




 Pınarlıbacı Elementary School  Sakarya, Türkiye

BTF 
BRIDGE TO TÜRKİYE FUND

Building Bright Futures.

2024/2025 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

Letter from the Board

Dear BTF Family,

At BTF, community involvement is the heartbeat of our mission. Whether through fundraising or capacity-building, it's your collective action—giving circles, peer-to-peer campaigns, benefit events, birthday fundraisers, employer matches, and modest monthly gifts—that fuels our impact. Together, these efforts create a powerful engine for change, delivering resources where they're needed most.

For 22 years, your support has translated into meaningful social, educational, and health outcomes across Türkiye. Thanks to you, classrooms received essential school supplies, scholarships opened doors to higher education, and teachers were equipped with tools that make learning vibrant and accessible every day.

We're proud to share our 2025 Impact Report, highlighting key achievements made possible through a diverse portfolio of projects and partnerships. This year, we also embraced a new and vital direction: environmental sustainability is now a core pillar of BTF's mission. It's a natural extension of our commitment to building a healthier, more resilient future for Türkiye's next generations.

One standout initiative was led by BTF Youth leader Derin Lowe, who spearheaded the installation of solar panels at an educational center in earthquake-affected Hatay. This project ensures uninterrupted power, fostering educational stability and resilience in a region still recovering.

Another inspiring effort brought our global community together to fund the planting of native mastic trees in Hatay, which help prevent soil erosion and retain ground moisture. Beyond their ecological value, mastic trees offer a social and economic benefit: their resin—known as mastic gum—is prized in cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, food, and traditional medicine. This creates sustainable income opportunities for rural communities while revitalizing local biodiversity.

These are just a few examples of how your generosity continues to shape lives and landscapes. If you're new to BTF, we warmly invite you to join our global network of volunteers and fundraisers. And if you've been part of our journey over the past two decades, thank you for investing your time, energy, and resources in the next generation.

Our guiding belief remains unchanged: a small group of committed individuals can change the world. Thank you for being part of that change—creating a future where young people in Türkiye thrive with opportunity, resilience, and hope, all made possible by the collective generosity of our global community.

We look forward to building even greater impact together in 2026.
With gratitude,



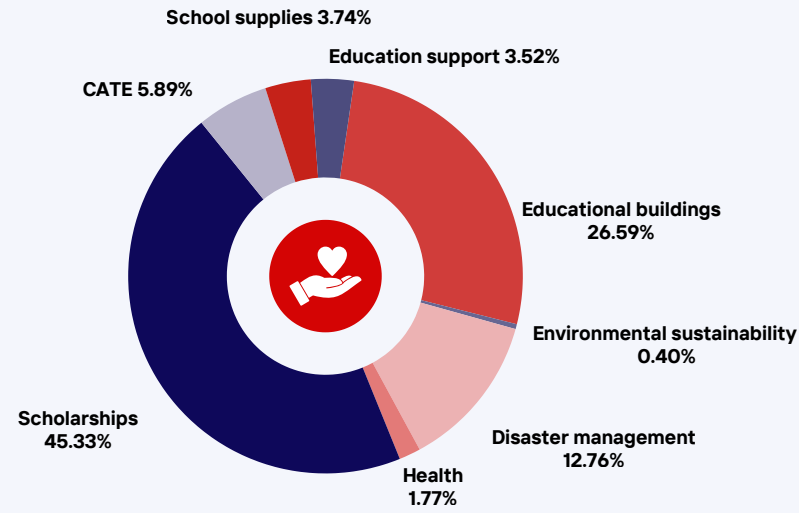
Ela Eskinazi
Chairwoman



Bülent Ender
President

FUNDING SUMMARY

Between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025, thanks to the generosity of our donors, we funded more than 100 projects in Türkiye across eight program areas, advancing our mission to provide future generations with opportunity and resources.



Program area	Grants
Scholarships	\$2,053,282
Educational buildings	\$1,204,856
Disaster management	\$577,911
Child Amputees of Türkiye Earthquakes (CATE)	\$267,027
School supplies	\$169,383
Education support	\$159,326
Health & wellbeing	\$80,284
Environmental sustainability	\$18,344
TOTAL	\$4,530,412

IMPACT SUMMARY

Between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025, your support helped open doors for students, strengthen classrooms, and create new opportunities for Türkiye's next generation. These highlights reflect the real difference donors and partners made together—turning resources into measurable impact and brighter futures.

237K+

empowered rural students

3,318

annual scholarships for K-12 and university students in Türkiye

13

annual scholarships for college and graduate students in USA

102

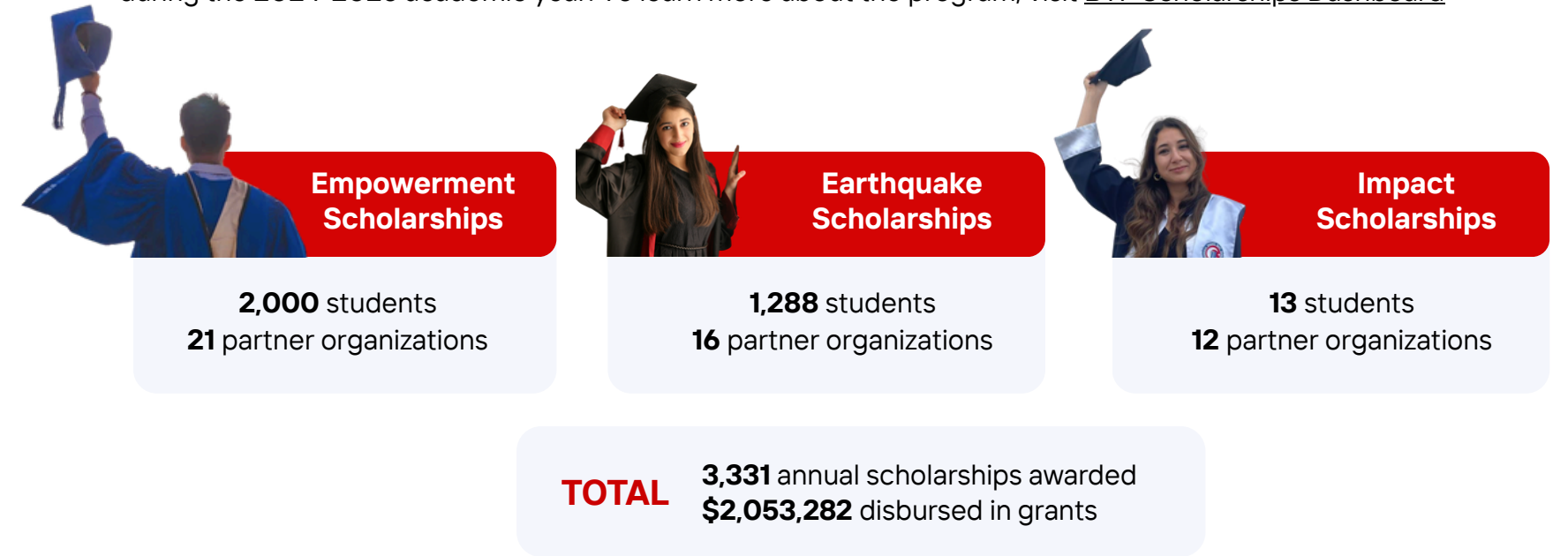
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PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Scholarships

We believe financial barriers should never prevent a student from reaching their full potential. Through BTF's need-based scholarship programs, talented students across Türkiye gain access to the education they deserve. These scholarships open doors to opportunity and help shape a stronger future. Here's a snapshot of our impact during the 2024-2025 academic year. To learn more about the program, visit [BTF Scholarships Dashboard](#)



School Supplies

Adopt-a-Classroom in Türkiye equips under-resourced schools throughout Türkiye with crucial educational supplies. By enhancing the classroom learning experience and improving teacher effectiveness, this program serves as a vital support system not only for students but also for educators.

Between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025, **\$169,383** was disbursed for distributing **372 sets** of essential educational materials to under-resourced, rural schools, delivering **1,000 school bags, stationery sets, and 110 laptops** to students, and building **7 science laboratories**.

The schools were in **Adana, Adiyaman, Ağrı, Ankara, Antalya, Aydın, Balıkesir, Batman, Bursa, Çorum, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Hakkari, Hatay, İstanbul, İzmir, Kahramanmaraş, Kars, Kastamonu, Kayseri, Kocaeli, Malatya, Manisa, Mardin, Muğla, Muş, Sakarya, Şanlıurfa, Sirt, Şırnak, Van, and Zonguldak**. To learn more about this program, visit: btf.news/4kids



BRIDGE TO TURKIYE FUND PROGRAMS



Scholarships

Number of partner organizations: **52**
Total disbursed: **\$2,053,282**
Total impact: **3,331 students**



Education Support

Number of partner organizations: **11**
Total disbursed: **\$159,326**
Total impact: **2,106 students**



Educational Buildings

Number of partners: **9**
Total disbursed: **\$1,204,856**
Total impact: **154,700 students**



Child Amputees of Türkiye Earthquakes (CATE)

Number of partner organizations: **3**
Total disbursed: **\$267,027**
Total impact: **1276 beneficiaries**



Disaster Management

Number of partner organizations: **13**
Total disbursed: **\$577,911**
Total impact: **55,170 individuals**



Health & Wellbeing

Number of partner organizations: **7**
Total disbursed: **\$80,284**
Total impact: **3,405 children and youth**



Environmental Sustainability

Number of partner organizations: **3**
Total disbursed: **\$18,344**
Total impact: **6,805 beneficiaries**



School Supplies

Number of deliveries: **372**
Total disbursed: **\$169,383**
Total impact: **237,637 students**

FIELD VISITS



Adopt-a-Classroom volunteer visit

Bridge to Türkiye Fund volunteer and former teacher Zeynep Memecan spent a day teaching at İBB Sebahattin Zaim Elementary School in İstanbul's Esenyurt district, where she also delivered boxes of learning supplies donated by our supporters. Read more about Zeynep's experience [here](#).



Visit to Nesin Foundation



Visit to Türk Üniversitesi Kadınlar Derneği (TUKD)

COMMUNITY EVENTS



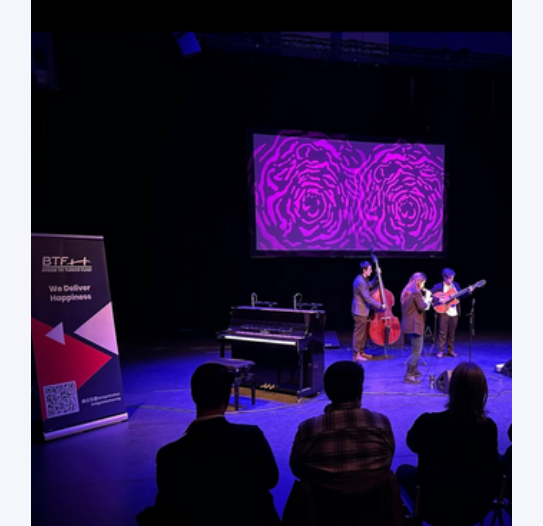
ATA-NC Children's Day Festival

23 April 2025
Cary, North Carolina
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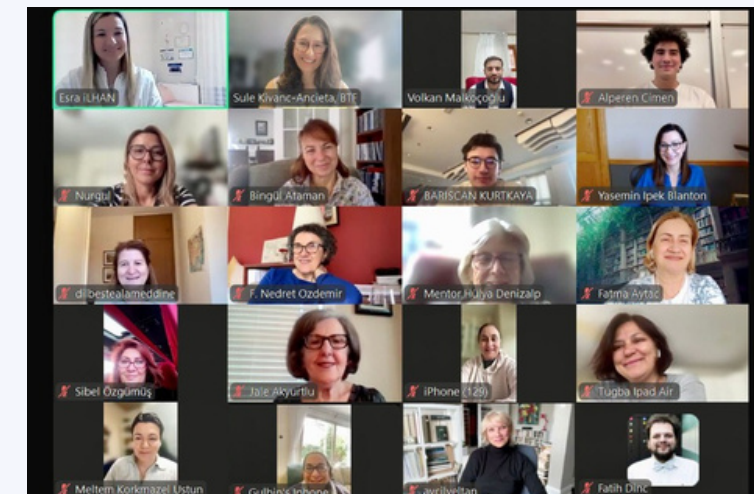
"Next Song For the Kids" Benefit Concert

1 June 2025
Drom NYC, New York
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Amsterdam Jazz Night & Film Screening

27 February 2024
Amsterdam, Netherlands
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Zoom Café

13 April 2025
Virtual gathering
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"Just Like Before" Premiere

8 February 2025
Beyoğlu Cinema
İstanbul, Türkiye
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Thank you for helping us brighten Türkiye's future!

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

