

HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

- You can join our growing network of active volunteers.

Save the date!

Sunday, March 20, 2005 at 2pm
for our first [volunteer orientation](#)

- You can support us with your financial contributions.

Save the date!

Saturday, May 21, 2005 at 6:30pm
for our first [fundraising dinner](#)

Visit our website to donate:

www.friendsofanatolia.org/donate.html

- You can spread the word about our organization or refer people to us.

E-mail us with your referrals:

info@friendsofanatolia.org

The clock is ticking...



Friends of Anatolia has been granted a \$10,000 challenge gift for general support which will only be available until **April 15, 2005**.

Every dollar you donate will be matched, and your contribution will help us achieve our goals.

[Please donate now!](#)

Friends of Anatolia is a **tax-exempt nonprofit organization** under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Important Dates for Friends of Anatolia

- ✓ It was incorporated in California on **June 16, 2004**.
- ✓ Its ByLaws were certified by the Board of Directors on **October 14, 2004**.
- ✓ It obtained its charitable status from the Internal Revenue Service on **December 7, 2004**.
- ✓ It registered with the State of California Franchise Tax Board on **January 18, 2005**.

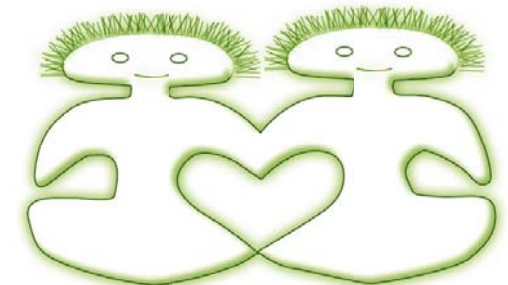
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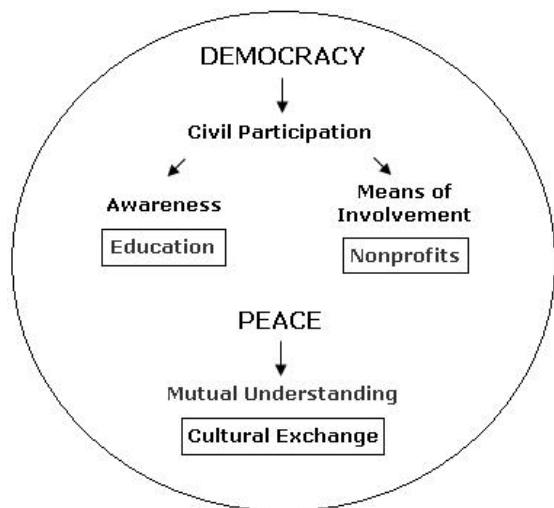
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FRIENDS OF ANATOLIA

*“Change your routine,
be a volunteer!”™*



FRIENDS OF ANATOLIA



We have formed FRIENDS OF ANATOLIA in order to **contribute to peace and democracy in the Middle East** by providing support for the education system and for nonprofit organizations in Turkey. We also aim to create a mutual understanding among people of different backgrounds by using Anatolian culture and tourism as a unifying tool.

The most important component of democracy is *civil participation*, which requires *awareness* and *a means of involvement*. We believe this process starts with a good education and grows with well-functioning nonprofit organizations.

Peace can be achieved by mutual understanding and respect for differences, which in turn are fostered through cultural exchange.

Thus, we seek to encourage the growth of Turkish civil society -- creating a model for peace and sustainable democracy in the Middle East -- and to promote Anatolian culture and heritage.

To achieve this mission, Friends of Anatolia has **three main goals**:

1. Supporting the education system in Turkey
2. Strengthening Turkish nonprofit organizations
3. Promoting cultural exchange

GOALS FOR 2005

1. Supporting the education system in Turkey

We will improve the conditions of **at least three elementary schools** in Anatolia by coordinating physical repairs as well as providing educational tools and after-school programs. Special support for girls' education and financial help for students and teachers are among other important goals on our list for this year.

These educational goals represent approximately 40% of our program activities.

2. Strengthening Turkish nonprofit organizations

We will offer **conditional grants to at least two local organizations** in Turkey, and publish a manual detailing the standards which produce efficient and credible organizations. We will also organize the first of a sequence of annual conferences in Turkey to provide training for staff, directors, and volunteers of these local organizations on subjects such as fundraising, project and volunteer management, and strategic planning.

These nonprofit oriented goals represent approximately 35% of our program activities.

3. Promoting cultural exchange

We will operate a **Turkish community center** in the Bay Area where we will promote Anatolian culture and heritage by offering various courses on Turkish language, dance, art and cuisine. The center will bring volunteers together to develop further programs and strengthen the community. We will utilize this place as an office as well as a resource center.

These cultural goals represent approximately 25% of our program activities.



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