



Bridge to Türkiye Fund

EVENT GUIDE FOR VOLUNTEERS

2024



Welcome to Bridge to Türkiye Fund!

Here, we connect communities around the world for a brighter Türkiye—transforming goodwill into impactful programs that improve lives.

Bridge to Türkiye Fund (BTF) represents a global community of 40,000+ individuals and NGOs from over 90 countries, united by a genuine belief in social impact through the power of grassroots philanthropy and community action. What unites us is our shared passion to do our part in building better opportunities for the **future generations of Türkiye**. We take pride in our commitment to **citizen-centered, democratic** and **secular** principles.

Within these pages, you will find ways to engage with BTF, contributing meaningfully to the lives and educational prospects of less fortunate children and youth in Türkiye. This guide offers both a primer for planning volunteer events and fundraisers, and an **open invitation to join our mission** to help bridge the gap in access to quality education.

BTF events are not just opportunities to support a worthy cause - they are ideal platforms for building connections with like-minded individuals and friends of Türkiye, wherever you may be in the globe. These gatherings are also designed for those looking to combine philanthropy with creativity, discovery and fun, while generating much needed **educational resources, personal development opportunities** and **scholarships** to students who need them most.

Feeling inspired yet? Drop us a line at info@bridgetoturkiye.org and let's plan your event together!

How we can help you

While you enjoy hosting events for a worthy cause, the BTF team will stand by your side, ready to provide support for technical and administrative matters. Here is a list of the kinds of assistance you can expect when partnering with us to organize your fundraiser event:



1. Donations made easy

Our team will set up secure, custom-designed donation links and ticket sales pages for your event. This enables a smooth, trusted and user-friendly way to raise funds with ease.



2. Flexible choice of causes and projects

BTF maintains a wide portfolio of carefully-vetted Turkish partner NGOs. You will have the option to choose how the funds raised by your event will be utilized. Select a cause and a partner organization that resonates with you, and we'll facilitate the impactful connection!



3. Event promotion

Collaborating with you or your team, we will design compelling visuals and craft written content for your event, effectively communicating your cause. We will then actively promote your event across our extensive network to reach a broader audience, and boost event attendance.



4. Acknowledgment of supporters

Our team is committed to ensuring that all supporters are individually recognized and appreciated, fostering a sense of community and gratitude.



5. Transparent impact reporting

Accountability and transparency are of utmost importance to BTF. We will provide comprehensive impact reports that detail how every dollar raised by your event has been utilized in your project of choice. These reports offer clear insights into the tangible difference your event has made.

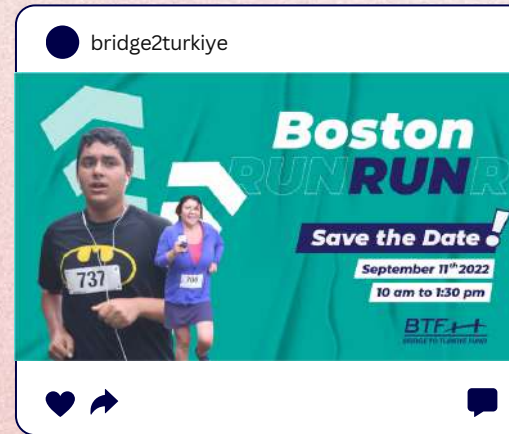


THEME IDEAS

Outdoor sports

A popular event theme among the BTF community is outdoor sports. Through the years, our volunteers have generated hundreds of scholarships for Turkish students by organizing walking, hiking, cycling, and running events in their own communities.

Here are some examples from Boston, Chicago, New York, Oregon, San Diego, Canada, Australia, UAE and beyond!



THEME IDEAS

Wellness

Do good while practicing self-care. The BTF Boston Circle frequently centers its events around wellness activities. From mandala drawing and meditation to exploring mindfulness techniques, these workshops offer dual benefits - not only do they provide healing and relaxation for attendees, but they also help spread joy through generating gifts and learning supplies for students in rural Turkish schools. It's a wonderful way to propagate positivity far and wide!



MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION EVENT



APRIL 28, FRIDAY

39 Marrett Road
Lexington, MA 02421

All proceeds from ticket sales will support educational initiatives in earthquake-affected areas, helping to provide access to learning opportunities for children who need it most.

BTF BOSTON GIVING CIRCLE



**Sadece bir çizim olarak
değil bütün derinlikleri ile
Mandala ile tanışmak
ister misiniz?**

Mandala Workshop
Eğitmen: Füsun Öksüz

10
MART
2023

Saat:
6.00 - 8.00 PM

Yer: Lexington Community
Center 237 (39 Marrett Road
Lexington, MA 02421)



THEME IDEAS

Tournaments

Our New York/New Jersey Circle loves ping-pong! They organized a series of ping-pong tournaments to raise funds for BTF's Child Amputees of Türkiye Earthquakes (CATE) project in April and October 2023. Both events turned out very popular among locals, and were able to successfully raise over \$23,000 to support amputee children through prosthetic limbs and educational scholarships.



THEME IDEAS

Arts & culture

From fashion shows to storytelling events, the BTF circles in Charlotte, Fort Worth and Boston have taken the lead in organizing gatherings focused on culture. These events mostly raised funds for under-resourced rural classrooms and disaster relief. In Fort Worth, Tuba Köymen's art exhibition brought together more than 100 artists to support earthquake survivors in Türkiye's disaster-hit province Hatay.



A BENEFIT FASHION SHOW FOR THE TURKISH EARTHQUAKE DISASTER SURVIVORS

ATA CHARLOTTE TURKS

11th March 2023

Doors open at **6:30 PM**

Bazal Gallery Lounge
950 North Carolina Music Blvd. Charlotte NC 28206

TUBA KÖYMEN
PRESENTS
NEAR & FAR
TURKIYE EARTHQUAKE
BENEFIT EXHIBITION
← * →
SAT., NOV. 11
NOON – 8 PM
SUN., NOV. 12
1–5 PM
@THE POOLNEARSOUTHSIDE

engely awaited
PAINT NIGHT

BTF
BRIDGE TO TÜRKİYE FUND



What will we do together?

It's the perfect opportunity to discover the magic of art, create your own world with a vibrant palette, and create delightful memories with good friends. We will experience unforgettable moments full of laughter and conversation, keeping our energy high, accompanied by delicious snacks and music playing in the background. Let's grab our brushes and create our colorful world together!

7A MERIAM ST. LEXINGTON, MA 02420	28, MARCH - 7PM	\$59
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BÜYÜKLERE MASAL

" YİNE SEN "

Anlatıcı Füsun ÖKSÜZ

Lexington Community Center

21.Ekim.2022

6.00 pm

THEME IDEAS

Benefit dinners

You don't need a grand ballroom to host a successful fundraiser! Many BTF volunteers opt for cozy benefit dinners right in their own homes. These intimate gatherings aren't just about enjoying quality time with friends and fellow circle members - they're powerful moments where communities unite to fund annual scholarships for several girls in Türkiye, girls who otherwise wouldn't have the financial means to continue their education.



Benefit dinner in support of Empowerment Scholarships Program, hosted by Aysun Tazebay, BTF Orange County Circle.

**geleneksel
PİLAV GÜNÜ**

Sevgili BTF dostlarımız,

Şimdiye kadar yaptığımız her organizasyonumuzda sizleri yanımızda görmekten büyük mutluluk duyduk. Bu sefer de sizleri bir araya getirmek için harika bir etkinliğimiz var! Keyifli vakit geçireceğimiz Geleneksel Pilav Günümüze tüm BTF dostlarımızı davet ediyoruz. Profildeki linkten yerinizi ayırtmayı unutmayın.

13 Depot Square, 4 Haziran Pazar
Lexington MA 02420 13.00

Etkinlik 100 kişi ile sınırlı olup ücretsizdir.

**TURKEY EARTHQUAKE
FUNDRAISING
BYO DINNER**

You are invited to a special fundraising event. 100% of donations on this page will be dedicated to support victims of the earthquake disaster in Turkey.

SAVE THE DATE

1 APRIL, 2023 at 6:00 pm
BENEFIT: 66 W 55th St, New York, NY 10019

Organized by Elina Gök

info@bcturkey.org

THEME IDEAS

Benefit sales

BTF Youth has turned charity sales into an art form! Whether it's books, pastries, or handcrafted knitted items, they've sold it all. Every penny earned has directly supported the Child Amputees of Türkiye Earthquakes (CATE) project by BTF, transforming into prosthetic limbs and scholarships for children impacted by limb loss after the February 6, 2023, earthquakes.



Lunchbox Charity Sale
by BTF Portland Circle & BTF Youth



Jewelry Sale
by BTF Boston Circle



Knit Sale
by BTF Portland Circle & BTF Youth

THEME IDEAS

Concerts

Music enthusiasts will love this selection of concerts organized by our circles, supporters and volunteers. From Turkish rock band Manga to live piano or jazz fusion, the concerts organized within our community have all been very successful in raising funds for survivors of the Türkiye earthquakes.



American Turkish Association of Washington D.C. (ATA-DC)

organized a concert for the Child Amputees of Türkiye Earthquakes (CATE) project on 24 November 2023, featuring popular Turkish rock band maNga. The event successfully raised \$20,000 for CATE.



Pianist and **Apricot Music & Art** Founder **Ayşe Taşpınar Gatenyo**, together with **Dr. Noreen Green** and her choir, performed on 28 March 2023 at a benefit concert dedicated to supporting the Child Amputees of Türkiye Earthquakes (CATE) project.



BTF San Diego Circle organized the Sounds of Türkiye and the Global Garden concert on 6 January 2024, featuring Burcu Güleç, Chase Morrin, Nareem Alatrash and George Lernis. The \$15,000 raised by this concert directly benefited the Child Amputees of Türkiye Earthquakes (CATE) project.

THEME IDEAS

Webinars

Not all events have to happen in person - with BTF, you can also organize virtual gatherings and webinars led by experts to spark dialogues in an area of your choice, while raising funds for much needed scholarships for underprivileged students in Türkiye. Check out these examples from our Charlotte and BTF Leaders circles.



 **dönüşen zihin**

19 Nisan Çarşamba
21:00

Stanford Şefkat Elçisi Adayı
Didem Ergin bu çevrimiçi
Zoom etkinliğini modere
edecektir.

Tüm gelir, Help Heal Türkiye
Travma Destek Fonu'na
aktarılacaktır.

Detaylar için
donusenzihin@gmail.com
adresine yazınız.

 **Stanford**
MEDICINE

 Reposter

ŞEFKATİN DAYANIKLI YANI



Konuşmacı
Prof. Dr. James Doty
Stanford Ü. Beyin Cerrahisi
Şefkat Araştırmaları Merkezi Kurucusu

BTF Friends of TED
8 Mart
Etkinliği



Konuşmacı:
TED İstanbul Temsilcisi
Sn. Esra Altun

BTF Charlotte liderlerimizden Zeynep Ergüngör önderliğinde ve Seda's Bakery lezzetiyle...
Tüm gelir TED aracılığıyla üniversiteli kız öğrencilere burs olarak aktarılacaktır!

Program:
10:30-12:00 Kahvaltı
12:00-12:45 Zoom Sohbet
BTF Tanıtım: TED "Eğitimin Değiştirici Etkisine Ortak Olmak"

📅 12 Mart 2023 Pazar
🕒 10:30-1:00 EST
📍 6040 Woodleigh Oaks Dr. Charlotte, NC 28226 (Rea Woods Clubhouse)

Kahvaltıya kayıt olmak için son tarih:
8 Mart 2023

THEME IDEAS

Cooking workshops

Cooking workshops are a fun and engaging way to raise funds for a worthy cause while socializing with your family, colleagues or friends. Turkish Googlers in Dublin organized an exceptional cooking event with Michelin-star chef Ahmet Dede and raised an impressive amount of funds to provide container classrooms for students impacted by the Türkiye earthquakes. Our Boston circle also loves cooking workshops, and their most recent pasta and tiramisu event was a huge success!



THEME IDEAS

Cinema4aCause

Cinema4aCause is an annual fundraising program crafted to shed light on gender and education inequality in rural parts of Türkiye. While funding scholarships for girls through film screenings, this program also serves as a dynamic platform to spark dialogue on social issues in Türkiye. Find out more about this year's feature film Feyza's Kitchen and how you can organize a screening in your own community.



Join the community!

Interested in exploring other fundraiser ideas? We'd love to hear from you!

Become part of Bridge to Türkiye Fund's vibrant global community, and let's share the joy of contributing to a brighter future for Türkiye together.

Stay connected with BTF on social media to keep up with the latest news and events within our community.



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