Bridge to Türkiye Fund

2025/2026 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT



LETTER *from* THE BOARD

Dear BTF Community,

Every year, our annual report gives us an opportunity to pause and reflect, not only on what we have accomplished together, but also on what those accomplishments represent for our community. Across Türkiye and around the world, our community continues to come together around a shared belief: when we invest in children and young people, expand access to education, and create opportunities, we help build brighter futures for generations to come. This year, that belief once again became action.

During the 2025–2026 fiscal year, your generosity enabled BTF to direct more than $2.5 million across eight program areas and 52 projects. Together, we provided 1,930 annual scholarships, reached more than 109,000 students through school supplies, expanded access to educational resources and science labs, and continued supporting communities affected by the Türkiye earthquakes. Our work also reached children and young people through health and wellbeing programs and continued to advance environmental sustainability as part of our commitment to stronger, more resilient communities.

Yet numbers alone cannot capture the true meaning of that impact. Behind every scholarship is a student pursuing a dream. Behind every classroom and science lab is an educator helping young minds discover what is possible. Behind every program are local partners who understand their communities, and donors and volunteers who believe that distance should never limit our capacity to care.

That spirit of helping one another was especially visible this year. Through the Bike4Kids fundraiser campaign, volunteers cycled 950 kilometers across Eastern Türkiye, raising more than $50,000 to help fund four fully equipped science labs. Our first volunteer-led BTF Marathon fundraiser brought supporters together around the world and raised nearly $63,000 for education projects. And from Cambridge and Sydney to Chicago, San Diego, New York and Seattle, our community continued to gather, connect, give and turn goodwill into action.

What began 23 years ago as a small nonprofit with a handful of volunteers determined to make a difference continues today through a global community choosing to maximize that impact. As BTF grows, our purpose remains true to our original mission: bridging support between Türkiye and the world to create lasting opportunities for local communities to thrive through partnership and collective action.

To our donors, staff, volunteers, partners, educators, students and friends across the globe, thank you. Your generosity, time, trust and love are at the heart of everything we do at BTF. You do not simply support this mission. You are an indispensable part of this venture.

We look ahead with gratitude for what we have built together and optimism for what is still possible. There are more students to reach, more opportunities to create impact and more bridges to build.

Change starts with us. Together, we can make that change enduring.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Bülent Ender
President



Ela Eskinazi
Chairwoman



Bridge to Türkiye

Impact Summary

From **July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026,** your support reached students, classrooms, and communities across Türkiye. **The numbers below reflect what we accomplished together during the 2025–2026 fiscal year,** made possible by your generosity and the dedication of our partners.

109K+
empowered rural students through classroom supplies

1,918
annual scholarships for K-12 and university students in Türkiye

12
annual scholarships for college and graduate students in USA

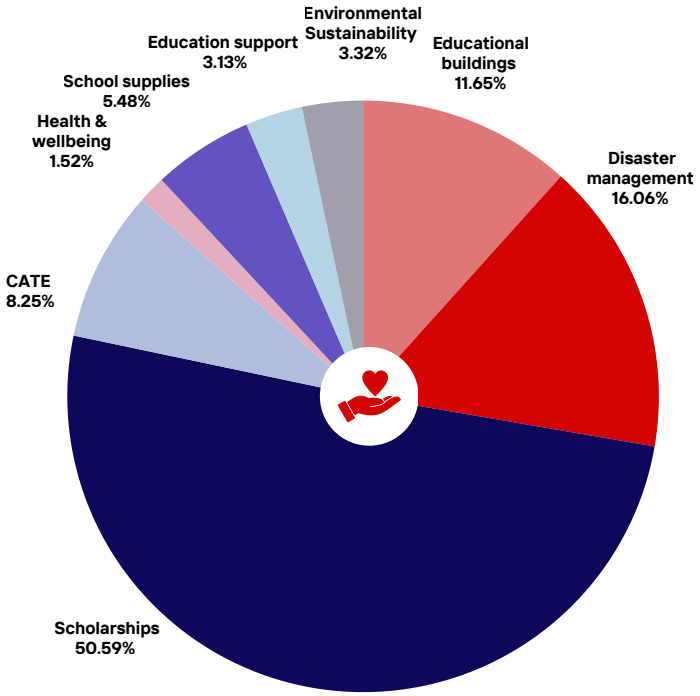
52
projects supported across eight program areas

Funding Summary

Every dollar below came from a donor who believed in our work. Here is how we put it to use, program by program.

To see our audited financials, click here.

Program area	Grants ($)
Educational buildings	$291,974.88
Disaster management	$402,265.17
Empowerment and Impact scholarships	$1,267,352.57
Child Amputees of Türkiye Earthquakes (CATE)	$206,691.35
Education support	$78,282.10
School supplies	$137,356.26
Health & wellbeing	$38,173.34
Environmental Sustainability	$83,285.00
TOTAL	**$2,505,380**



Program Spotlight

Scholarships

Across Türkiye, many talented students have the drive to succeed but not the means to stay in school. BTF scholarships close that gap, so students can focus on learning and building their future.

Empowerment Scholarships	Earthquake Scholarships	Impact Scholarships	CATE Scholarships
1,481 students **25** partner organizations	**306** students **5** partner organizations	**12** students **11** universities in USA	**131** students **3** partner organizations

GRAND TOTAL

1,930 annual scholarships | **$1,617,109.09** grants

School Supplies

Support A Classroom in Türkiye is a BTF-grown program that equips under-resourced schools nationwide with essential educational supplies. By improving the classroom experience and supporting teacher effectiveness, the program serves as a vital resource for both students and educators.

This year, we invested **$137,356 to deliver 153 sets of classroom materials** to rural schools, provide **800 students with school bags and stationery, and build nine science labs** in underserved communities across **20 provinces.**





Bridge to Türkiye

BTF Programs



Impact & Empowerment Scholarships

Number of partner organizations: **36**
Total disbursed: **$1,267,352.57**
Total impact: **1,493 students**



Education Support

Number of partner organizations: **8**
Total disbursed: **$78,282**
Total impact: **8,200+ students**



Educational Buildings

Number of partners: **6**
Total disbursed: **$291,974**
Total impact: **60,000+ students**



School Supplies

Number of deliveries: **153**
Total disbursed: **$137,356.26**
Total impact: **109,000+ students**



Child Amputees of Türkiye Earthquakes (CATE)

Number of partner organizations: **3**
Total disbursed: **$206,691**
Total impact: **392 beneficiaries**



Disaster Management (including earthquake scholarships)

Number of partner organizations: **7**
Total disbursed: **$402,265**
Total impact: **90,000+ individuals**



Health & Wellbeing

Number of partner organizations: **4**
Total disbursed: **$38,173**
Total impact: **9,800+ children and youth**



Environmental Sustainability

Number of partner organizations: **2**
Total disbursed: **$83,285**
Total impact: **1,500+ beneficiaries**

"I am excited to continue growing as both a musician and a student at the Manhattan School of Music. My goal is to become a more versatile artist while striving for excellence in my academic and artistic pursuits. BTF's support has made this journey possible, and I am deeply grateful for your belief in my potential and your investment in my future."



Duru Aydın, sophomore at the Manhattan School of Music

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Community Events



4 October 2025

San Diego, California /
Wine Night with Çağatay



1 May 2026

Chicago, Illinois / Tavşan İmparatorluğu Film Screening



16 November 2025

Cambridge, United Kingdom
Gülsin Onay Piano Recital



30 November 2025

Sydney, Australia
Eskisi Gibi Film Screening



31 Jan 2026

New York City, New York
Professions in the age of AI & the Digital World Panel



19 May 2026

Seattle, Washington/ Seattle Atatürk Run organized in collaboration with TACAWA

Bike4Kids Campaign

September 2025

From September 10 to 22, 2025, a team of Turkish-American cyclists rode 950 kilometers across Eastern Türkiye.

The campaign raised $50,063, which helped fund four fully equipped science labs.





BTF Marathon

November 2025

In November 2025, BTF launched its first Marathon, a volunteer-led fitness challenge open to supporters everywhere.

Teams from İzmir Fen Lisesi, Hacettepe University, Yıldız Technical University, Kabataş Erkek Lisesi, and Orta Doğu Teknik Üniversitesi joined in, and every kilometer they logged helped fund education projects in Türkiye. Together they raised $62,943.



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