs that improve lives.

A culture of giving and civic involvement is a part of our heritage. Bridge to Türkiye Fund (BTF) was founded in 2003 by a few like-minded Turkish-Americans and friends of Türkiye with the simple desire to *give back*.

BTF is founded on citizen-based, democratic and secular principles and encourages all to contribute to the educational welfare of less fortunate children in Türkiye.

Our focus areas are:

- Education
- Health and wellbeing of youth
- Preservation of natural life
- Disaster management



WHAT WE DO

Our simple aim is to give back to Türkiye by investing in educational opportunities and the wellbeing of future generations.

Supported by a vast network of volunteers in North America and around the globe, Bridge to Türkiye Fund raises funds by facilitating grassroots action, and forming links with trusted partners in Türkiye.

Our mission is to be the bridge that connects brilliant ideas with philanthropic resources.



OUR STRATEGY



Connecting and mobilizing **grassroots communities** to raise funds, and locate potential partners and stakeholders.



Teaming up with leading local NGOs present on the ground.



Maintaining an **equal opportunities** focus, specifically concentrating on the welfare of children and vulnerable groups.



Carefully vetting every partner organization to which we transfer funds, and pursuing a strong commitment to **transparency** to ensure 100% of our community's donations reach children and youth in need with no overhead costs.

✦ OUR VISION

Bridge to Türkiye Fund envisions a future where every child in Türkiye has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive, supported by worldwide communities that truly care.

What unites us at BTF is our genuine commitment to making a difference. We build brighter futures for children in Türkiye by harnessing the power of communities and transforming our collective goodwill into lasting change.



BTF AROUND THE WORLD

Our donor community lives in Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Türkiye, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, and Vietnam. **That adds up to nearly half of all countries around the globe!**



BTF DONORS AROUND THE WORLD

92 countries
6 continents



20 YEARS OF BRIDGE TO TÜRKİYE FUND

60+

Partner organizations

170,000+

Students assisted

500+

Schools reached

9,000+

Scholarships provided

14

Schools/dorms constructed

24

Science labs built



TÜRKİYE EARTHQUAKES RELIEF AND RECOVERY FUND

TOTAL IMPACT

5.04M
PEOPLE

TOTAL COMMITTED

\$11.8
MILLION

PERMANENT HOUSING

Total commitment: **\$1,605,040**
Total impact: **175** people

Together with **Ahbap** and also through **BTF Direct**.



EMERGENCY RELIEF

Total commitment: **\$2,610,174**
Total impact: **884,622** people

Together with **Ahbap**, American Turkish Association of North Carolina, **Bütün Çocuklar Bizim**, Lokman Hekim Healthcare Association, METU Alumni Association, Needs Map, TOKTUT, Topraktan Tabağa and WTECH.

CHILDREN'S WELLBEING

Total commitment: **\$641,400**
Total impact: **42,320** people

Together with **Bütün Çocuklar Bizim** Association, TOKTUT, Nesin Foundation, KAÇUV, Pusulam Kitap, Turkish Down Syndrome Association, TÜKD, ALİKEV, Parıltı Association, Kanserte Dans, ODD, UCİM, SAHA, DADer, BİRİZ.

PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

Total commitment: **\$667,387**
Total impact: **29,310** people

Together with Nesin Foundation, Tohum Autism Foundation, Turkish Spastic Children's Foundation, Community Volunteers Foundation (TOG), UCİM, WTECH, TARDE, Habitat Association, and Turkish Down Syndrome Association.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Total commitment: **\$1,174,889**
Total impact: **2,428** students

Together with Turkish Education Association (TED), Nesin Foundation, Ahbap, KAÇUV, TÜKD, İYTEV, ODTÜMİST, Bütün Çocuklar Bizim, Payda, KAHEV, ALİKEV, Buradayız Hatay Association, Turkish Education Foundation (TEV) and Eşit Gelecek Association.

HEALTHCARE

Total commitment: **\$2,472,698**
Total impact: **3,762,690** people

Together with **Çukurova University Child Wellness Center**, Diabetic Children's Foundation, ATA - Charlotte Community, Turkish Kidney Association, and Hatay Arsuz State Hospital.

SCHOOL RE-BUILDING

Total commitment: **\$2,591,785**
Total impact: **300,000** students

Together with **Çocuklar Gülsün Diye** Association, Ahbap Association and Eymir Cultural Foundation (ECF)

PROJECT CATE: CHILD AMPUTEES OF TÜRKİYE EARTHQUAKES

The Child Amputees of Türkiye Earthquakes (CATE) project emerged as an example of how community-driven philanthropy can work marvels in bringing about enduring and sustainable solutions for disaster recovery.

TOTAL COMMITTED

\$2.33
million

LIFELONG SCHOLARSHIPS

95
students



Turkish nobel laureate Prof. Aziz Sançar expresses support for the Child Amputees of Türkiye Earthquakes (CATE) project. (Sançar Turkish Center – Chapel Hill, North Carolina)

Conceived by a group of Turkish and American medical professionals in the US and Türkiye, project CATE set out to devise a long-term and versatile support system combining essential healthcare and educational assistance to child amputees who were impacted by the February 6, 2023 earthquakes. CATE addresses a need that may often be overlooked in post-disaster scenarios, focusing on child amputees who have endured limb loss. Its core mission is to offer these children day-to-day psychosocial support, improved future prospects, and a renewed opportunity for life post-disaster.

Thanks to the incredible response from our community, we were able to bring the CATE project to life, successfully raising over \$2,331,000.

In Türkiye, the initiative operates under the auspices of Çukurova University's Çocuk İyilik Merkezi (Child Wellness Center).

❄️ WHY DONATE TO BTF?

With the Bridge to Türkiye Fund, you can give with confidence.

At BTF, transparency is a top priority. We have consistently received top ratings from charity watchdog groups for our efficient use of donor contributions and the impact of our initiatives. We are committed to keeping our donors fully informed about how their generous contributions are making a difference.



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Tax Deduction for Charitable Contributions

Bridge to Türkiye Fund (BTF) is a US-based charitable non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions made to BTF are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by IRS. BTF's tax identification number is 58-2678580.



Amplify Your Impact with Corporate Matching

Corporate matching gift programs match the charitable contributions made by their employees, effectively doubling the impact of your donation. Find out if your employer matches donations & maximize your impact.



Volunteer Grant Programs

Volunteer grant programs are initiatives by corporations that offer financial donations to eligible nonprofits in honor of their employees' volunteer work. If your employer offers this program, you can amplify the impact of your work with BTF.



Click [here](#) to find out if your employer matches charitable donations.

JOIN THE COMMUNITY

VOLUNTEER



Volunteers play a crucial role in enhancing BTF's overall impact. BTF volunteers contribute to building a strong sense of community, fostering connections, and driving sustainable change. They also promote principles of good citizenship to help support the disadvantaged segments of Turkish society.

JOIN/START A FUNDRAISER



Browse our upcoming events and ongoing fundraisers to find a cause you support. Alternatively, you can start your own fundraiser and we will help you organize and promote it. Take a look at our [event guide](#) for some inspiration!

START A GIVING CIRCLE



Giving Circles or team fundraising are an exciting alternative to individual donations, offering BTF supporters and their friends the opportunity to raise funds together with BTF, while having fun and spreading the word to others. Giving Circle members pool their tax deductible charitable contributions with BTF, and decide as a group which projects and programs to support.

BECOME A HOPE PIONEER



Join BTF's Hope Pioneers group by donating monthly and championing our key initiatives. With the freedom to choose your area of interest, we ensure you stay updated on how your regular support makes a difference. Select the cause that resonates with you, and we'll provide regular updates on the impact your donations are making.



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