

HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

- You can join our growing network of active volunteers.

Save the date!

Sunday, May 29, 2005 at 2pm
for our next [volunteer orientation](#)

- You can support us with your financial contributions.

Save the date!

Saturday, May 21, 2005 at 6:00pm
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 first school repair project...



Friends of Anatolia is committed to repair the **Dibekduzu Elementary School** in Siverek, Sanliurfa this summer.

Please support us to bring hope to the lives of the students, teachers and parents in Dibekduzu.

Visit our website to learn more!

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**.

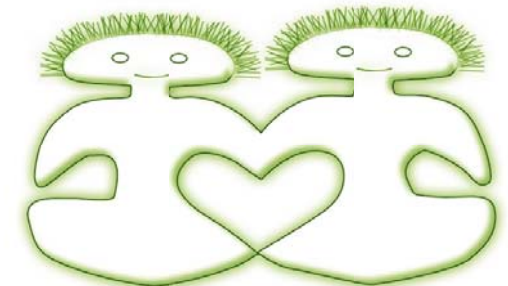
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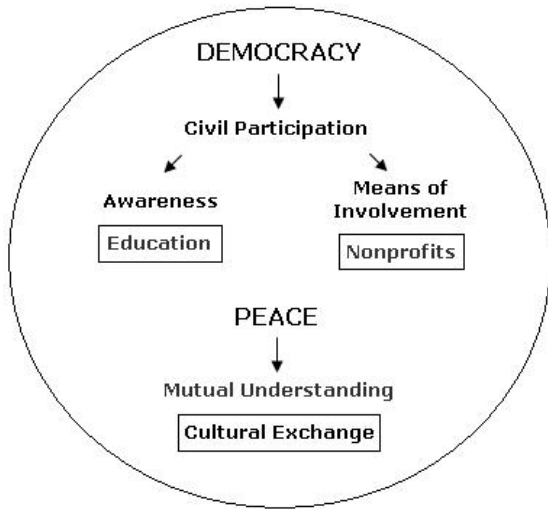
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FRIENDS OF ANATOLIA

*“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, our vision is to create a model for peace and sustainable democracy in the Middle East by encouraging the growth of Turkish civil society

To achieve this vision, Friends of Anatolia has a mission with **three main focuses**:

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 of efficient and credible organizations as well as a periodical to support Turkish philanthropy in the US. 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.

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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