



Friends of Anatolia

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*** ENCOURAGING THE GROWTH OF TURKISH CIVIL SOCIETY ***

Friends of Anatolia is recently founded by a group of young and enthusiastic volunteers who share the vision of creating a model for peace and sustainable democracy in the Middle East by encouraging the growth of Turkish civil society.

In line with this vision, Friends of Anatolia's mission is to support the education system in Turkey, to strengthen Turkish nonprofit organizations, and to promote cultural exchange. Our volunteers identify practical solutions to social problems by combining innovation, resourcefulness and opportunity and they are deeply committed to generating social value.

Our 2005 goals and accomplishments are as follows:

Education:



Friends of Anatolia will support the education system in Turkey by improving the conditions of elementary schools located in socio-economically underprivileged areas, providing educational supplies, offering financial aid to teachers and students, and encouraging girls' education. On a longer term, Friends of Anatolia will initiate long-distance educational opportunities and after school programs.

- ✓ We completed in less than six months two school renovations in Siverek, Sanliurfa and Midyat, Mardin benefiting a total of 450 students. We raised about \$25,000 for these two projects. In addition, we are in the process of providing educational supplies to these schools before the opening of the new school year.



Philanthropy:

Friends of Anatolia will strengthen the Turkish nonprofit organizations by operating a Volunteer Center, publishing a periodical promoting Turkish philanthropy in the U.S., offering conditional grants to organizations in Turkey. In addition, we will organize annual conferences in Turkey to provide training to local organizations and help design academic programs for nonprofit management.

- ✓ We designed and developed the first issue of our periodical, Phila TR, which will be published this year.
- ✓ We leased space in Mountain View, California, to be used as a Volunteer Center, which will promote volunteerism and increase the efficiency and quality of our volunteers' work. This will also help us build our capacity and make our resources available to other Turkish nonprofits.



Culture:

Friends of Anatolia will promote cultural exchange by organizing and supporting cultural and social events, planning travel and study programs, offering art and language courses. Eventually, we aim to operate a Turkish Community Center in the San Francisco Bay Area.

- ✓ We organized a fundraising dinner highlighting Turkish food, music and dance, which promoted Turkish culture and benefited our educational programs.
- ✓ We participated in the annual TAAC Turkish Arts and Culture Festival in Monterey helping promote Turkish culture.
- ✓ We publish a regular electronic newsletter featuring articles on Turkish culture as well as communicating organizational updates.



Summary

In less than a year, Friends of Anatolia has formed the organizational infrastructure by obtaining tax-exempt status, recruiting volunteers for Board, Advisory Council and committees.



We have also built alliances with more than ten Turkish-American organizations and received support of over 400 individuals. To strengthen our credibility, we registered with well-known institutes in the nonprofit sector such as United Nations, Guidestar and Idealist.

Besides, we succeeded to raise over \$42,000 in individual donations and an additional \$2,000 in pledges. All of this was achieved through the hard work of more than 25 devoted volunteers.

Currently, our aim is to raise an additional \$35,000 by December 7th, our first anniversary, so that our infrastructure can grow with our programs. As a newly established organization, we will be able to qualify for U.S. government and foundation grants next year, only after we complete our first year of operation. These funders also look for wide community support in choosing whom to fund.

We need your involvement more than ever, and we need it now!

Can we count on you to realize our dreams?

If you are interested in supporting Friends of Anatolia, you can make donation on line at:
<http://www.friendsofanatolia.org/donate.html>

Or mail it to us at:

P.O. Box 20511 Stanford, CA

"Remember, even a dollar makes a difference!"

Visit our website, www.friendsofanatolia.org, or call (650) 799-3133 to reach more information about our accomplished and upcoming projects, and volunteer opportunities.

Please help us spread the word about Friends of Anatolia by sharing this letter!



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Yes! I would like to support Friends of Anatolia's programs (education, nonprofits, culture):

___\$25 ___\$50 ___\$100 ___\$250 ___\$500 Other \$___

Yes! I would like to contribute to Friends of Anatolia for general support:

In the amount of \$___

Name

Date

Address

City, State, Zip Code

My check/cash is enclosed.

Send me an invoice for payment with credit card.

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