Bridge to Türkiye Fund

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www.bridgetoturkiye.org
BTF is a 100% volunteer-run organization; a philanthropic bridge between the U.S. and Türkiye, organized for charitable purposes.

**GOAL:**
To finance and support projects related to children’s education and health care.

Collaborates with trusted NGOs in Turkey such as CYDD.
Accomplishments

- Repaired 21 school buildings/dorms
- Established 37 school libraries
- Set up 57 computer laboratories
- Furnished 29 kindergarten classrooms
- Outfitted 7,200 rural students with winter boots
- Supplied 15,500 Turkish-English dictionaries
- Provided medical treatment for children with facial burns, cleft-palates, or leukemia
- Provided earthquake disaster relief
- Provided 490 micro-scholarships for disadvantaged girls and boys from rural Turkey
Medine Memi Girls’ Empowerment Scholarships Fund

- Scholarship fund established in 2010 to honor Medine Memi and other victims of honor killings.
- Turkey is one of a number of countries that has alarming rate of honor killings.
- There are many factors: social, cultural, religious, and lack of education.
- Legal measures are not enough to combat this global issue.
- Raising awareness & educating girls are effective means in addressing honor killings for the long-term.

BTF has pledged to eliminate economics as a factor in getting an education for socio-economically disadvantaged girls…
Medine Memi Scholarships
Providing Economic Empowerment
Since 2010

✧ Currently, 28 students are supported.

✧ Nearly $23,000 in scholarships paid.

✧ 17 college and 36 elementary to high school scholarships provided.

✧ Annual awards ranged from $360 to $1080 per student.

✧ College students are studying law, medicine, dentistry, nursing, business, science degrees.

✧ Our goal is to raise the number of girls supported by this program to:

50 girls in 2013 and 500 girls in 5 years!

www.bridgetoturkiye.org/medinememi
Why Invest in Women

Women make up > 2/3 of the world’s 796 million illiterate people.

70% of the world’s 1 billion people living in poverty are women.

Girls between ages of 12 and 17 make up 90% child laborers.

Girls who stay in school for 7 or more yrs, marry 4 yrs later and have fewer children.

In Turkey, unschooled girls-to-boys ratio is around 2 to 1.

The number of child brides in Turkey exceeds 181,000.

Sources: UN Women, USAID, UNESCO, TurkSTAT
Why Invest In Adolescent Girls

✧ These girls can avoid being forced to become child laborers or child brides, which make them vulnerable to domestic violence and early pregnancy.

✧ She will become educated, safer, healthier, and contribute to economical growth when she becomes a woman.

✧ Educated women multiply the impact of this investment through families they raise and the communities they support, ultimately contributing to global prosperity and security.
"When You Educate A Girl, You Educate A Community" an African proverb
You can make a difference!

$http://www.btf.org/

- $30 per month supports elementary to middle school students
- $45 per month supports a high school student
- $90 per month supports a college student

Please support our cause by contributing or sponsoring a girl!
OCTAA & BTF OC Group
Currently Sponsoring:

From Karaçoban School in Erzurum, Türkiye:

- Derya – 8th grade student (*Scored 1st place in the district*)
- Dilek – 5th grade student (*an honor student*)

*With your continued support, we can empower these students in becoming productive members and future leaders of Turkish society...*
“I am convinced that the exercise of social and political rights by women is necessary for mankind’s happiness and pride. You can rest assured that Turkish women, together with world’s women, will work towards world peace and security.”

Mustafa Kemal ATATÜRK

(at the International Women’s Congress in Istanbul in 1935)
Thank you for joining us today and supporting BTF’s Girls’ Empowerment Scholarships Cause.

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY!