



EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS FOUNDATION OF TÜRKİYE



*We were there with all our power.*

**WE ARE STILL THERE**

2023 Integrated Annual Report





*“... education is new horizons, vision, self-confidence, efficiency and high quality. So, only well-educated bright minds can keep up with the age. There is a need for a well-defined, well-measured, modern national education policy. Only in this way can we raise Türkiye’s young generations well. Only these generations can protect Atatürk’s principles and reforms.”*

*Suna Kıraç*

Ömrümden Uzun İdeallerim Var/I Have Ideals That Will Outlast My Lifetime - Ridvan Akar - Istanbul 2006. Pg. 190



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# ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Explanation
AC	Activity Center
ARC	Annual Report Competition
BVT	Basic Volunteer Training
CAF	Charities Aid Foundation
CC	Container City
CIT	Chamber of Informatics and Technology
CRM	Customer Relations Management
DIF	Design Inventors Firefly
DSW	Design and Skill Workshop
ERI	Education Reform Initiative
FF	Firefly
GEM	Global Education Monitoring Report
ISMS	Information Security Management System
ISO	International Standards Organization
LMS	Learning Management System
LRF	Lloyd's Register Foundation
NVC	National Volunteering Committee
OCMS	Organizational Continuity Management System
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
PSVA	Private Sector Volunteers Association
PVT	Program Volunteer Training
QMS	Quality Management System
SIPOC	Suppliers-Inputs-Process-Outputs-Customers
STA	Short-Term Activity
TEGV	Education Volunteers Foundation of Türkiye
TPF	Turkish Philanthropy Fund
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
VKF	Vehbi Koç Foundation
VRF	Value Reporting Foundation
WBW	Workshops for a Better World
YODA	Youth Online Design Academy



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Earthquake Activities  
Movie Clip.



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2023 Integrated  
Annual Report.





*On the morning of February 6, we opened our eyes to a news that deeply saddened us and left the whole of Türkiye in mourning... 9 hours apart, 2 major earthquakes took place with the epicenter in Kahramanmaraş, affecting 11 provinces, and we felt their impact all over Türkiye.*

We were first shocked by this disaster, then we quickly set out to embrace and support everyone who needed us. From the very first day, we wholeheartedly fulfilled our responsibility in the earthquake-affected regions. We were there to hold hands, to see, to listen, to be the voice of people, and to give breathing space to the weary with all our love, effort and determination, and we are continuing to be there.



*We came together as one to bring hope back...*

*We continue our work in the earthquake-hit region with the support of our volunteers and donors to heal the wounds and get back on our feet. We are grateful to our volunteers and donors who still support us.*



*With the support of our volunteers, we continue to brighten and contribute to the daily lives of children in the earthquake region.*







## WE WERE THERE TO TOUCH LIVES

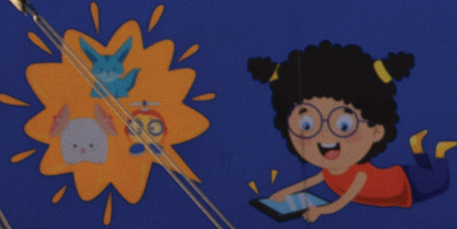
*On February 6, from the first hours of the earthquake, we stood in solidarity first with each other and then with those who were waiting for our aid. The number of our volunteers was constantly increasing; 109 of them traveled to the earthquake zone more than once and met children. In 4 provinces, we set up 15 Container City Activity Center serving as learning units, and continued to expand our Firefly Fleet by adding 7 new vehicles. Consisting of 24 vehicles in total, we are using our fleet to support children at our activity centers, the number of which reached 3 with the latest addition of the new activity center in Diyarbakır.*



ATEŞBOCEĞİ ÖĞRENİM BİRİMİ



TÜRKİYE EĞİTİM GÖNÜLLÜLERİ VAKFI



Yıllık Peşinde Keşan Gönüllüleri



## WE WERE THERE WITH COURAGE, FAITH AND DEDICATION

*We started to work to be a glimmer of hope everywhere where could reach out with to the best of our ability with our Fireflies and activity centers in the region. Also, we added to our power with our female Firefly managers who joined us after the earthquake disaster. We will continue to stand by children with our teammates, volunteers, donors and sponsors from all over Türkiye.*





## WE WERE THERE FOR PERMANENT SOLUTIONS

*Our 18 Fireflies, 15 Container City Activity Centers and 3 Fixed Activity Centers continue to help children in the 11 provinces hit by the earthquake by social and emotional support events. We reach more children thanks to adding new Fireflies to our fleet. In addition, all children in our activity centers across the country benefit from our education activities aimed at raising awareness of earthquake.*



## WE WERE THERE WITH ALL OUR HEART

*We are working hard to contribute to the well-being of children affected by the earthquake that took place on February 6 and to ensure the continuity of their education. We were there with the support of our education volunteers around the world whose hearts beat with us.*





# INTEGRATED ANNUAL REPORT



## *We are pleased to present our Integrated Annual Report.*

We as the Education Volunteers Foundation of Türkiye (TEGV) are pleased to present our 6<sup>th</sup> Integrated Annual Report, sharing our activities in the field of education and our strategies for the future from a holistic perspective, for the information of our stakeholders.

Our report was prepared according to the fundamental concepts and principles of the Value Reporting Foundation's (VRF) Integrated Reporting <IR> Framework.

Integrated reporting ensures that the report transparently and consistently reflects the activities we performed based on an integrated thinking philosophy. With our first report published in 2018, we were proud to be the first non-governmental organization operating in the field of education in Türkiye to publish an integrated annual report.

The content of our report was created in line with the topics considered to be priorities for 2023. Unless otherwise stated, the information provided is for the 12-month period beginning on January 1, 2023 and ending on December 31, 2023.

The data and information in our report informs our stakeholders about our 2023 activities, our plans for the future, our governance structure, our independently audited financial statements, and the value we created with our business model in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Finar Agency, a valuable member of the TEGV Family, for its pro bono design of our report for the last six years.

# AWARDS



## **Award from ARC Awards International for our 2022 Integrated Annual Report**

We prepared our 2022 Integrated Annual Report with the special theme of "Faces of the Republic" for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Republic and received the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the "Annual Report in Native Language" category at the Annual Report Competition (ARC), the world's largest international reporting competition.

Since 2018, we have been regularly publishing our Integrated Annual Reports and we have received many gold, silver and honor awards in the categories of interior design, cover design, infographics, illustration, annual report design and photography in the ARC Awards.

## *This year again, we crowned our achievements with awards in various fields.*



## **TEGV won the Istanbul Rotary Club's "Outstanding Professional Service Award"**

for the first time for the hard work of our Fireflies in the region hit by the great earthquake disaster on February 6, 2023. While receiving this meaningful award, Rotary Club's Term Chairman Ata Köseoğlu gave the good news that the construction of 1 new Firefly has started with the support of the Rotary Club of Istanbul, and said that they will provide more than one hundred thousand children all over our country with the opportunity for effective education.

## **Faces of the Republic Awarded in 6 Categories at the 21<sup>st</sup> Golden Spider Web Awards**

launched on the occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> year of our Republic, the Faces of the Republic project's website won 6 awards in 5 categories of the 21<sup>st</sup> Golden Spider Web Awards, and became the project with the highest number of awards this year. Reflecting the 100<sup>th</sup> year of our Republic and the stories of the TEGV family, the Faces of the Republic website won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Education category, and the "People's Favorite" award in the Digital Marketing - Integrated Campaign, Event & Culture & Arts, Microsite & Education categories at the 21<sup>st</sup> Golden Spider Web Awards. Achieving this success with your votes, we dedicated our website to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Republic and we hope it will shed light on the next hundred years. We would like to thank all our education volunteers and everyone who supported our website with their votes.



## A MESSAGE FROM CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



*Inspired by one of our founders, Suna Kırac, “At TEGV, we approach children with love, equip them with knowledge and give them the skills and self-confidence that will enable them to walk tall and stand stronger in life. For our children, we serve as a complement to school and an alternative to the streets and risky environments.”*

*For 28 years, we have touched the lives of over 3 million children and their families.*

Dear Friends of the Education Volunteers Foundation of Türkiye,

2023 was the 100<sup>th</sup> year of our Republic. As the whole nation, we celebrated it with great pride and enthusiasm. However, the earthquakes with the epicenter in Kahramanmaraş on February 6, 2023 caused great suffering for the nation and we tried to heal our wounds throughout the year. All in all, we can say that 2023 was a very meaningful but quite challenging year.

With its responsive corporate organization, qualified staff, experience gained from previous earthquake disasters, know-how and especially the Fireflies and volunteers coming to the earthquake zone from all over the country, TEGV took active role in the earthquake zone from the first days of the earthquake, touching the lives of thousands of citizens affected by the earthquake.

On behalf of TEGV, I would like to extend our sincere thanks once again to our valuable volunteers and all our stakeholders who contributed to this process, and I wish God's mercy to all those who lost their lives in the earthquake, and patience and condolences to their families and relatives.

Valuable Colleagues,  
In 2024, we will celebrate our 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Through our work over the past 28 years, we have not only provided educational support to children, but also offered and taught them a new way of life at our activity centers. We provided them not only with qualified educational support but also with the opportunity for a civil, modern life.

Inspired by one of our founders, Suna Kırac, “At TEGV, we approach children with love, equip them with knowledge and give them the skills and self-confidence that will enable them to walk tall and stand stronger in life. For our children, we serve as a complement to school and an alternative to the streets and risky environments.”

We aim to equip children with the skills needed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, to increase their social and emotional awareness, to help them become productive individuals who use science and technology, are sensitive to the environment and provide social benefits. In our workshops, we provide thousands of different educational contents to children ranging from arts to sports, from science to technology. For 28 years, we have acted with this mission and touched the lives of over 3 million children and their families.

We have created trust in our country and around the world by continuously improving our high quality, transparent and accountable corporate structure. Many people and organizations have embraced and supported us. Please review our 2023 Integrated Annual Report for the details of our support and activities in the past year.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks to our valuable volunteers, donors, all our stakeholders, managers, employees and trustees who have always stood by us since our foundation.

Sincerely,

**M. Özalp Birol**  
Chairperson of the Board of Directors

## A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL MANAGER



*Our Fireflies attracted great interest, receiving support from many domestic and foreign organizations. 7 new Fireflies are on the ground, and 2 new vehicles will be on the road in the first months of 2024. We are very excited as our fleet of 26 vehicles will brighten the future of at least 40 thousand children annually.*

*We offer quality activities to children in 72 activity centers in 27 provinces across Türkiye.*

Dear Friends,

We started 2023 with the excitement of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Republic. Unfortunately, the disaster of February 6 changed the agenda of our country! We have revised some of the projects we designed for this special year, and our priority is to heal the wounds caused by the earthquake. Despite the adversities, we ferforthly continued our “Faces of the Republic” themed projects. As TEGV family, we stood before the Great Leader Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk and expressed our gratitude.

When Türkiye woke up shaken on the morning of February 6, six of our Firefly fleet of seventeen vehicles had already been working in the earthquake zone. From the first hours, we hosted our citizens in our vehicles and met their basic needs. Based on our experience from earthquake zones in the past years, we quickly organized our volunteers and directed all our Fireflies to the region. In addition, our Şanlıurfa and Adana activity centers supported earthquake victims. More than 400 volunteers from different cities traveled to the region, and together with our volunteers in the region, they contributed to the post-trauma normalization of children with 358,000 hours of social and emotional activities.

During this period, our field experience and transparency paved the way for the support of new donors. With the sponsorship of Shell Türkiye and Vehbi Koç Foundation, we launched 15 new centers in 4 cities in the region. With the help of local volunteers, we provided children with qualified education. Our Fireflies attracted great interest, receiving support from many domestic and foreign organizations. 7 new Fireflies are on the ground, and 2 new vehicles will be on the road in the first months of 2024. We are very excited as our fleet of 26 vehicles will brighten

the future of at least 40 thousand children annually. We opened our Hatay library to give our children the habit of reading. We gave 1,000 bicycles as gifts. We are happy that these activities make our children smile.

For our work in the earthquake zone, we received the “Outstanding Service Award” from Istanbul Rotary and we were proud of this award given to an organization for the first time.

I cannot thank enough the local administrators, sponsors, volunteers and colleagues who worked devotedly in the field.

Our 2023 activities were not limited to the earthquake zone: 83,000 children benefited from our activities at 72 locations in 27 provinces. Our new units in Gaziosmanpaşa and Diyarbakır started to serve children. Our Activity Center opened in Denizli will bear the name of legacy donors Ayten & Maksut Çavdar couple. We aim to present our Gaziantep unit as a holiday gift to children on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. Teaching the skills needed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the number of our Design and Skill Workshops has reached 42 across the country. To commemorate our legacy donor, Nirun Şahingiray, and to contribute to the world of education, we organized the 5<sup>th</sup> International Education Forum focusing on teachers' well-being. We took another step in institutionalization by receiving the ISO 27001 Information Security Management System Certificate, and we are proud to be one of the first NGOs to receive the certificate with the standards updated in 2022.

Leaving behind a challenging year, I would like to thank the entire TEGV family and sincerely believe that with this great family, we will continue to raise the children of Türkiye for a bright future.

Respectfully,

**Sait Tosyalı**  
General Manager



## WE WERE THERE SINCE DAY ONE



*Volunteering at TEGV is like being on a long journey with a large family. I decided to volunteer to benefit other lives besides my own. I was a disaster volunteer in Malatya, one of the provinces affected by the earthquake. I think none of the words I have learned up to this age would be enough to describe my experience there.*



Arzu Ç., Istanbul  
City of Destination:  
Malatya



## TEGV BY NUMBERS

*Our achievements together with our stakeholders:*

# 83,550

The Number of Children We Reached

# 1,999,615

Children's Education Hours

# 5,490

The Number of Our Active Volunteers

# 1,000

The Number of Bicycles We Distributed in the Earthquake Zone

# 7

Our New Fireflies

# 15

Container City Activity Centers

# 85,991

Education Hours with Volunteers

# 24,439

Our Donors

# 358,000

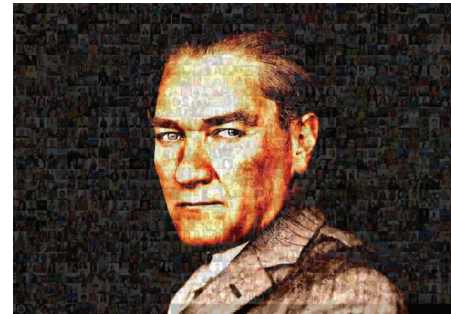
Our Activity Hours in the Earthquake Zone

*In 2023, we reached 83,550 children with our new activity centers, new Fireflies and the support of 5,490 volunteers.*



# HIGHLIGHTS

*We celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> year of our Republic with our “Faces of the Republic” project shaped by the motto “Anyone who protects the Republic is the face of the Republic”.*



**We celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> year of our Republic with the “Faces of the Republic”!**

Our foundation has been providing quality education to children in the light of the fundamental principles and values of the Republic since 1995, and celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> year of our Republic with the “Faces of the Republic” project. Inspired by the TEGV family and taking its enthusiasm from the Republic, the Faces of the Republic project has left a mark on the 100<sup>th</sup> year with events spreading throughout the year. We released our movie “Faces of the Republic” telling the values of the Republic through the true stories of children and volunteers. Specially designed for our project that we run under the motto “Anyone who protects the Republic is the face of the Republic”, our website at cumhuriyetinyuzleri.org was deemed worthy of 6 awards. We interactively created an Atatürk portrait on our website with the widest participation of bright faces in our history, thus immortalizing the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Republic. Here, we gave space to the stories of our children whose paths crossed with TEGV and whose lives changed, in addition to exhibiting children’s Republic-themed artworks. Thanks to the resources generated by the sports activities organized within the framework of the project, we provided qualified educational support to 6,094 children.



**Activities in the Earthquake Zone**

During the February 6 earthquake, the epicenter of which was in Kahramanmaraş, we had 6 Fireflies and 2 settled activity centers in the region. And with our experience in post-disaster relief and support operations, we supported the citizens affected by the earthquake from the first moment. Our volunteers across Türkiye responded quickly to the call for support we launched after the earthquake disaster, and lined up to give hope to the children in the earthquake zone by taking action in the spirit of volunteerism, without expecting anything in return. In the impact area of our Firefly, our volunteers and employees tried to reduce the effects of the trauma through psychoeducational and other various activities with families, children and teachers. With their great dedication and courage, our volunteers, demonstrating once again the power of solidarity in our society. With the support of our education volunteers and in line with our aim to reach more children in the region, we completed the construction of new Fireflies and Container City Activity Centers.



**New Activity Centers!**

On November 6, we opened our Diyarbakır TEGV Bank ABC activity center with the support of Bank ABC. Located on an area of 310 m<sup>2</sup>, our Activity Center will provide quality education to nearly 2,000 children annually. This center will host 7 different units including an Activity Room, a Reading Island, an Informatics and Technology Room, a Design and Skills Workshop, a Dreams Workshop, a Library and a Volunteer Room.

On November 18, we opened our Denizli Activity Center with the donations of our legacy donors Ayten & Maksut Çavdar. With this center, we aim to provide quality education to 2,000 children annually. The center has an indoor area of 345 m<sup>2</sup> with an Activity Room, a Dreams Workshop, a Reading Island, an Informatics and Technology Room and a Design and Skills Workshop.

On December 21, we opened our İstanbul Gaziosmanpaşa Activity Center. Aiming to provide over 1,500 children with quality education annually, the Gaziosmanpaşa Activity Center has an area of 345 m<sup>2</sup>. This Activity Center has a Dreams Workshop and a Design and Skills Workshop.

After the earthquake, we completed the construction of a total of 15 Container City Activity Centers: 4 in Adıyaman, 5 in Hatay, 3 in Kahramanmaraş, and another 3 in Malatya.



**We Have A Long Way To Go With Our Growing Firefly Fleet!**

We set out 24 years ago with our Fireflies, our mobile education vehicles, to spread the light and impact of quality education across Türkiye and reach more children. Our Fireflies are traveling all over Türkiye to bring light to children today and hope for their future, and so far, they traveled 231,000 kilometers, long enough to circle the globe nearly six times.

On this journey, we shared the dreams of 1 million 170 children across Türkiye and contributed to their education. Since day one, our Firefly fleet has immediately reached disaster zones in our country, providing aid and support services primarily to children, followed by educational support. Fireflies are specially designed for children, supported by diverse and engaging materials, equipped with innovative experiments and educational sets, and offer children a colorful world as well as a fun, creative and effective learning environment. With 17 thematic and 7 standard varieties, our fleet of 24 Fireflies will continue to travel hundreds of thousands of kilometers and light the way for children by providing quality education support.



**Female Firefly Managers**

Since the day we set out to our Firefly journey, we have been managing employment with male managers, and for the first time this year, we have entrusted 4 of our Fireflies to female managers. For them, this experience has been a journey not only to overcome different challenges, but also one that has fueled their passion and hope. This mission of our Female Firefly Managers contributes not only to their careers but also to social change. We firmly believe that they will inspire girls with their stories and achievements and raise awareness on gender equality.

As our Firefly fleet is getting stronger under the leadership of female managers, we will continue our efforts to create positive changes in the lives of more children. We would like to thank all our Firefly managers who traveled to the earthquake region to provide education to children, who work devotedly even under difficult conditions, who help children hold on to their dreams and embrace them with love. We will continue to work together for children, committed to the principles of equality, diversity and inclusion.



**Our Trustee Ran 7 Marathons on 7 Continents in 7 Days for TEGV's Children!**

Our trustee and volunteer Ahmet H. Uysal participated in the World Marathon Challenge as part of the project “On the Double for Education: 7 Continents”. He ran 7 marathons on 7 continents in 7 days between January 31 and February 6 to contribute to children’s education. Making innovations for children in the past, Uysal was the first Turkish participant in the World Marathon Challenge. The marathon started in Antarctica and continued in Cape Town, Perth, Dubai, Madrid, Fortaleza and Miami.

Ahmet H. Uysal ran to make sure that children have hope, goals and a bright future, representing quality education on 7 continents. During his struggle against difficult conditions, our education volunteer got strength from the letters written to him by children, the endless love in his heart and his dreams, and he brought quality education to 3,500 children in the earthquake zone by running the marathon.



**We Took Another Step In Institutionalization By Obtaining ISO 27001:2022 Certificate!**

Thanks to our devoted efforts, we were awarded the ISO 27001:2022 Information Security Management System (ISMS) Certificate after undergoing a detailed and rigorous audit in line with the standards set by the International Standards Organization (ISO).

After obtaining the ISO 9001:2015 certificate in 2021, we became the first non-governmental organization to receive the ISO 27001:2022 certificate with the standards updated in 2022.

We established and have been operating an ISMS in accordance with ISO 27001:2022, and have safeguarded the information assets that the Foundation uses to contribute to quality educational programs and activities for primary school children. In this context, we have created a set of documented safety measures to meet the requirements of the relevant standard.



## MISSION, VISION AND VALUES

*“A Child  
Changes,  
Türkiye  
Flourishes!”*



## Who Are We?

As Türkiye's largest non-governmental organization in the field of education, our love of education started us on our journey 28 years ago to bring quality education to our children.



Please scan the QR code to access the “Who Are We?” page on our website.

## Mission

To contribute to the basic education provided by the state in order to raise children of primary school age to be well-equipped, qualified individuals with modern, universal values who understand the basic principles of the Republic.

To raise our children as rational, responsible, self-confident, and happy individuals who can think, question, and use their inner creativity; who are peaceful, respectful of different thoughts and beliefs, and who do not discriminate based on gender, race, religion, or language.

## Vision

To be an NGO with effective and distinctive education programs and a sustainable structure accessible to every child in our country.

## WE WERE THERE TO HEAL THE WOUNDS



*In my opinion, one of the most important and valuable activities of TEGV to date is the ongoing work in the earthquake zone. Despite all the difficulties, we as the TEGV family strived to heal the wounds caused by the earthquake together with those little hearts with love.*



**Ayşen D., Mersin**  
**City of Destination:**  
Adıyaman-Hatay-  
Kahramanmaraş-Malatya

## Values



### Credibility

All our decisions, behavior, and practices are based on the objective criteria of our organization.



### Volunteering and Solidarity

We work with a spirit of volunteering to achieve the common goals of the Foundation and support all our stakeholders.



### Innovation

We work with an approach that is open to innovation, change, and development.



### Respect for Differences

We believe that social differences constitute diversity, and intellectual differences create opportunities.



### Responsibility

We fulfill our duties and responsibilities completely, based on our work discipline and ethical rules.



# EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENT

## Education

Since the early 2000s, “emergency pedagogy” has been used extensively as a way of sustaining education in war and disaster situations. Today, as the nature of these emergencies has changed and the number of people affected by them has increased, almost every academic year has become an emergency. Natural, political and economic uncertainties, coupled with the inherent contradictions of learning itself, have greatly reduced the resilience of education systems. In a sense, education, the common experience of humanity, has been caught unprepared for the era of “perpetual crises”.

**The Education Monitoring Report prepared by ERI (Education Reform Initiative)** provides a comprehensive analysis of the effects and consequences of the crises in the world and in Türkiye. Under the title “Education in the Age of Crises”, the report evaluates the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and other crises on education as well as the effects of technological and spatial opportunities on education. Education technologies and digitalization in education can facilitate the continuity of education in emergencies. In addition, the use of mass communication

*Educational technologies and digitalization can facilitate the continuity of education.*

and technology keeps information channels active, builds dialogue between students and teachers and allows education to continue, albeit intermittently.

In this context, **UNDP** and Microsoft partnered to empower young people in Asia and the Pacific in 2023. This collaboration aims to equip two million young people with the skills and the ability to use artificial intelligence (AI) to succeed in the rapidly evolving digital age and prepare them for future works.

In 2023, **UNESCO-GEM** took several initiatives in the field of educational technologies. A primary area of work was to issue the “Global Education Monitoring Report” evaluating the use of technology in education. This report examines the role of technology in education in terms of access, equality, scalability and sustainability, while highlighting the relationship between advancing technologies after the COVID-19 pandemic and SDG 4: Education.

The most important feature of the **PISA** research is that it uses statistical methods to compare and contrast the development of countries over the years, across fields

and countries. Türkiye participated in PISA 2022 with 196 schools and 7,250 students representing 12 regions in Level 1 of the Categorization of Turkish Territorial Units for Statistics (CTTUS). The types of the schools were as follows: 56% were Anatolian High Schools, 23% were Vocational and Technical Anatolian High Schools, 10.2% were Anatolian Religious Vocational High School, 10.6% were Science High Schools, Social Sciences High Schools, Multi-Program Anatolian High Schools and Anatolian Fine Arts High Schools. The sample of Türkiye consisted of 50.2% female students and 49.8% of male students. While 93.9% of the sample consisted of 10<sup>th</sup> grade students and 5.4% of 9<sup>th</sup> grade students, the total proportion of students in other grades (7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades) was less than 1%. When interpreting PISA results, it is important to focus on the distribution and concentration of students according to proficiency levels rather than country rankings. In all three areas —reading, science and mathematics— Türkiye’s average score was below the average of OECD countries, but above the average of the 81 countries surveyed. Evaluating Türkiye’s ranking among OECD countries in terms of subject areas, our country ranks 29<sup>th</sup> among 37 OECD countries, with the highest ranking in science. Followed by that, it ranks 30<sup>th</sup> in reading and 32<sup>nd</sup> in mathematics.

## Resource Development

Steadily increasing all over the world for the last 5 years, philanthropic activities continued at a high rate last year. According to the 2023 World Giving Index published by the Charities Aid Foundation (**CAF**), 60% of people helped a stranger last year, while 34% engaged in philanthropic activities through donations and 24% through volunteering. This means that almost three quarters of people took action to help others during 2022.

In the survey of 142 countries, Türkiye ranks 126<sup>th</sup> in the world in terms of philanthropic activities. Data show that around 54% of the Turkish population helped a stranger, 18% made a donation and only 9% were involved in volunteer work.

This not only shows that Türkiye is lagging behind the world average, but also that its citizens are less involved in philanthropic activities compared to the previous year.

According to the study, the level of happiness is proportional to the propensity to donate. According to the **United Nations World Happiness Report**, citizens of 7 out of 10 countries with high donation rates have above-average levels of happiness. Apart from happiness, it is found that migrants are more inclined to donate than people who continue to live in their country of birth. It is observed that people who move or live abroad are significantly more likely to donate to their homeland.

In 2023, social media had a positive effect on the diversification of donation channels with its growing speed, developing features and opportunities offered to users.

Easy access, fast transactions, seamless donor experience, and the ability to reach large masses through sharing contribute to social responsibility awareness, while also underlining the importance of social media platforms in philanthropic activities.



ERI 2023



UNESCO



UNDP



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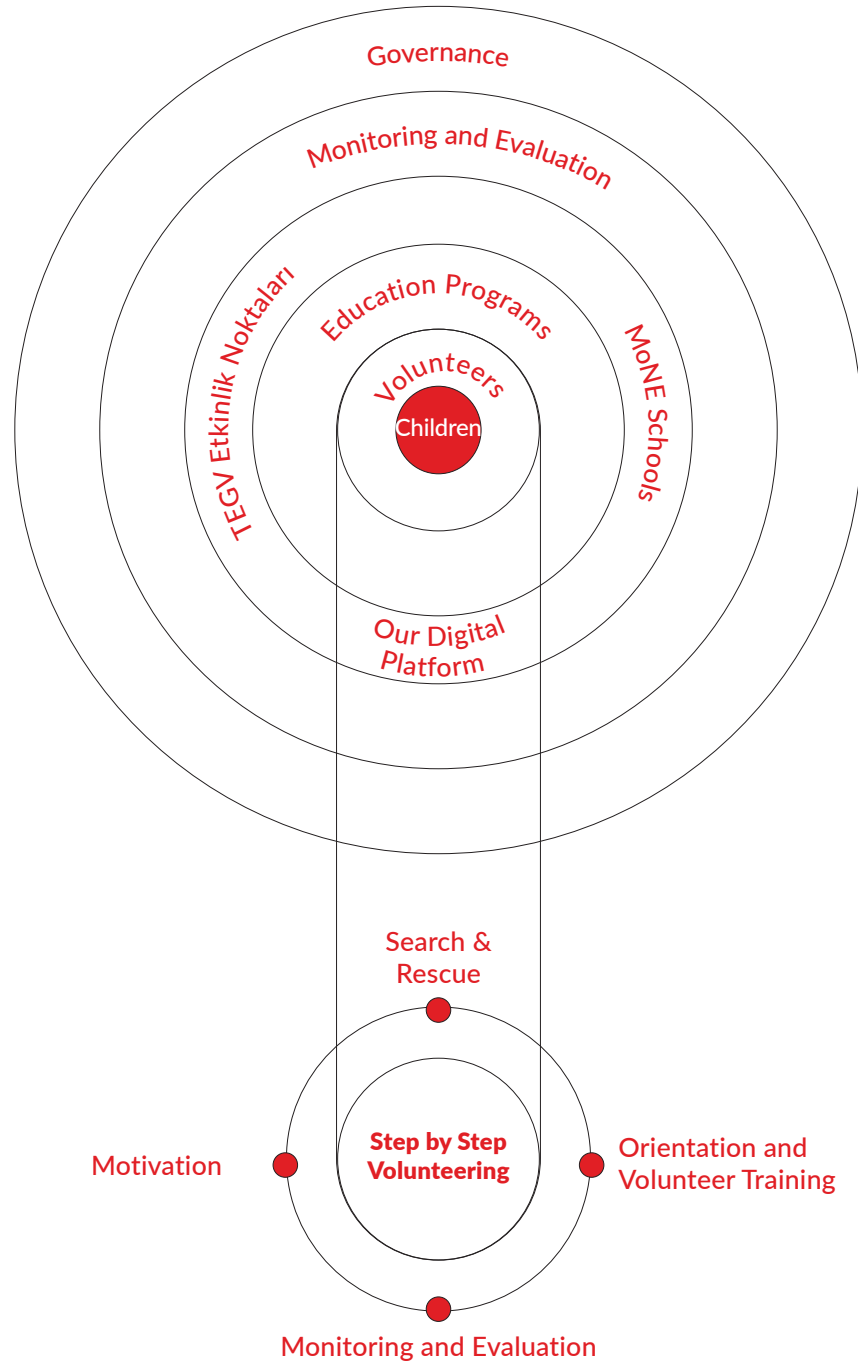
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# BUSINESS MODEL



*Our aim is to give all children the opportunity to discover their potential and talents.*

*Our business model consists of 6 main components: Children, Volunteers, Education Programs, Venues, Monitoring and Evaluation and Governance.*

## WE WERE THERE WITH OUR EXPERIENCES



*I am committed to doing everything from the heart. I think the bonds that volunteers establish with people, especially with children, are very exciting. After the earthquake in our country, our Firefly went to Kahramanmaraş. Shortly afterwards, upon TEGV's call for volunteers, we went to the region and met the children again.*



**Merve S., Samsun**  
City of Destination:  
Kahramanmaraş

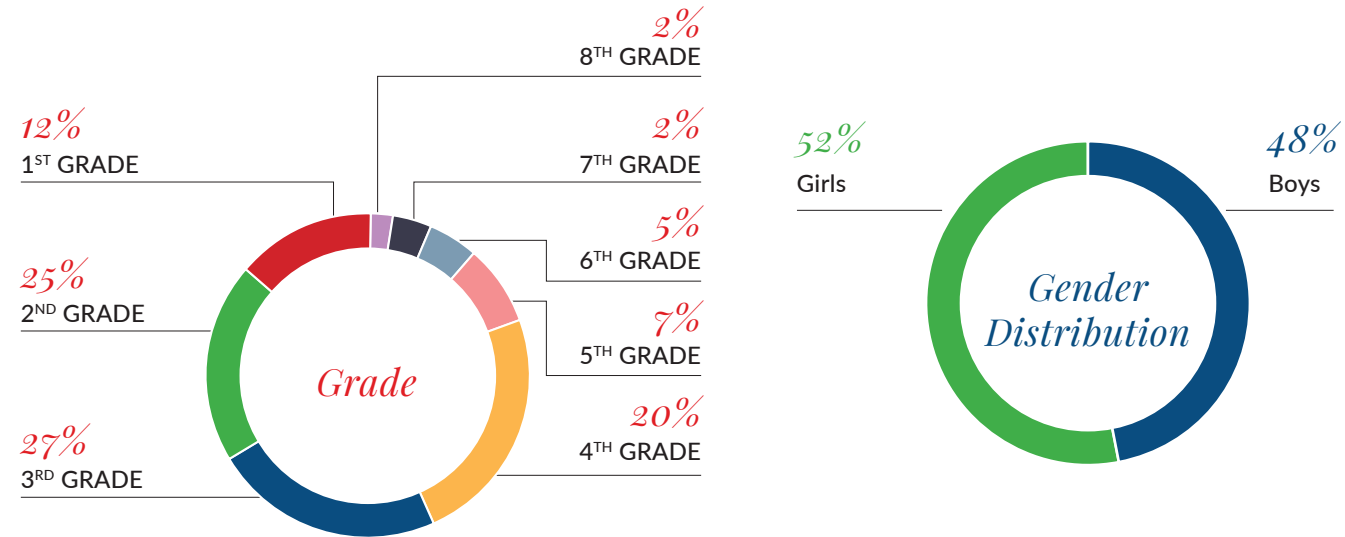




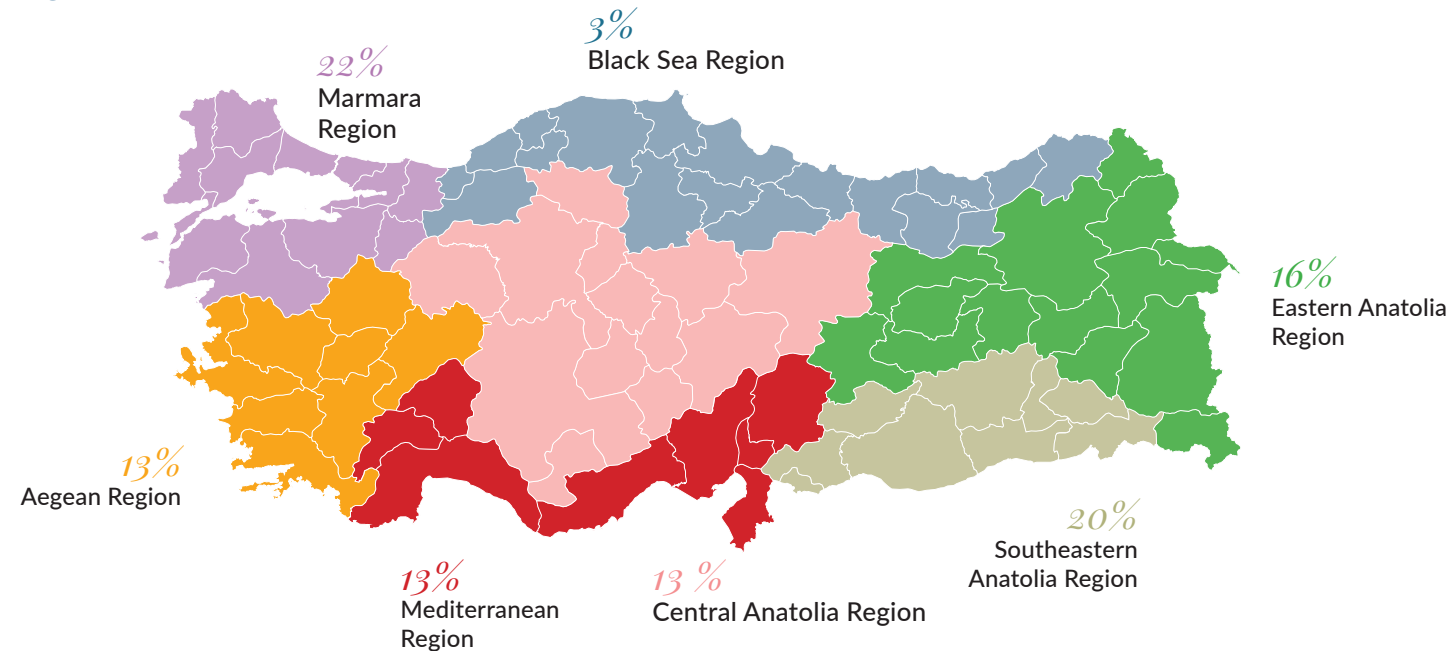
**BUSINESS MODEL**

**Our Children**

*With children from every region...*



*Geographical Distribution*



**Volunteers**

*Our volunteers are leaving a mark for the future*



*Believing that education is the right of every child, our volunteers strive to raise generations with quality education. Our volunteers provide quality education to children in difficult times, regardless of time or place.*

On our journey we set out to make children's dreams happen, we receive support from our volunteers, our superheroes, in three main areas:

- Activity Volunteers: After receiving the relevant trainings, they implement our education programs and activities with children.
- Support Volunteers: They provide support in all other areas except activities for children.
- Education Volunteers: They support us in training new volunteers across Türkiye.

**Step by Step Volunteering**

All our volunteers in our foundation are aware of the importance of children and their education. To fulfill this responsibility with no concession, we dedicatedly and earnestly complete our step by step trainings designed with an approach centered on children and their education.

- Promotion of the Foundation (Website)
- Completion of the Application Form (Website)
- Completion of the Asynchronous Trainings (TEGV Digital LMS Platform)
- Synchronous & Face-to-Face Basic Volunteer Training
- Submission of Volunteer Documents
- Program Volunteer Trainings
- Starting Activities



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*Candidate volunteers need to complete the following distance education modules defined for their profiles on our TEGV Digital Learning Management System (LMS) platform:*

*Candidate volunteers who complete the asynchronous modules are invited to the 1-day synchronous or face-to-face Basic Volunteer Training (BVT). Candidates who complete the BVT are considered to be "Volunteers". After the BVT, the volunteer can meet children for short-term activities, become a support volunteer, or participate in Program Volunteer Training (PVT) and start long-term education programs with children.*

\*Asynchronous: The state of interacting with pre-designed online training and materials.  
\*\*Synchronous: The state in which the instructor and the participant interact with each other online.

### *Volunteer Training Design*

## *Distance education modules*



#### **Module 1:**

#### *Volunteering (Asynchronous\*)*

Candidate volunteers need to complete the asynchronous training defined in their profiles, which include "What is Volunteering?" and "Volunteering at TEGV".

#### **Module 2:**

#### *Children's Rights and Working with Children (Asynchronous)*

Candidate volunteers need to complete the asynchronous training defined in their profiles, which includes "Children's Rights" and "Working with Children".

#### **Module 3:**

#### *Understanding and Supporting Child Behavior (Asynchronous)*

Candidate volunteers need to complete the interactive asynchronous training defined in their profiles, which includes "Child Development Periods", and answer the questions.

#### **Module 4:**

#### *Social & Emotional Learning and Event Management (Synchronous\*\*)*

After completing their asynchronous training, candidate volunteers need to attend the training organized at our activity centers and conducted by our local trainers and complete the practical training module that includes "Activity Management with Children" and "Social & Emotional Learning". This module is both online and face-to-face.

### *Education Programs*

## *Unique and effective education programs*

*We prioritize children, implementing unique education programs that help our children actively learn while doing fun activities.*



We take a holistic approach towards the well-being of primary school children, and our unique education programs based on games and active learning support their social, emotional, cognitive, physical, and academic skills development.

We consider it to be our responsibility, together with our volunteers, children, parents, and teachers, to create a livable environment, to raise creative individuals who produce with technology and science, and to create a society that is inclusive and pursues goodness, while getting stronger through education.

We implement distance and face-to-face education programs with learning environments supported by innovative educational material and technology, where our children feel safe, can develop critical thinking skills, reveal their creativity, and where their active participation is at the forefront.

We provide children with over 40 short-term digital and face-to-face activities that last two hours on topics such as digital security, hygiene, environmental science, creative thinking, coding, space science, oral and dental health, traffic, love for animals, ecology, children's rights, gender, information about professions, art, disaster, earthquakes, etc.



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### Our Locations

## Child-friendly Spaces and Activity Centers

*We design all our venues to be child-friendly spaces, starting from the first step, and we seek to increase our children's motivation to learn by improving our standards every day.*



### Activity Centers

Approximately 5,000 children benefit from our Activity Centers (ACs), which are equipped in accordance with our education programs and include activity rooms, informatics and technology rooms, design and skills workshops, a library, and a multi-purpose hall, as well as art and reading workshops. With indoor areas of 1,000-1,500 m<sup>2</sup> and an outdoor area of 10-15 acres, our ACs also include sports fields such as football, basketball, and volleyball courts.



### Activity Centers

Activity Centers (ACs) referred to as Learning Units, which are smaller than our ACs, have indoor areas of 250-300 m<sup>2</sup>. Used by almost 1,500 to 3,000 children annually, they feature activity rooms specially designed for different purposes, informatics and technology rooms, design and skills workshops, libraries, and art and reading workshops.



### Fireflies

Firefly Activity Centers (FFs) are educational spaces built on TRUCK trailers. Of our 24 FFs, 7 are designed as standard and 17 have themes such as Art, Science, Traffic, Informatics, and Design and Skills Workshops, all equipped with cutting edge equipment to reach approximately 1,500 children per year, while our Standard FFs reach nearly 2,300 children per year. Both models contain living spaces where the FF manager lives.

## Systematic Monitoring and Evaluation Structure

*We use the Context-Input-Process-Product (CIPP) evaluation model developed by Daniel Stufflebeam to evaluate TEGV education programs.*

## Proactive measurement and assessment model

We use the CIPP evaluation model developed by Daniel Stufflebeam to systematically monitor and evaluate the quantity and quality of our education support activities.

### Components of the model:

**Inputs:** We create alternative business plans, strategies, education designs, and budgets that can be used for the execution of the program.

**Processes:** We refer to the activities and procedures carried out during the implementation of the program.

**Product:** We refer to the results targeted by the program, such as increased knowledge, skills development, behavioral change, and all the results that were not targeted, including positive and negative ones.

**Data collection, analysis, and interpretation:** We adopt a descriptive research design and an experimental design.



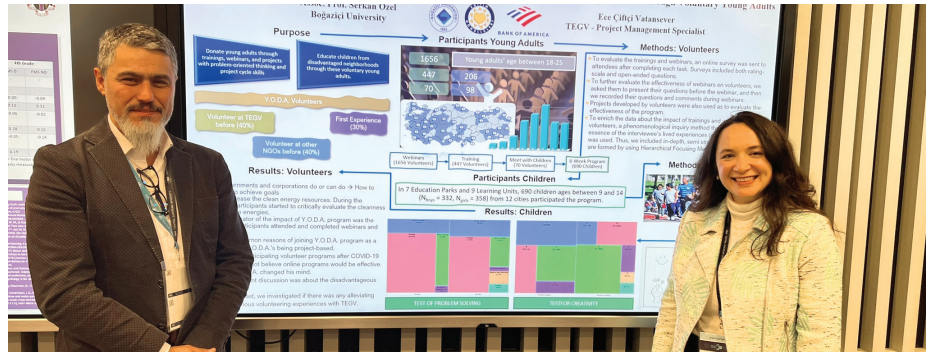


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We presented the measurement and evaluation results of our Y.O.D.A. Project at the annual conference of the Cognitive Development Center of Central Europe University in Budapest.

### Y.O.D.A. (Youth Online Design Academy) Measurement and Evaluation Results

*We were in Budapest with our Y.O.D.A success!*



At TEGV, we have developed new programs to improve problem-solving skills to prepare our youth and children for the world of the future. In 2021, we launched the Y.O.D.A. (Youth Online Design Academy) program to encourage young people aged between 18 and 25 to think about global issues, with the support of Bank of America. Aiming to expand our volunteer network, we started this program with the motto, “Volunteer Support for the Future”, and so far, we held 7 webinars and 2-phase trainings, encouraging participants to think and produce various projects.

As part of this effort, UN specialists informed our 1,656 volunteers about global goals. Dr. Defne Yabaş, Faculty Member at Bahçeşehir University, provided a training to 1,192 volunteers on project management with an opportunity to turn their ideas into projects. 70 of our volunteers shared what they learned in

trainings with 690 children in 12 cities for 6 weeks. Associate Professor Serkan Özel from Boğaziçi University monitored and evaluated all the stages of the project.

At the end of the program, we observed significant improvements in children’s problem solving skills and creativity. The evaluations showed that while there were no children with advanced problem solving skills before the program, 3.85% of the children were gifted and 5.87% developed advanced problem solving skills at the end of the program. While there were no children with advanced creativity skills, at the end of the program, 7.5% of the children had gifted creativity skills.

We presented the measurement and evaluation results of our Y.O.D.A. Project at the 13<sup>th</sup> Central Europe University Cognitive Development Center Conference held in Budapest on January 5-7, 2023 with the participation of the world’s leading academics.

# 1,656

**Volunteers**  
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# 1,192

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### Governance Structure

*A business model managed using an integrated perspective*

*We manage all aspects of our business model using an integrated perspective in line with our Quality Management System.*

We believe that being an effective, consistent, transparent, fair, accountable, participatory, and responsible organization can be achieved with a successful corporate governance structure. We manage all aspects of our business model using an integrated perspective in line with the ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System Standard. In this context, project-based committees and work groups formed by our board members lead us to follow a sustainable path in our work and helps us achieve our strategic goals.

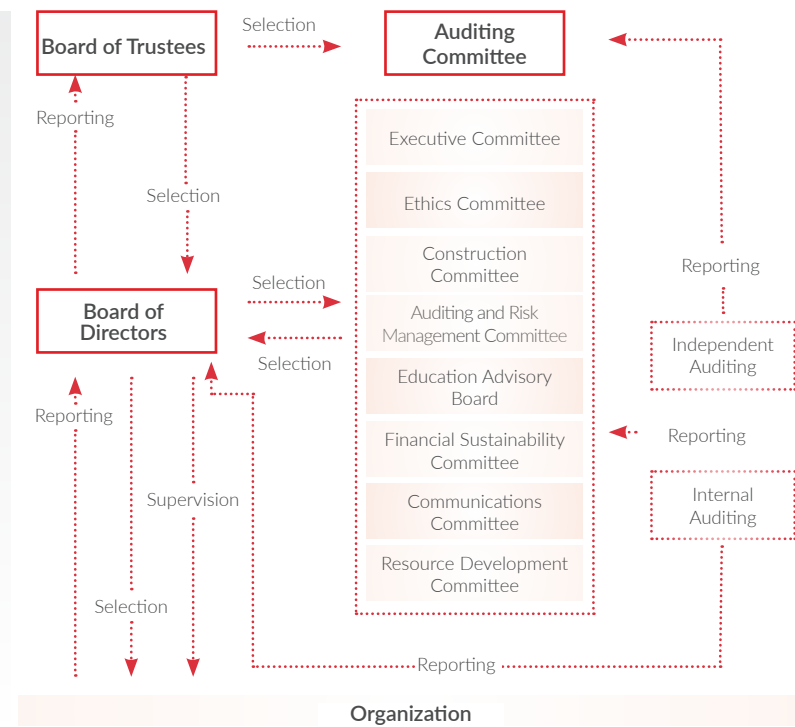
We manage our budget, performance, and projects in a systematic and participatory manner, and take measures against possible deviations through regular internal reviews.

The goal of our stakeholder feedback system is to increase the satisfaction of both internal and external stakeholders while improving the process of providing feedback. Our Customer Relationship Management (CRM) program aims to establish strong ties with our stakeholders and creates an active communication network.

Our Quality Management System (QMS) functions at international standards to continuously improve our service quality in a sustainable manner and increase stakeholder satisfaction. Effective Corporate Risk Management activities are conducted under the leadership of our Internal Auditing and Risk Management departments.

We share the results of our activities, financial statements, and independent audit reports with the public on our website and in our integrated annual reports.

- #### CORPORATE
- General Assembly
  - Board of Directors
  - Committee Activities (with participation by at least 2 board members)
  - Education, Resource, and Communication Work Groups (led by a board member)
  - Strategic Planning
  - Budget Management
  - Performance Management
  - Project Management
  - Corporate Process Management
  - Crisis Management
  - Customer Relations Management (CRM)
  - ISO 27001:2022 Quality Management System
  - ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System
  - Independent Auditing



#### COMMUNICATIONS

- Integrated Annual Report
- Website
- Good News from TEGV E-Bulletin
- Volunteer World E-Bulletin
- Sponsor Reports
- Education Reports
- Academic Research
- Written, Visual, Printed, and Audio Media Communication
- The Internet and New Media Communications
- Promotional Materials
- Corporate Publications
- Social Media Communications



# CUSTOMER RELATIONS MANAGEMENT

Our recent work on CRM (Customer Relations Management) has been representing a major transformation in engagement and interaction. We have taken various steps to make the best use of the advantages of our CRM infrastructure:

### 1. Effective Communication Strategies:

Our CRM infrastructure allows us to establish more effective and custom communication with our donors. In this way, we provide them with more accurate information about special campaigns and projects, making communication with donors more effective.

### 2. Data Analysis and Segmentation:

By analyzing large data sets, we segment donors more easily. This has allowed us to better understand donor profiles and develop tailored strategies.

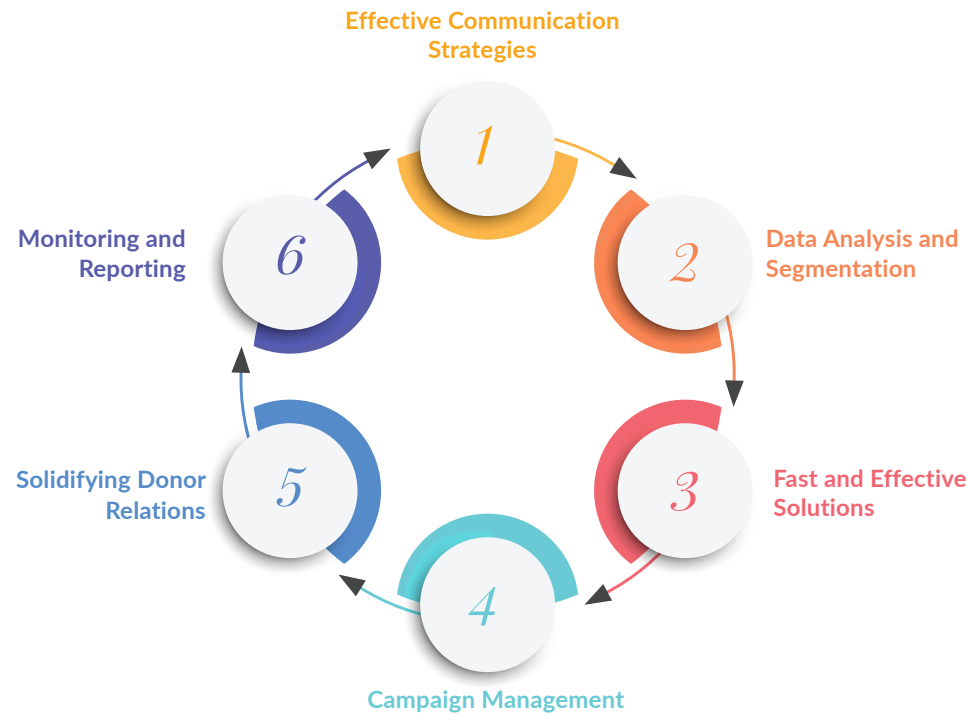
### 3. Fast and Effective Solutions:

Thanks to CRM, our Foundation manages incoming requests faster. This has enabled us to respond faster to our stakeholders and meet their needs more quickly.

### 4. Campaign Management:

CRM has made campaign management more systematic and effective. We increase donors' engagement by organizing special campaigns according to their interests.

## A New Dimension in Engagement and Interaction!



### 5. Solidifying Donor Relations:

CRM has helped us build strong and long-term relations with our donors by recording their donation and engagement history.

### 6. Monitoring and Reporting:

With CRM, we better understand the impact of our projects and campaigns, while also making strategic decisions through detailed reporting and monitoring.

These efforts not only increase the efficiency of our CRM infrastructure, but also enable us to establish a stronger bond with our donors and gain more participation in our projects. We cordially thank our stakeholders for their support and look forward to our future collaborations.

# PROJECT MANAGEMENT

## Tailor-made project management methodology

We implement our projects with team spirit and a project management methodology designed specifically for our Foundation. We follow developments in the process through our monthly review meetings. The Project Portfolio Status Report shared with all our employees at the end of the meeting demonstrates our transparent attitude to our projects.

This year, our Content Development, Activity Center Establishment, and Business Model/Methodology projects continued to operate, in the Resource Development, Organization, Process Improvement and Design categories according to our methodology.

In 2023, we expanded and implemented the Enhancing the Effectiveness of Corporate Project Management project. We established a Project Portfolio Evaluation Board and improved our portfolio monitoring mechanism. Additionally, we introduced new project management methodology options specific to our foundation that can respond to different types of projects.

Since 2015, we have been conducting and continuously improving our project management activities with the voluntary support of Results Consulting.

**65**  
Number of Employees Working on Projects

**12**  
Completed Projects

**11**  
Ongoing Projects

**115**  
Average Project Performance Score\*

**11**  
Review Meeting

**107**  
Leaders' Meeting

**23**  
Total Education Hours



\*Evaluated out of 130 points.



## QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

**140 hours of**  
Internal Audit Activity\*

**53**  
Total Number of Internal Audits\*

**16**  
Number of Internal Auditors

**3**  
Internal Audits per Auditor

**8,7 hours**  
Internal Audits per Auditor

**16.5 hours**  
Consultant Monitoring of Internal Audits

**20 hours of**  
QMS Awareness Training

\*The numbers include the internal audit service we received from BKL consultancy firm.

*Awareness, stakeholder focus, people's involvement, continuous improvement, sustainable education quality.*



We started our work on quality management system in 2020 and completed it in 2021 by receiving our ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System Certificate. We increased the effectiveness of our operations by anticipating risks and preventing negative impacts. We have reviewed our internal and external issues, risks and opportunities in order to adapt to constantly changing conditions and all developments related to our stakeholders.

Focusing on understanding and meeting the needs and expectations of our stakeholders, we analyzed their feedback and took actions. We attached great importance to the participation of employees at all levels in management. We held Management Review Meetings.

To increase our awareness of the Quality Management System (QMS), we organized internal auditing awareness training for our employees. To increase the efficiency of our auditing process, we organized meetings where our internal auditing team shared their experiences. To identify areas for improvement, we conducted and reported performance monitoring activities under the supervision of the internal auditor. Also, we shared awareness-raising posts on our TEGVIZ employee platform. And we received services from BKL Consulting, with the goal of ensuring the objectivity of our processes. We successfully completed our periodic external audits for ISO 9001:2015 and started working on our recertification process.

**65**  
Number of Stakeholder Feedbacks

**58**  
Number of Feedbacks Responded  
Number of Actions

**3 hours of**  
Internal Audit Awareness Training  
and Experience Sharing Meeting

**5**  
Number of Management Review Meetings

*In 2023, we focused on ensuring the continuity of our Quality Management System, raising awareness about developments and contributing to continuous improvement by meeting the requests and expectations of our stakeholders through our planned control activities.*

"Setting out to its journey to ensure quality in 2020, the TEGV family was certified in 2021, crowning their success. They achieved great success in a short time, building an effective management system both at the head office in Istanbul and in nearly 70 activity centers across Türkiye. Underlying their success is the awareness that they create added value for the country rather than seeing what they do as just a job.

For the certification audits we conduct as Türk Loydu, first of all, it is necessary to address the senior management separately. Consisting of TEGV leaders, the top management's firm belief in the system and their support is the starting point of their success. Every year, they strive to raise the quality of TEGV with different projects and increasing targets with the vision of continuous improvement. Their vision, policies and the importance they attach to employees' sense of belonging is very valuable for the functioning of the system.

In addition, a special mention must be made to all members of the TEGV family who do their best to make the system work effectively. It is great to witness the sincere and professional work of all staff working

in heartfelt cooperation, regardless of location. The synergy this family created, first and foremost with children, then with parents and education volunteers, has shown me that anything is possible in our country when we really want it. So, I owe a debt of gratitude to the TEGV family for the values they have added to our country and children.

They started their journey with the ISO 9001 Quality Management System, and now they have crowned their success by receiving the ISO 27001 Information Security Management System Certificate. This team did not just aim for a certificate, rather they worked hard to build an "efficient, transparent, sustainable and accountable" system. I congratulate this team and wish them continued success.

We, at Türk Loydu, are happy to accompany TEGV on this quality journey and provide added value. We wish our cooperation to continue for many years to come..."

**Olcay Koca**  
Lead Auditor  
Türk Loydu Conformity Assessment Services Inc.



# INFORMATION SECURITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

*“For our highly experienced audit team, the ISO 27001 Information Security audit was very special and enjoyable. TEGV’s top management provided support throughout the audit starting from the opening meeting. Together with the top management, TEGV’s professional staff acted with a team spirit, were aware of the importance of information security and were well prepared for the audit. They demonstrated that they will diligently and carefully implement any suggestions for improvement as a result of the audit. During the audit, we visited TEGV headquarters as well as the Tekirdağ and Çorlu Activity Centers and observed a high level of dedication, transparency, hospitality and awareness. The energetic and happy children we saw in the activity centers were particularly striking. It was one of the happiest moments of the audit for us to see the values that the Foundation contributes to our country and children, who are our future. Also, performing the audit in meeting rooms with beautiful names such as The Little Prince and Rapunzel took us back to our childhood for a short time. We sincerely thank the TEGV family for this wonderful audit process.”*

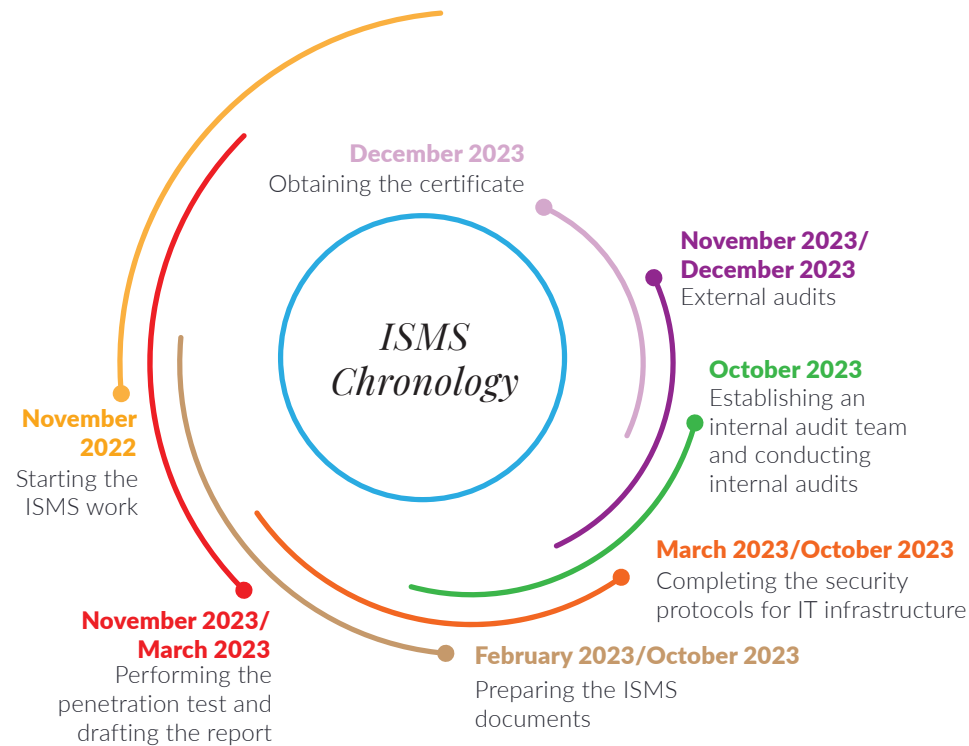
**Gizem Adlığ**  
Lead Auditor  
Türk Loydu Conformity Assessment Services Inc.

## TEGV Information Security Project: We Are Taking Confident Steps for our Future!

We implemented the ISO:27001 Information Security Management System (ISMS) Project to ensure the confidentiality, integrity and accessibility of our Foundation’s information. Starting in November 2022, our work took about 13 months. As a result, we became one of the first NGOs to receive the 2022 updated version of ISO:27001 before the end of 2023. As part of the project, we organized our infrastructure and increased the security levels in our

systems to provide our stakeholders with a more reliable and uninterrupted technological infrastructure.

After receiving the certificate, our priority is to raise awareness of our stakeholders about the management system, ensure compliance with the procedures and directives regarding information security and to make sure this system is sustainable. We continue our actions and internal audits to achieve this goal.

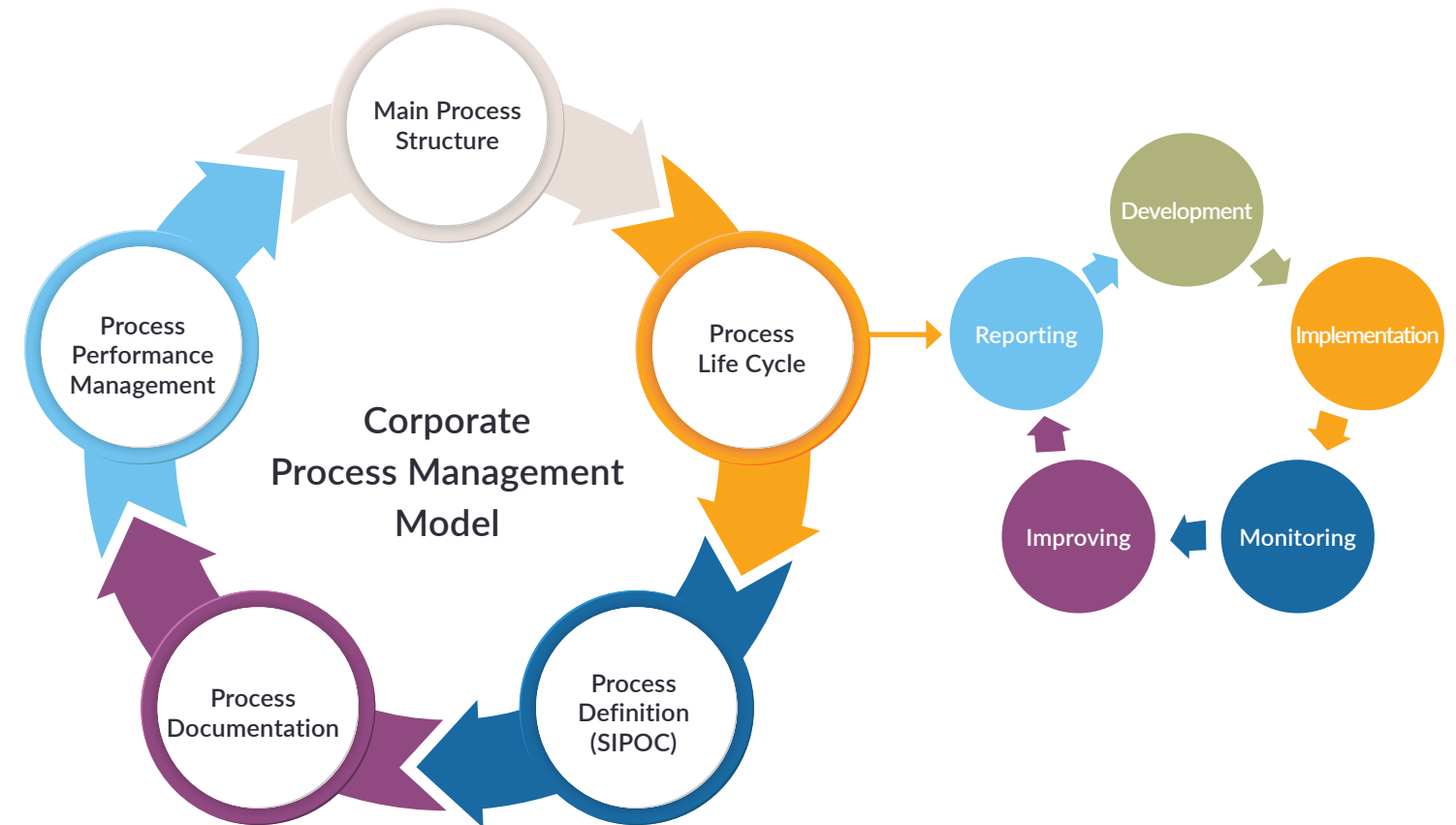


# CORPORATE PROCESS MANAGEMENT

We started to develop our Corporate Process Management efforts in 2023, aiming to define the inputs and outputs of all our processes, their interaction with each other, the criteria for effective communication and control (including monitoring, measurement and related performance indicators), resources, authorities, responsibilities, risks and opportunities.

Our Corporate Process Management Model shows how we systematically manage our processes and their interaction with each other. We are planning to commission the model in 2024. In the first phase, we address all our operations with a Process Life Cycle (development, implementation, monitoring, improvement, reporting) approach and implement the changes needed to secure the desired results. For this, we have reviewed our existing processes and started mapping them

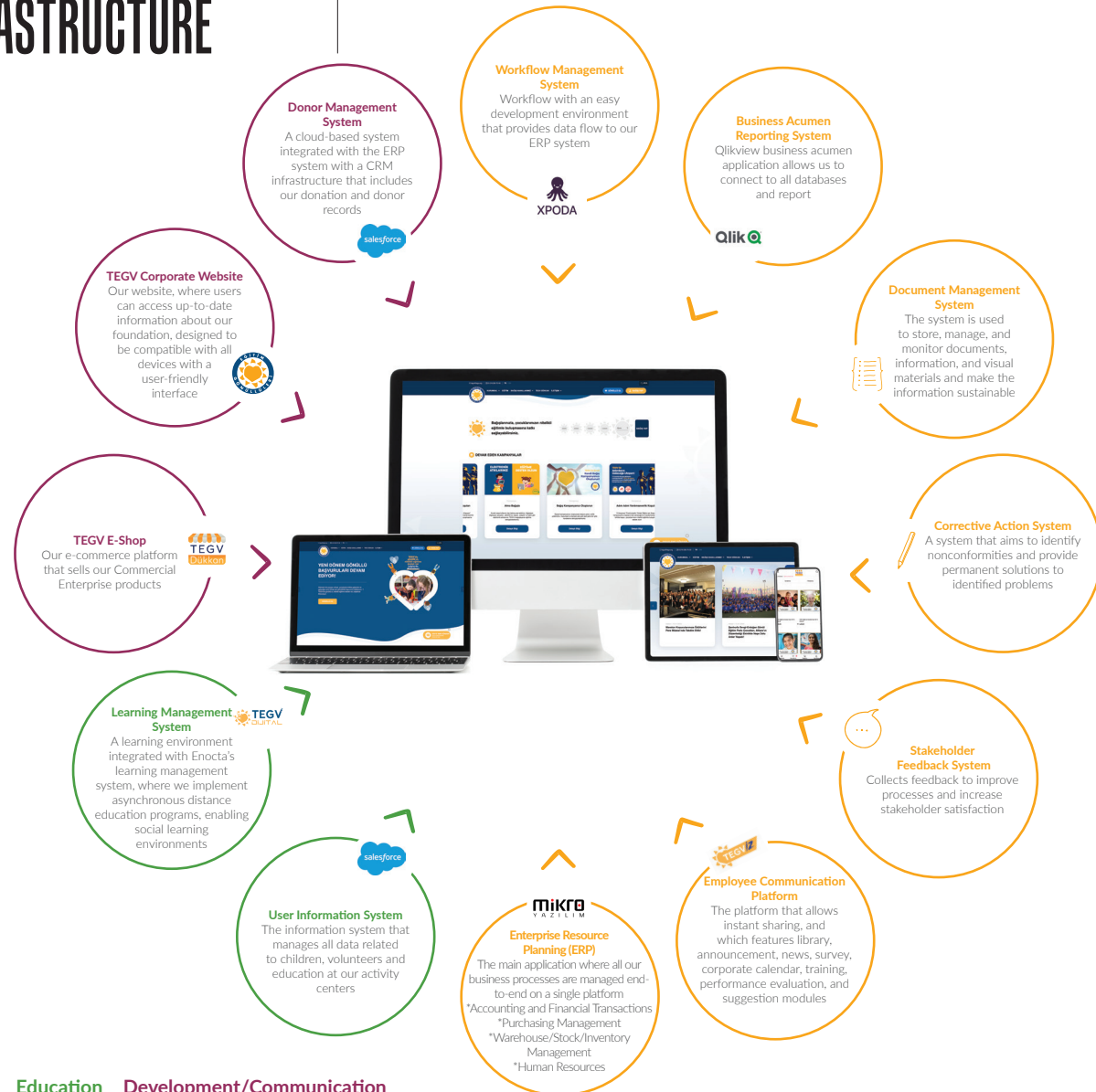
in detail. As our next step, we plan to analyze existing data to monitor and measure the performance of processes. Another goal of our corporate process management is to optimize our processes by identifying opportunities for improvement. We have designed our Corporate Process Management Model to be cyclical and open to continuous improvement. Thus, our model will enable us to achieve our goals through effective management of our processes.





# INFORMATION SYSTEM AND DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

*Strong digital infrastructure and information system*



## WE WERE THERE TO HELP CHILDREN FROM THE HEART



*I still remember the pleasant hours I spent with the children affected by the earthquake like it was yesterday—and of course the pain they experienced. Their shining eyes full of hope illuminated my path and taught me life lessons. One of my biggest dreams in this world is to be able to touch a child's life and be in their memories years later. I sincerely thank TEGV for this meaningful project.*



**Sarper Kutlukhan A., Istanbul**  
City of Destination:  
Hatay

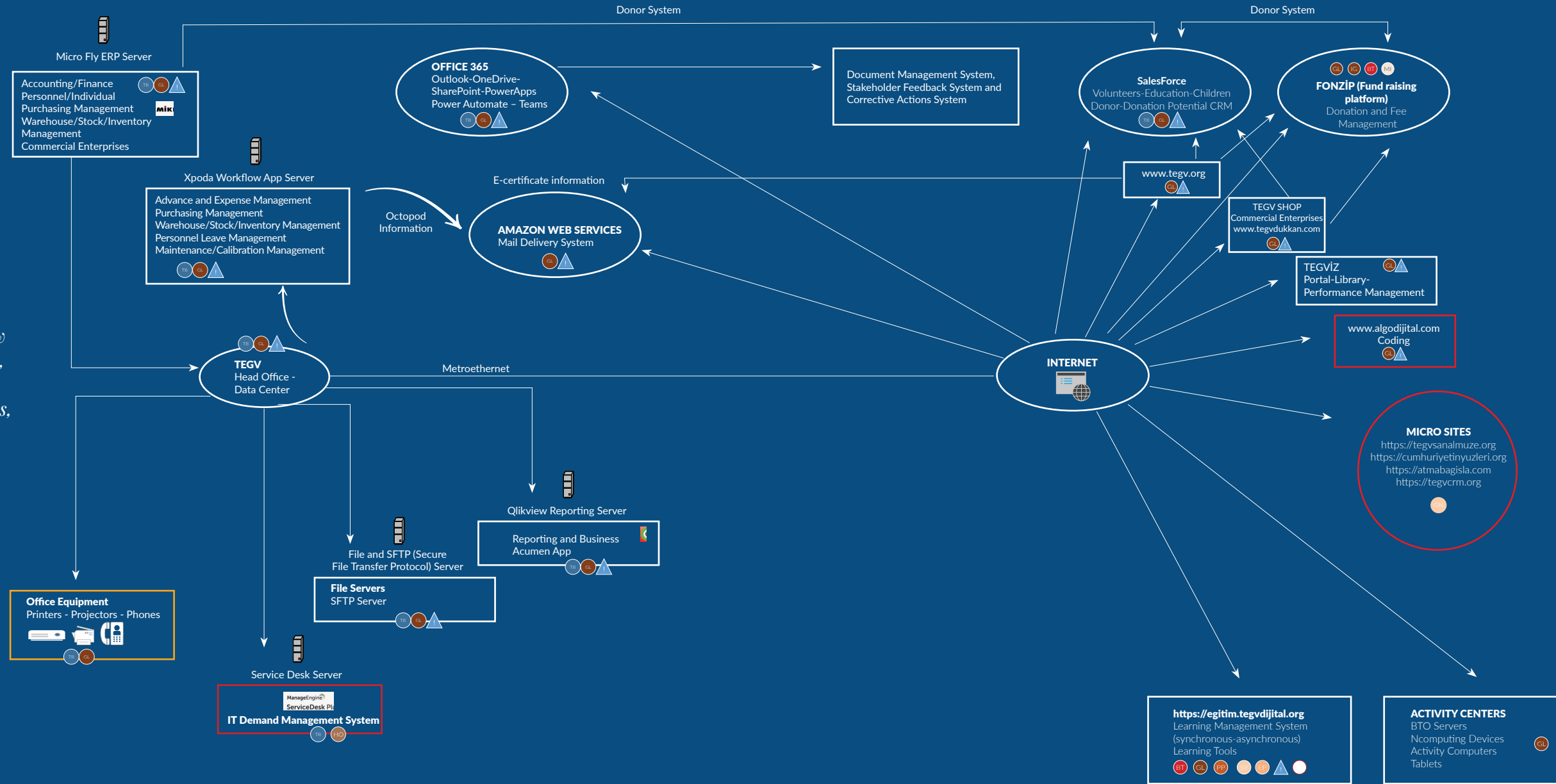




# INFORMATION SYSTEM AND DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

## Information Technologies Topology Map

Our Information Technologies Topology Map shows the main applications we use and the systems running on these applications. The graphs show the data flow between our applications, information categories, critical information levels, systems where we keep personal data, and data ownership.



**Critical Information Levels**

- High
- Average
- Low

**Information Category**

- Confidential
- Internal Use Only
- General

**Laws and Regulations**

- Personal Data

**Data Ownership**

- Business Development
- Plans and Projects
- Education Programs
- Field Management
- Financial and Administrative Affairs
- Human Resources
- Information Technologies
- All Departments



# OUR LOCATIONS

*In 2023, we contributed to quality education for the empowerment of our children and a happier childhood.*

7  
Regions

27  
Provinces

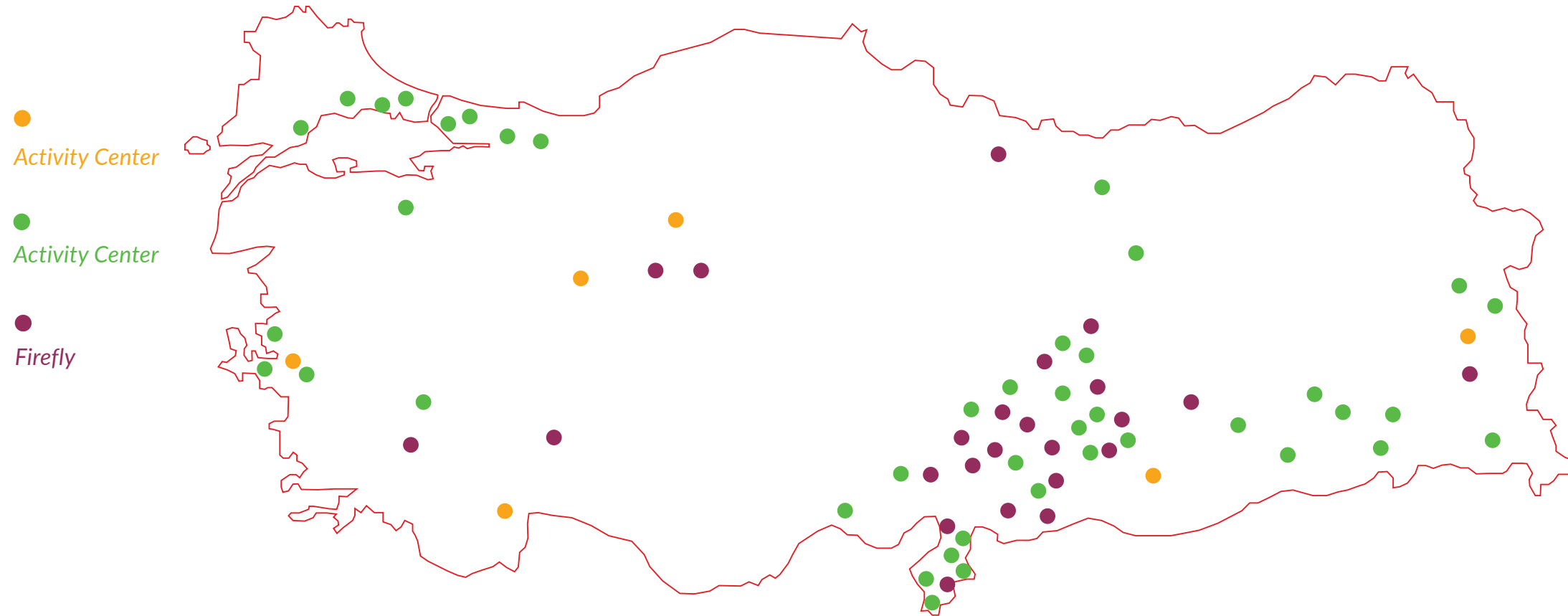
72  
Activity Centers

6  
ACs

42  
ACs

24  
Firefly

*We touch the lives of millions of children all over our country.*



Please scan the QR code to access our list of activity centers.

\*The map shows the locations of our FFs from 31.12.2023.

# WE WERE THERE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND HOPE



*For me, TEGV is my ticket to my childhood, my window to my childhood days. For 16 years, I have been doing activities with children every semester. Last year the disaster of the century hit our country and I wanted to be in the earthquake zone. Thanks to TEGV, I had the opportunity to work in the earthquake zone 9 times. The children there knocked on the door of our truck at 8 o'clock in the morning and spent time with us, which was very touching.*



**Serap Ç., Bursa**  
City of Destination:  
Adiyaman-Hatay-Malatya



### OUR LOCATIONS

**Our Fireflies Are Everywhere!**

From our foundation to the end of 2023

1,170,078

Children

9,658

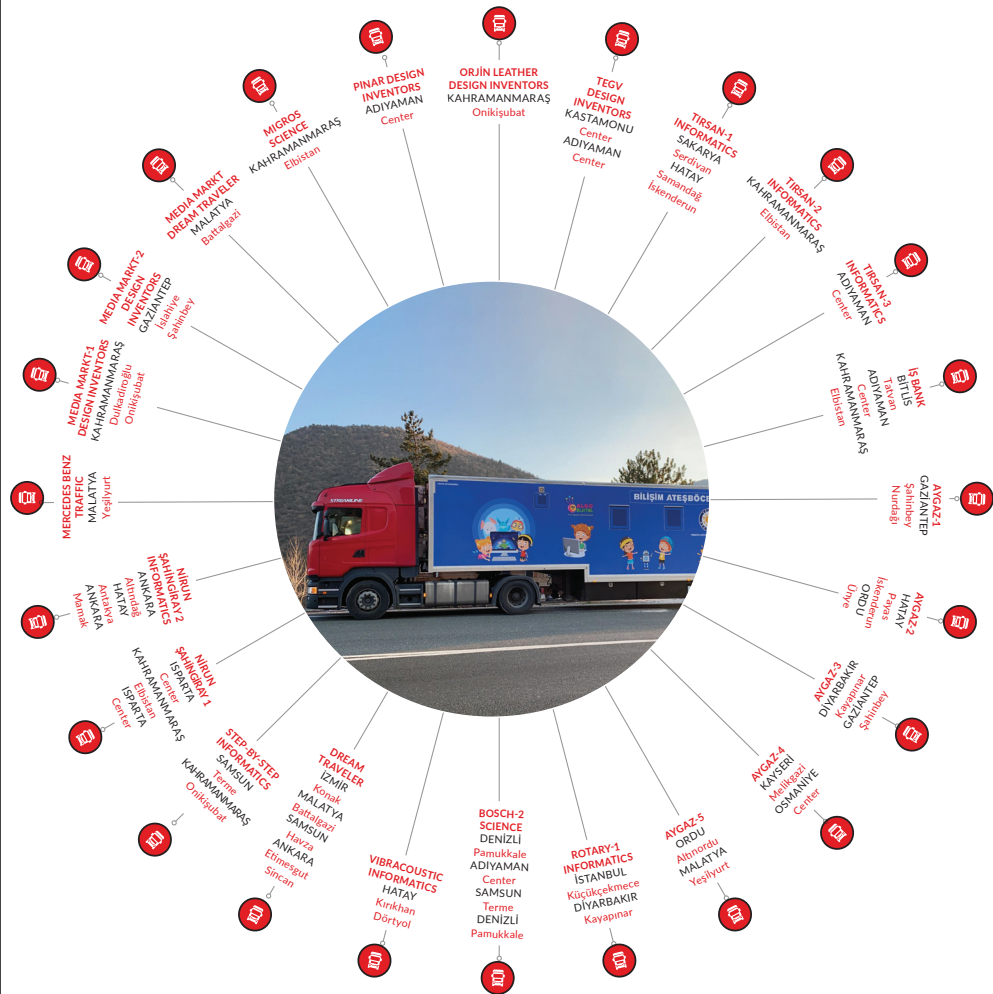
Volunteers

231,631

Kilometers



*Our 24 Fireflies have brought education to our children.*



### CONTRIBUTIONS TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

*One of the most important steps towards a fairer, healthier and more sustainable world is providing equal opportunities for children.*



The underlying cause of every issue we discuss in the world today is people and the choices they make. So, the solution to all problems lies with people and the choices they make. The way to healthy life respecting fundamental human rights and freedoms and the planet is through firm commitment to sustainability. For this, we have individual responsibility. Contrary to popular belief, sustainability is not just about the climate crisis and the environment, it is a multidimensional understanding covering the economy, technology and the planet, while putting human beings at the center. Also, this concept refers to interpersonal relations for a healthier life. Thus, building a sustainable healthy world is closely related to fundamental human rights, gender equality, equal opportunities, justice, ethics and conscience.

Social equality is at the center of all these key sustainability issues. A brighter and more sustainable future is only possible if all children are provided with equal opportunities, so that talents and potentials from all segments of society can be discovered. Neither economically nor culturally is it possible to build a sustainable society in the absence of equal opportunities. That's why equal opportunity in education and access to high quality education are critical.

Among the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, such as ending poverty, protecting the planet, reducing inequality and injustice, is the fourth goal being quality education. It is only possible to raise future leaders, scientists and artists through quality education, which is the most valuable investment for societies. According to the "Education at a Glance 2023: OECD Indicators" report, an average of 14% of young people aged between 25 and 34 across the OECD countries graduated from high school in 2022. This rate was 18% in 2015. Although there has been some improvement in this rate, there is still a long way to go in this field. And one of the most important indicators of quality education is the resources allocated to this field. Unfortunately, we are still behind in allocating sufficient resources to education in our country.

We should note that the environment, education and opportunities we offer today to our children, the guarantee of our future, will shape the world. One of the most important steps towards a fairer, healthier and more sustainable world is providing equal opportunities for children. Not only governments, companies and organizations, but also us as individuals have responsibility in this regard.

In addition, this is not just a matter of the future of our country and children. It is precisely the issue of today. So, we need to act without wasting any time. The sustainability journey starts with awareness and becomes efficient with knowledge. Therefore, individuals have a huge impact on the journey. In this sense, I hope that 2024 will not only be a year of awareness, but also a year of action.

Since its foundation, the Education Volunteers Foundation of Türkiye (TEGV), has been doing very valuable work by providing modern education to children under its mission and vision shaped by the motto, "A Child Changes, Türkiye Flourishes!" In this challenging and long journey, we can contribute to TEGV's valuable projects to fulfill our responsibility and build a brighter future for our country together.

**Arda Öztaşkın**  
Yapı Kredi Corporate Communications and Sustainability Leader



# THE VALUE WE CREATE

Our Vision

Our Mission

Our Values

INPUTS	OUR BUSINESS MODEL	OUTPUTS	RESULTS	SDG
<p><b>Intellectual &amp; Digital Resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reputation and brand value</li> <li>• Expertise in education</li> <li>• Experience in volunteer governance</li> <li>• Corporate governance principles</li> <li>• Know-how and experience</li> <li>• Online education platform</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,999,615 hours of education for 83,550 children</li> <li>• Coding education for 7,522 children with DSW</li> <li>• Effective communication and feedback with our volunteers on the online TEGV-DIGITAL Platform</li> <li>• 5,490 volunteers devoted 182,115 hours to education activities and created a value of TL 13,685,942</li> <li>• 1,188 volunteers supported the earthquake zone</li> <li>• Our CRM System</li> <li>• Our ISO:9001 and ISO:27001 certificates</li> <li>• Our Crisis Management</li> <li>• Our Corporate Process Management</li> <li>• Our Corporate Project Management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in face-to-face education hours</li> <li>• Decrease in the number of children due to FFs being in the earthquake zone</li> <li>• Increase in the number of children receiving DSW and improved children's basic coding skills</li> <li>• Increase in the value created by our volunteers through their education activities</li> <li>• 109 volunteers traveled to the earthquake zone more than once</li> <li>• 140 hours of internal audit activities within the scope of ISO:9001</li> <li>• We obtained ISO:27001 ISMS Certificate</li> <li>• Project Performance Score in Enterprise Project Management: 115</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Financial Resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main assets</li> <li>• Corporate and individual donations</li> <li>• Grant projects</li> <li>• In-kind support</li> <li>• Commercial enterprise revenues</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 444 corporate donors</li> <li>• 23,995 individual donors</li> <li>• TL 235,440,072 donation</li> <li>• TL 13,314,840 economic enterprise product sales revenue</li> <li>• TL 16,209,376 in-kind donation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in the number of corporate donors</li> <li>• Decrease in the number of individual donors</li> <li>• Increase in the amount of donations raised</li> <li>• Increase in commercial enterprise product sales revenue</li> <li>• Increase in in-kind donation support</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Human Resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trustees</li> <li>• Board of Directors</li> <li>• Team</li> <li>• Volunteers</li> <li>• Local Educators</li> <li>• Education Volunteers</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 female board members</li> <li>• 55% female employees</li> <li>• Our orientation and integration program</li> <li>• 7,937 volunteer applications</li> <li>• 85,991 hours of volunteer training</li> <li>• 11 children completed their education and later became our employees</li> <li>• 4 Women FF Managers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decrease in education hours due to individual competency-oriented education plans</li> <li>• Increase in the number of female employees</li> <li>• Increase in volunteer applications and volunteer training hours</li> <li>• Increase in the number of female FF Managers</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Social and Relational Resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shared values</li> <li>• Collaborations and partnerships</li> <li>• Solidarity culture</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint work with 110 non-governmental organizations</li> <li>• Membership to 20 networks</li> <li>• Number of domestic/foreign funds and revenues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decrease in the number of networks we are a member of</li> <li>• Increase in the number of NGOs we collaborate with</li> <li>• Increase in the number and revenue of domestic/foreign funds</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Produced Resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activity centers</li> <li>• Fireflies</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operating in 27 provinces with Activity Centers, being 48 Activity Centers</li> <li>• Operating with 24 FFs</li> <li>• 53 DSWs</li> <li>• 8 Informatics FFs</li> <li>• 15 Container City ACs</li> <li>• 5 Design Inventors FFs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in the number of ACs with earthquake donations</li> <li>• Increased number of FFs with earthquake donations</li> <li>• Increase in the number of DSWs</li> <li>• Increased number of Informatics FFs with earthquake donations</li> <li>• Increase in Container City ACs in the region with earthquake donations</li> <li>• Increase in our Design Inventors FFs with earthquake donations</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Natural Resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digitalization</li> <li>• Sustainability training</li> <li>• Sustainable Development Goals</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renewable Energy Curriculum</li> <li>• 136 ecology trainings to 1,914 children as part of our WBW (Workshops for a Better World)</li> <li>• Use of recycled materials in the DSW education program</li> <li>• Use of recycled materials in the Dreams Workshop education program</li> <li>• 100 tons of e-waste recycled to support education</li> <li>• Digitalization of volunteer documents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction of waste generation due to the use of recycled materials in our activities</li> <li>• Greater contribution to the environment and ecological cycle by recycling e-waste</li> <li>• Increase in conversion of e-waste to education donations</li> <li>• Saving paper, electricity and toner by digitalizing voluntary documents</li> </ul>	



## ALUMNI STORIES



Music is now a way of life, not a profession, and TEGV, not only me, made this possible. Like many tiny fingers and tiny hearts, I am grateful to TEGV for introducing me to music, which is now my way of life. Thank you TEGV for reminding me, every time I go to a concert, of those warm activity rooms smelling like resin and those beautiful smiling people.

**Damla Dindoruk**  
Giresun Activity Center  
Music Educator



The full story is available here.



TEGV was so big that I couldn't fit it into my dreams. It was like my home: the trees in the garden and the courts where I played ball were very meaningful to me. This was the first place where I met computers, where I felt comfortable in the library, and where I started playing amateur football. In those years, you held my hand and treated me with love. You did exactly as you said: "A Child Changes, Türkiye Flourishes!" I am glad that you have the most meaningful place in my life and story, TEGV.

**Yasin Demirkıran**  
Van Nirun Şahingiray Activity Center  
Entrepreneur



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I am a person who remembers self when looking at children, so, I'll never lose my innocence. Isn't that what matters, anyway? Not to lose your innocence? This is what I owe most to TEGV. Thank you for making me realize this fact, helping me find the values that make me who I am, and keep my inner child. Part of me will always remain a child and innocent. That is exactly why Our Heart is with Children Everywhere.

**Adem Can Dervişoğlu**  
Giresun Activity Center  
Gastronomy Student



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I grew up at and with TEGV. TEGV was a different world for little Alara. It was similar to school, but it was also very different. I grew up following the example of volunteer older sisters and brothers. My biggest dream as a child was to become a TEGV volunteer. As soon as I started high school, I made my childhood dream come true and became a TEGV volunteer. As a young female candidate engineer, I now teach what I learned from volunteers as a child.

**Alara Erdoğan**  
İpek Kırac Activity Center  
Industrial Engineering Student



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# 2022-2024 STRATEGIC PLAN

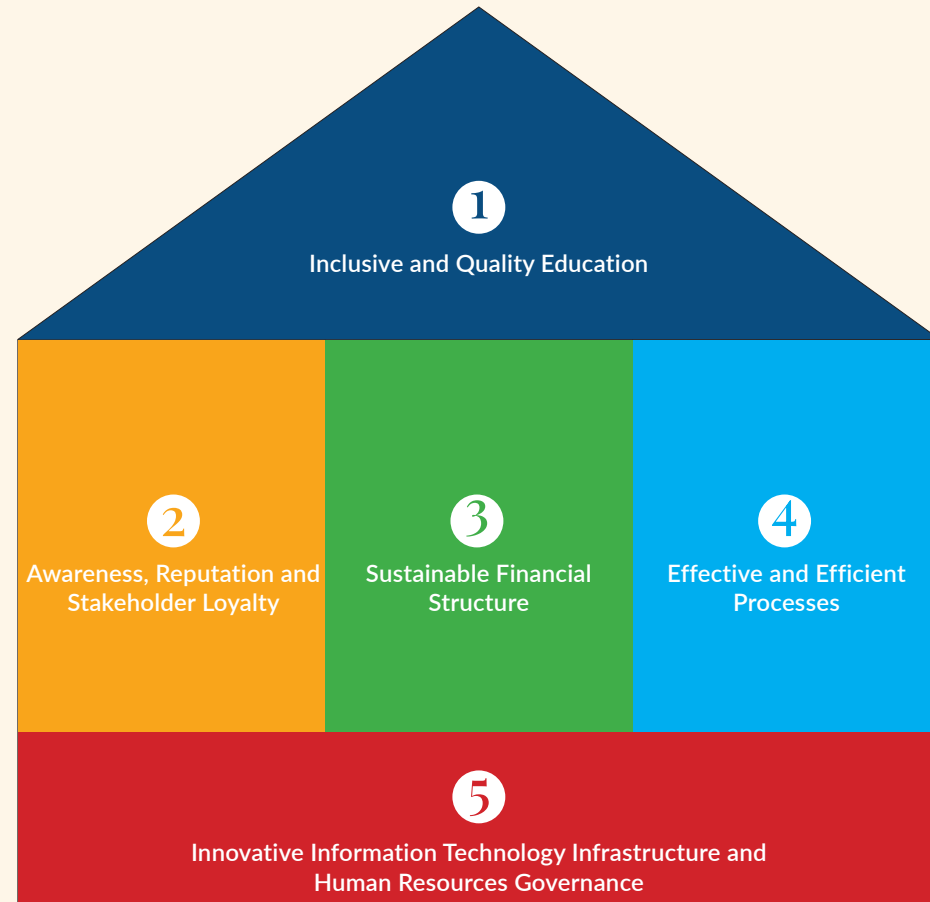
Initiating the efforts in 2021, we prepared our 2022-2024 Strategic Plan according to the vision of our Board of Directors and with input from our teams. This plan enables us to review our roadmap every 3 years. As in previous strategic planning periods, we used the Balanced Scorecard method to complete our work. We evaluated our strengths and weaknesses, as well as the opportunities and threats ahead using a SWOT analysis conducted with all our teams. We also created strategies for achieving our goals, the projects we plan to realize, and put everything on our strategy map.

We review our strategic plan every 3 years according to the changing dynamics of our Foundation and the requirements of our age. Following the first moment after the earthquake on February 6, we reviewed and changed our strategic plan to take actions to meet the needs in the earthquake region, and to swiftly allocate and use resources to be used in the region with the support of our donors and sponsors. In this context, we reshaped our strategic activities in a way that made all operations of our Foundation efficient, compliant with standards and sustainable.

During our Strategic Planning period, we aimed to:  
 \*Continuously improve our processes, which are built on innovative information technology infrastructure and human resources governance,  
 \*Preserve our reputation by creating strong ties with all our stakeholders and ensure the sustainability of our financial structure,  
 \*Make progress in inclusive and quality education.

We identified 5 main strategic goals that addressed the financial, stakeholder, process, and infrastructure dimensions revealed by the Balanced Scorecard method.

*We work for a better TEGV, and use modern planning to look to the future with hope.*



## 1

### Inclusive and Quality Education

- We aim with our face-to-face activities to engage with out-of-school and school-children, support all children with education particularly in the earthquake zone, children of agricultural workers and migrant families. In addition, we are working to access as many children as we can through digital education.
- With Step-by-Step Volunteering training, we aim to make sure our experienced volunteers meet children, shed light on the future of children with their support as well as to spread the volunteering culture in our country.
- Despite the environmental crises with a major impact, TEGV offers high quality education built upon digital transformation, IT and 21<sup>st</sup> century skills sought after in the labor force.
- In this context, we offer education programs designed by new generation creative learning methods and supported by environmentally-sensitive, child-sensitive contents that enable active learning. With these efforts, we aim to encourage more children to spend time at TEGV activity centers, and to appeal to all our stakeholders with our high-standard classes.

## 2

### Awareness, Reputation and Stakeholder Loyalty

- We perform our activities with the strength we take from our stakeholders, while we sustain our work to increase their commitment, satisfaction and engagement.
- These efforts are to make sure we have effective communication with our stakeholders.
- While protecting our reputation in the public opinion, we are working to increase our awareness and the contribution of our trustees. We are also developing projects to consolidate our international relations.

## 3

### Sustainable Financial Structure

- Our priority strategic goals include operational and financial sustainability to continue our activities on solid foundations for many more years. Within this scope, we aim to:
- Diversify our domestic and foreign resources,
  - Increase our commercial enterprise revenues,
  - Reduce our costs,
  - Increase our main assets.

## 4

### Effective and Efficient Processes

- In accordance with our understanding of continuous development and improvement, we aim to:
- Enhance our corporate governance structure,
  - Build upon our management systems according to ISO standards,
  - Increase our operational efficiency by Effective Corporate Risk Management.

## 5

### Innovative Information Technology Infrastructure and Human Resources Governance

- To increase the effectiveness and efficiency of our operations, we are strengthening our Information Technologies and Human Resources infrastructure, and working to develop innovative practices in all areas. Our important focal points include:
- Using Information Technologies in the most effective way,
  - Improving the competence and commitment of our employees,
  - Maintaining the spirit of teamwork,
  - Ensuring organizational continuity.



# STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

*We have identified our Strategic Priorities in the light of our mission and vision. We have been supporting our corporate sustainability through our priority issues and by contributing to the efforts of achieving the sustainable development goals.*

## Our Strategic Priorities

### 1 Inclusive and Quality Education

- Focusing on Efficiency
- Strengthening Relations with Volunteers and Teachers
- Developing and Implementing Projects and Programs



### 2 Awareness, Reputation and Stakeholder Loyalty

- Ensuring Multidimensional and Effective Corporate Communication
- Managing Stakeholder Engagement
- Increasing our Awareness While Protecting our Reputation



### 3 Sustainable Financial Structure

- Increasing Donations by Improving Fund-raising Channels
- Increasing our Capital Assets
- Adopting Activity Centers and Education Programs
- Ensuring Donor Resource Sustainability



### 4 Effective and Efficient Processes

- Executing Strategic Planning Effectively
- Managing Enterprise Risks Effectively
- Operating Management Systems in accordance with ISO Standards (QMS, ISMS)
- Establishing and Executing Efficient Corporate Project and Process Management Systems
- Managing the Budget Effectively
- Improving the Physical Conditions of Activity Centers



### 5 Innovative Information Technology Infrastructure and Human Resources Governance

- Ensuring Organizational Continuity
- Enhancing Employee Competence, Engagement and Professional Development
- Developing a Culture of Collaboration
- Continuously Developing and Effectively Managing our Digital Infrastructure and Systems





# KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

We monitor our strategic goals through key performance indicators.

**5,490**  
Number of Volunteers

**235,440,072**  
Amount of Donation (TL)

**466,475,720**  
Shareholders' Equity (TL)

## Steps towards progress and improvement in 2023!

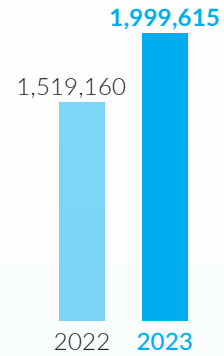
### Inclusive and Quality Education

Number of Children Reached

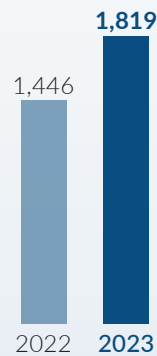


### Effective and Efficient Processes

Hours of Education Children Received



Number of Participants in Parents/Teachers/Family Seminars



Hours of Training Volunteers Received



### Awareness, Reputation and Stakeholder Loyalty

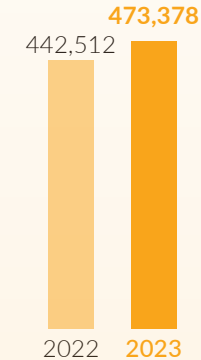
Number of Volunteers



Number of Donors

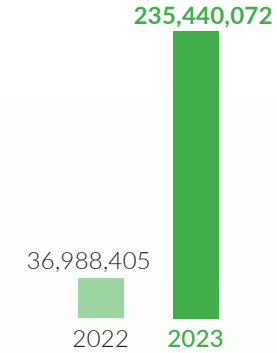


Number of Social Media Followers

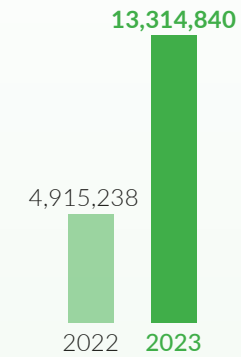


### Sustainable Financial Structure

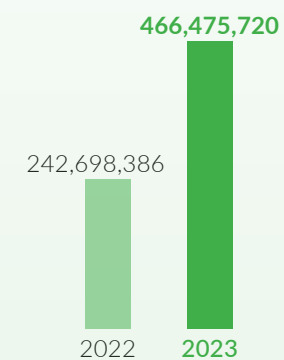
Amount of Donation (TL)



Commercial Enterprise Revenue (TL)

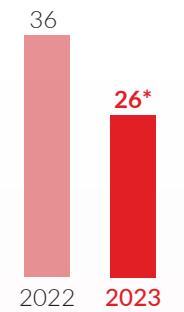


Shareholders' Equity (TL)



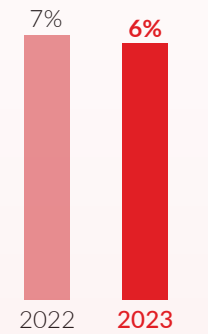
### Innovative Information Technology Infrastructure and Human Resources Governance

Training Hours per Employee

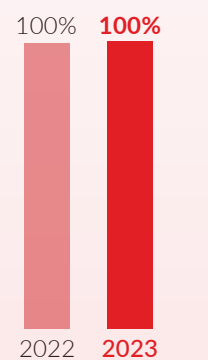


\*Lower level of needs analysis and OSYS (Organizational Continuity Management System Project) due to group and face-to-face trainings.

Unplanned Employee Turnover Rate



IT Systems Continuity Rates\*



\*This indicator could not be monitored due to the pandemic.

\* Excluding planned outages.



# RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

## Strategic Priorities

### Risks

### Opportunities

#### Inclusive and Quality Education

- Lack of activity centers in every province
- Availability of alternative education platforms for our target audience

- Distance education needs
- The wide range of activities of our Fireflies
- Interest in environmental and informatics issues due to environmental crises and digital transformation

#### Awareness, Reputation, and Stakeholder Loyalty

- Lack of donor resource continuity
- Alternative social activities for volunteers
- Increased screen time and loss of motivation
- Limited access to new generations of donors

- Increased willingness to create social benefit
- Effective and modern media management
- The emergence of the concept of online volunteering with the effect of the pandemic

#### Sustainable Financial Structure

- Negative impact of economic changes
- Insufficient main assets for sustainability
- Decrease in donor giving due to economic instability

- New methods to ensure regular donation
- International network and funding opportunities
- Our successful project references
- New campaigning methods
- Development of commercial enterprise
- Development of e-commerce
- Virtual donation

#### Effective and Efficient Processes

- Impact of demographic changes
- Diversified stakeholder needs
- Uncertainties in extending venue allocations

- Effective management of customer relations (CRM)
- Cooperation with local governments
- Increased process efficiency through digital media and tools
- Monitoring stakeholder satisfaction (QMS)

#### Innovative Information Technology Infrastructure and Human Resources Governance

- The challenge of big data management
- The need for digitalization in manual processes
- Expectations of different generations from the work environment
- Communication difficulties in a large work environment
- Cyber risks
- Difficulty in adapting to technological developments and digitalization

- Digital transformation
- Increased use of technological platforms in employee communication
- Flourishing of remote working culture



*We continue our Enterprise Risk Management efforts by achieving our strategic goals.*

#### Our Enterprise Risk Management:

- Carries out our activities effectively and efficiently in accordance with the laws, procedures, and principles determined by the General Directorate of Foundations, QMS standards, objectives, strategies and ethical rules,
- Protects our assets and resources,
- Ensures the reliability of our managerial and financial data and reporting,
- Provides acceptable assurance regarding the effectiveness of our internal communication channels.

#### We group and follow potential risks in the following categories:

- Operational Risks
- Reputation Risks
- Financial Risks
- Cyber risks
- Compliance (Legal) Risks
- Strategic Risks

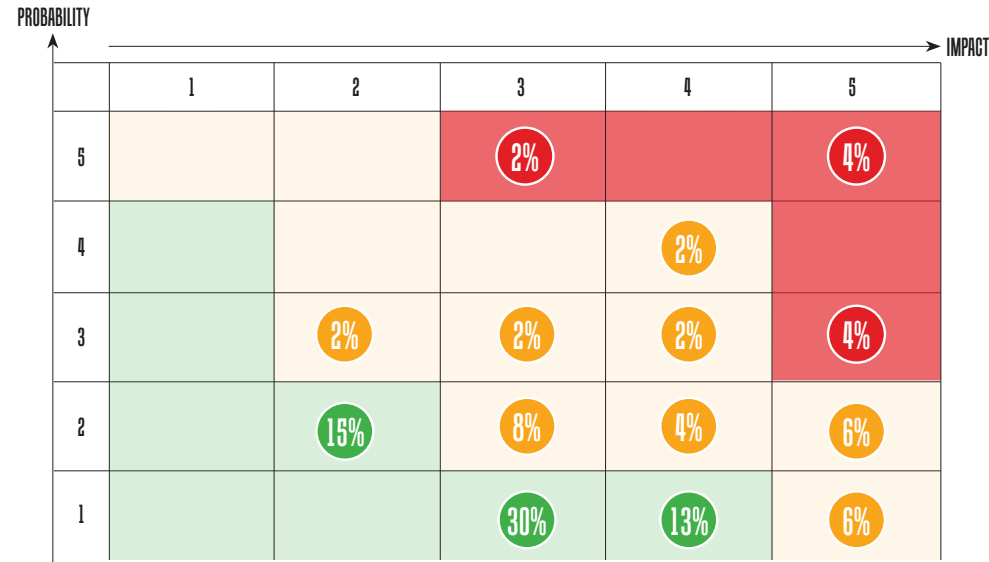




## RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### Risk Assessment Matrix

We determine “Risk Scores” for each risk in the inventory and assess where the risks are predominantly located according to their determined value ranges.



Risk Assessment Matrix compared to 2022:

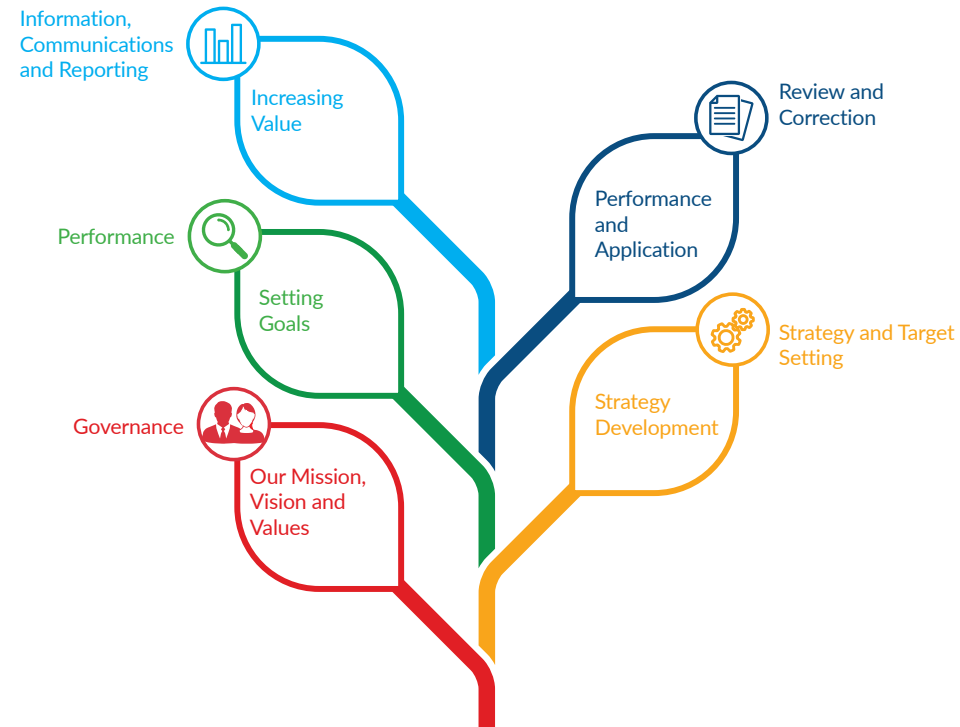
- The rate of “destructive” risks and risks with a “high/”very high” probability remained at the same level (4%).
- The rate of “moderate/mild” risks and risks with “low/very low” probability increased from 51% to 54%.

### Corporate Risk Management

Our corporate risk management approach is integrated into all our activities and processes. This integration has contributed to the improvement of our governance, strategy and goal setting, and decision-making related to our daily operations, as well as improved performance, and increased value and sustainability.

### Crisis Management

- With support from Marsh Türkiye Risk Consultancy regarding the management of operational, legal, reputation, and physical crises we may experience,
- We identified and documented roles and responsibilities.
  - We created crisis management plans and conducted crisis management exercises.
  - And we continue our efforts to provide regular training regarding awareness.



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*We commemorate our trustees who passed away in 2023 with love and respect.*



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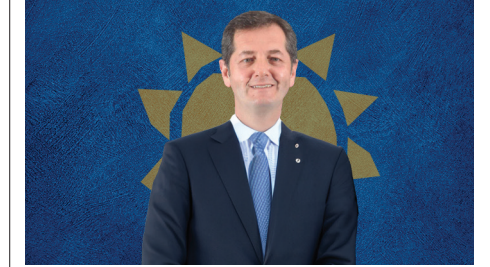
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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MANAGEMENT TEAM, AND EMPLOYEES

Average Term of Office of Board Members:

**10 Years**

Average Work Experience of Board Members:

**32 Years**



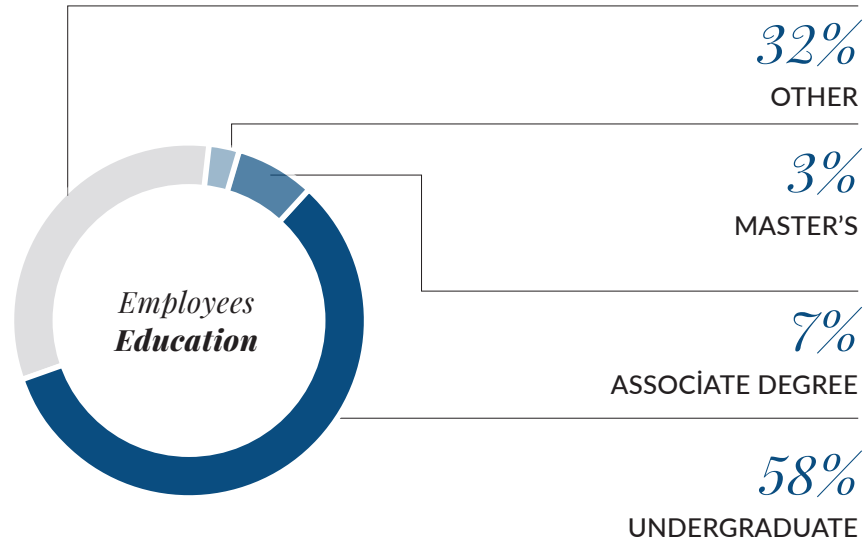
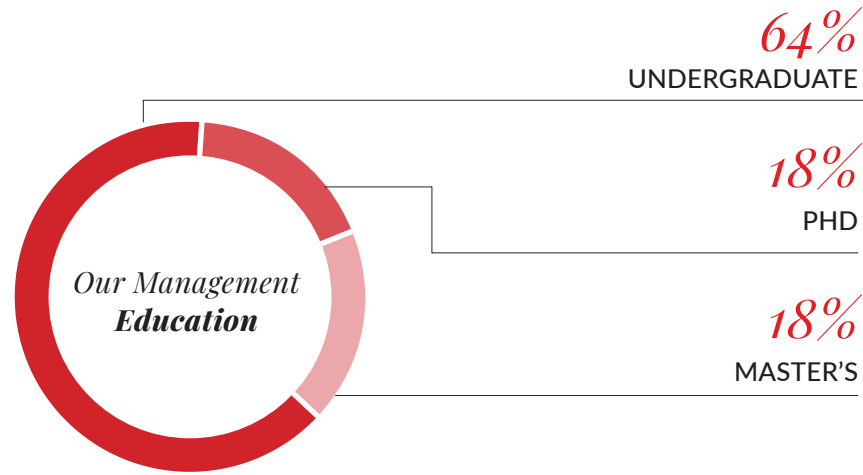
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Management Team Educational Background:

**64% Undergraduate**

Employee Educational Background:

**58% Undergraduate**



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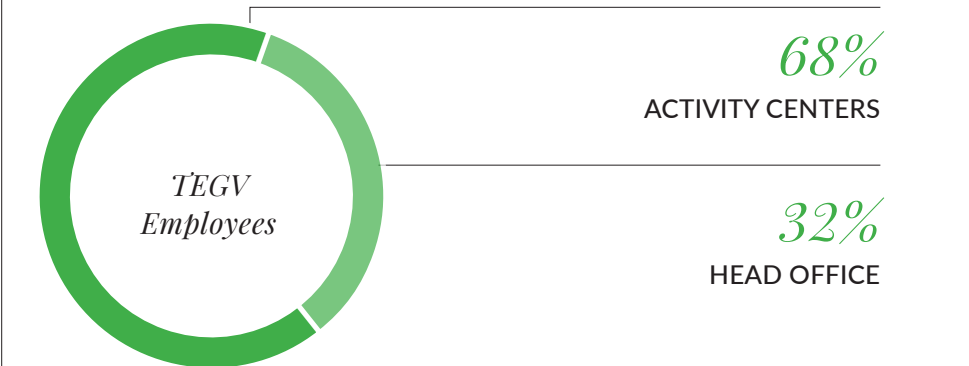
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Average Seniority

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# 2023 Activities



*Dedicated to our mission and vision, we continue to provide modern education with our 48 Activity Centers and 24 Fireflies in 27 cities across Türkiye.*

*2023 was a year full of new projects, awards, and important steps we took on behalf of our children. Supported by 5,490 volunteers, we provided 1,999,615 hours of qualified educational support to 83,550 children.*





# CORPORATE CALENDAR

## January

- 28<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration
- Our Y.O.D.A SDS achievement - Budapest BCCCD Conference
- DSW opening at Kastamonu Halime Celal Budak Primary School sponsored by LRF
- Art Workshop at FAP sponsored by Ülker
- UNHCR Social Cohesion Youth Leadership event
- Volunteer Applications Begin
- Digital approval for Volunteer Commitment Letter and PDPL Explicit Consent Text
- Technical and Personal Development Trainings
- "Faces of the Republic" website and movie

## February

- Istanbul University 2024-2028 Strategic Plan - Education and Civil Society Workshop
- "On the Double for Education: 7 Continents" run completed
- MoNE-Stars of Traffic Education Program Pilot
- Volunteer mobilization to Disaster Zone
- Training on Understanding Children in Crises and Disasters, Avoiding Harm and Ways of Healthy Communication

## March

- Training on Infection Control in Difficulties
- BKM Mutfak actors visit our FFs in the region
- Runtalya Marathon
- A Dreams Workshop established in our Istanbul Kartal AC
- MarathonIzmir Virtual Run
- Mengene's Earthquake Relief Aid Concert
- Earthquake Awareness Education
- Independent Auditing
- Nonviolent Communication Education
- Good Neighbors International - Listen to My Story Project
- Membership in CAF Canada
- TEGV Child Protection Policy
- Social and Emotional Learning Education
- Alaeddin Yavaşca commemoration concert

## July

- YOU Foundation - Claudia Jerger visit to earthquake zone
- Shane Larkin's visit to FAP
- 2023-2024 Summer Term
- Intermediate-Advanced Excel
- K29 KK Shell AC/Adiyaman
- K15 KK Shell AC/Adiyaman
- Umutkent KK VKV AC/Kahramanmaraş
- İSO KK Shell AC/Hatay
- Red Crescent KK Shell AC/Hatay
- Qatar KK Shell AC/Hatay
- External Audits of Quality Management System

## August

- New semester volunteer applications
- Four Seasons Education project completed
- Training of Trainers for more than 120 volunteers at Özyeğin University
- 6 awards in 5 categories at the Golden Spider Web Awards for our Faces of the Republic website
- Silver award from ARC for our Integrated Annual Report
- Ovakent KK Shell AC/Hatay
- Emlak Konut KK Library/Hatay
- "Future Outlook" Meeting at Özyeğin University

## September

- Engin Akyurek-birthday campaign
- 2023-2024 Fall
- Finance Training for Non-Finance Professionals
- Umutkent KK VKV AC/Adiyaman
- MediaMarkt - 3 FFs production
- Tirsan - 2 FFs production

## April

- Visit to Atatürk's Mausoleum
- Human Relations and Satisfaction Education
- Introduction to Excel
- Reading the World with Dr. Nilay Yılmaz: Creative Writing and Reading Workshop
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> celebrations
- Can Sungur April 23<sup>rd</sup> special broadcast
- 29<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Assembly
- Seda Nur Çelik's "Voice of Education in the Sahara Desert" run
- Istanbul Half Marathon
- Managerial Skills Development Education

## May

- Interview with Serhan Yılmaz on Artificial Intelligence
- Participation in GESS Fair
- Istanbul Half Marathon
- MarathonIzmir Physical Run
- Time Management and Planning Education
- Umutkent KK VK AC Opening/Hatay

## June

- Istanbul Volunteers Festival
- Istanbul Rotary Club - Outstanding Service Award
- Youth Organizations Forum
- Basketball for Hope, Veteran Basketball Tournament
- Sanko KK Shell AC/Adiyaman

## October

- Van, Mersin, Ankara Volunteers Festival
- Tennis for Hope Tournament
- Bursa Eker I Run
- Dominos -Dream Traveler FF October 29<sup>th</sup> Festival
- Visit to Atatürk's Mausoleum
- Can Sungur October 29<sup>th</sup> special broadcast
- Airport KK Shell AC/Kahramanmaraş

## November

- 5<sup>th</sup> International Nirun Şahingiray Education Forum
- Diyarbakir BANK ABC - AC opening
- Istanbul Marathon
- Can Sungur November 10<sup>th</sup> special broadcast
- Denizli and Mardin Volunteers Festival
- Technopark KK Shell AC/Malatya
- Migros - Science FF production
- Pınar Design Inventors Firefly production
- Denizli Ayten - Maksut Çavdar AC opening

## December

- ISO 27001 Information Security Management System certification
- Allianz Move Now Festival
- Design Thinking Education in Partnership with McKinsey & TEGV
- Erzincan Volunteers Festival
- International Volunteers Day
- Istanbul Gaziosmanpaşa AC opening
- Necip Fazıl KK Shell AC/Kahramanmaraş
- Malet 2 KK Shell AC/Malatya



# EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

## The Educational Approach and Principles of our Programs

### Philosophy for Children (P4C)

Philosophy for children is based on developing children's critical thinking and creative thinking skills through a collaborative and caring approach.

### Active Learning

Learners are always the main actor, the doer, in all synchronous and asynchronous education activities and tasks. The trainer is a facilitator, helper, and role model in the learning environment.

### Simplicity and an Easy-to-Follow Session Flow

Each session has its own flow with one main target. With steps including the "Intro Game", "What Do I Know?", "What Do I Want to Know?", "What Am I Learning?", "What Am I Sharing?" and "End Game", it manages children's interest, energy, and focus in a balanced way and provides meaningful learning experiences through exploration, production, and reflection.

*Our education programs are based on seven principles that prioritize children, as well as active, activity-based, and fun learning.*

### Interaction

Interpersonal interaction is the most important factor that accelerates learning, so it has been prioritized on digital platforms and in materials used in distance education. Even though technology and digital platforms are used, the main target is instructor-learner and learner-learner interaction.

### STEAM and Project/Problem-Based Learning

By focusing on real life problems and following the project cycle, the main goal is to help children learn meaningfully and deeply, as well as to internalize the project cycle at an early age. By producing practical, usable, environmentally, and eco-friendly solutions through a transdisciplinary approach to science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics, children gain important 21<sup>st</sup> century skills such as creative and critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork, and presentation.

### New Technologies

Our distance education programs include a limited number of carefully selected Web 2.0 tools (Canva, Quizlet, Scratch, Padlet) that children can use frequently in their daily lives. In addition, they increase children's competencies in using video conferencing tools.

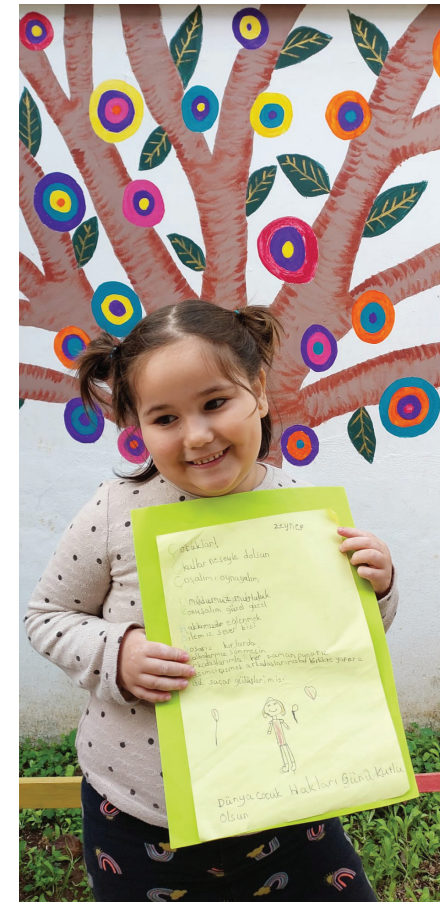
### Social & Emotional Learning

The priority in all our programs is the emotional and social well-being of children. The primary criterion for academic interest and success is that children feel good and safe in the learning environment. To this end, all programs begin with adults understanding and accepting children's emotional states.

Social and emotional skills form the general framework of our basic volunteer training and cover five core competencies: Self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making. Children with social and emotional learning skills develop attitudes and behavior that make them aware of their own and others' emotions and help them cope with difficulties.

## Our Education Programs

*Putting children at the center of our education programs, we talk about the environment and sustainability and learn while having fun.*



### Dreams Workshop Every child is an artist! Pablo Picasso

Dreams Workshop aims to help children discover their creative and other talents through plastic arts in specially designed art workshops. We understand ourselves, society and the world through art and reshape them with our designs!

With this program, our aim is to develop the life skills of children and volunteers such as creativity, teamwork, problem solving, self-confidence, communication, and responsibility. At the Dreams Workshop, we talk about the environment and sustainable living, and create designs for people, society, and our planet. The program consists of two and three-dimensional techniques such as painting, sculpture, printing, but also covers topics like waste materials, artist recognition, and promotion.

#### Child:

I like you so much. I wish we'd never be separated. I loved all the activities. All of them were a lot of fun.  
**Defne Ç. / Giresun AC**

#### Volunteer:

I liked the sketchbook logic very much: sketching before the activity gives ideas and makes one more creative.  
**Bensu N. / Ankara AC**



### English Kid's Box

*We learn English at an early age and step into a world where we will develop with self-confidence!*

We support children's natural interest and ability to learn languages at the right time and with the right methods. With this activity, we aim to encourage children to speak English, to motivate them to learn a new language, to feel the joy and excitement of learning, to crosscheck while having fun, and to be self-confident with the awareness of what they have learned.

In the English-Speaking Club, children sing, dance, play games, chat, describe visuals, and play roles. In the Cambridge University Press Kid's Box program, children develop their language skills at their own pace through games, puzzles, fun listening, writing, reading, and speaking exercises on the Kid's Box digital platform.

#### Child:

The English speaking activity is a lot of fun. The lessons and activities we do on the computer are very useful. And our volunteer is very funny, too. This is a very fun place.  
**Hakkı E. / Midyat AC**

#### Volunteer:

Our activity with the 6<sup>th</sup> graders was very nice and fun. Children attended the activity willingly; there were not many absentees. I think they liked the English language thanks to the visuals, exercises and videos in the activity.  
**Aysel Ç. / Midyat AC**



## Education Activities / Other Education Activities

**'I Read and I Play'**

*"You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than a year of conversation."—Plato*

**A Fun Activity Teaching Us About Ourselves and Makes Us Love Reading!**

For children, acquiring the habit of reading is getting more and more important. So, we believe that the first step for children to acquire this habit is to make them love books.

Our 'I Read and I Play' program aims to involve our children in the adventurous journey of books, develop their creative thinking skills, gain awareness of their social & emotional development, meet different authors and books, and motivate them to read and use their imagination.

**Child:**

I'm Hayrunisa. I'm in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. The 'I Read and I Play' activity is so pleasing. For example, I am learning about some books and that was my favorite point. I realized that I can do anything when I believe, and every book said that. There are more activities at TEGV. All the older sisters are very nice.

**Hayrunisa U./Batman AC**

**Volunteer:**

I am very happy to take part in the 'I Read and I Play' activity because the books are quite educational. I think it teaches children a lot. My colleague in the activity, Fatma, was very helpful and we made a good team together. I loved the children. I hope I taught them well.

**Pınar D./Muradiye AC**

**Let's Learn Together**

*Pre-school education is important and essential for every child.*

The Let's Learn Together Program is designed to empower children who started school without pre-school education, while also supporting the 1<sup>st</sup> grade education program in schools.

To support children's adaptation to primary school, we offer a multifaceted education program that links all of the skills that play an important role in the development of children, such as language and communication skills, cognitive skills, math skills, self-management, cooperation and group work, motor skills, and artistic skills.

The program also aims to develop children's skills such as working together, learning from each other, actively participating in the learning environment, participating in group work, communicating, listening, and expressing themselves.

**Child:**

I loved 'Let's Learn Together', and I had a lot of fun. I'll always come here. We learned about the world and shapes. I had a lot of fun, and I would like to come to TEGV again.

**Okan Ş./Adana AC**

**Volunteer:**

We completed our activities, and they were all enjoyable. We did our activities with the 5-6 age group. They had the most fun with geometric shapes. They participated consistently and actively.

**Elanur & Yağmur/Adana AC**

**Have Fun Learning Science**

*Logic can take you from point A to point B, imagination can take you anywhere!*

With our Have Fun Learning Science Program, our goal is to develop a positive attitude towards science in children by providing them with the basic science knowledge and skills such as establishing cause-effect relationships and using laboratories to contribute their development as individuals. The Have Fun Learning Science Program sees science as a process that should be taught to everyone starting from the early years of the education process, not only by a community specialized in a particular branch of science. The active learning approach of the Have Fun Learning Science Program teaches 8 different topics to children through experiments.

**Child:**

This place is so beautiful. Let me tell you about it. I have two volunteer older sisters, Esra and İrem. I love them so much. This is a paradise; a place of education. The activities are very good. We did a lot of activities. I had the most difficulty with the sea activity, but I still had a lot of fun.

**Sahra B./Çiğli AC**

**Volunteer:**

Science activities arouse excitement and curiosity in children, so they are willing to participate in the activities. They liked the tower activity with balloons and the magnetic car activity the most. On behalf of the children and myself, I would like to thank the TEGV family for providing us with this opportunity.

**Turgay A./Fibria AC**

**Have Fun Learning Mathematics**

*We said conceptual knowledge is important. An interdisciplinary approach is a must!*

With brainstorms, station work, cubes, colorful visuals, examples from daily life, geometric objects, and stories, children love to have fun while learning mathematics.

With the Have Fun Learning Mathematics activity, our goal is to help children develop a positive attitude towards mathematics, gain the mathematical knowledge and skills they will need in daily life, and contribute to their growth as mathematically literate individuals.

**Child:**

I want to be a volunteer when I grow up. The activities are excellent and everyone is very kind-hearted. They do everything for our happiness and our development. I love my older sisters very much.

**Zeynep G./Egekent AC**

**Volunteer:**

Our activities are very easy and productive thanks to the instructions. Thanks to the Have Fun Learning Mathematics activity, children learn mathematics without getting bored and even start to love it. The feedback from the children is very pleasing; all of them regularly participate in the activities. I hope it will be like this all year round.

**İlknur K./Malatya Shell KK AC**

**Drama Workshop**

*Drama is the rehearsal for life.*

At TEGV, children set off to a hidden valley and come up with solutions to protect nature, or visit an unhappy lion in its den and try to help it. They get the opportunity to closely observe and analyze themselves and the environment they live in and give/receive feedback.

The Drama Workshop enables children to get to know themselves, express their feelings and find their place in the group. Each week, we discuss a different topic, focusing on the events in our neighborhood, country and the world as well as the ways to provide support. Every semester, we meet at least one stage artist to get know-how in the field.

**Child:**

It is Thursday. Drama is very good. I like it so far. I think TEGV is very nice for everyone. The volunteers and staff are very nice. I want to live at TEGV.

**Miray K./Van AC**

**Volunteer:**

TEGV Drama Volunteer Training is informative and a lot of fun. You lose track of time during the training. The training explains the workshop very well. It is quite sufficient.

**Sevda D./Van AC**

**Allianz Motto Movement**

*Health is the greatest wealth!*  
**Virgil**

The Allianz Motto Movement aims to support the multifaceted development of children through activities such as group exercises, discussions, self-assessment, and examining the sports-related life experiences of successful people.

We are providing weekly mindful sports classes, and teaching skills development methods, setting goals, planning, leadership, sports ethics, empathy and self-confidence to increase their knowledge and make sure they gain experience.

**Child:**

Hello, I'm Erdem. I love it here. Our older sister taught us very good things. I would love to attend to this workshop again. I think if my friends and I are organized, we will play much better games. We learn a lot and have a lot of fun here.

**Erdem Y. / Eskişehir**

**Volunteer:**

The names of the games are very interesting to the children, so they made it a habit to ask the name of the game before starting the activity. The Allianz Motto Movement is my favorite activity, as it is for children. I am glad I took the Program Volunteer Training.

**Ayşegül Ş. /Eskişehir**



Education Activities / Other Education Activities



**Algo Dijital**  
Click, Code, Play!

With Algo Digital Informatics, our goal is to ensure the development of children's basic digital skills, including problem solving, algorithmic thinking, block-based coding/programming, digital literacy, and digital citizenship to help them prepare for the new age.

We also aim to help children to develop systematic thinking, problem solving skills, creative thinking, generating alternative solutions, engage in teamwork and establish cause and effect relationships.

*For the ALGO Digital Program, we partner with the Scratch Education Collaborative born at M.I.T. Media Lab.*

**Child:**  
I learned a lot here. It's so much fun here. We learned how to sit in a computer chair and how to code. We made a lot of memories here. I am glad I came here and I learned a lot of good things.  
**Zekiye E. Y. / Eskişehir AC**

**Volunteer:**  
Hello, I am the Algo Digital Activity volunteer for our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. This semester has been great for me thanks to the energy and support of the children. Thanks to TEGV, I experienced feelings that deeply affected my life by taking part in the education of wonderful children again. I am happy to have been able to teach children the importance of coding in the new world.  
**Ceyda M. Ş. / Eskişehir AC**



**Design and Skill Workshop**  
Let's design the future together!

Our Design and Skills Workshops adopt the learning-by-doing approach that we established to promote the Maker Movement, which is based on the philosophy of "Make, share, give, learn, equip, play, participate, support, and change – produce, don't consume!" We planned for our children to create projects that find solutions to the problems they face in real life and to use maker tools to make prototypes for the project, to use coding, robotics, and design processes for problem solving, and to create and share website/logo designs with Web 2.0 tools to present their projects.

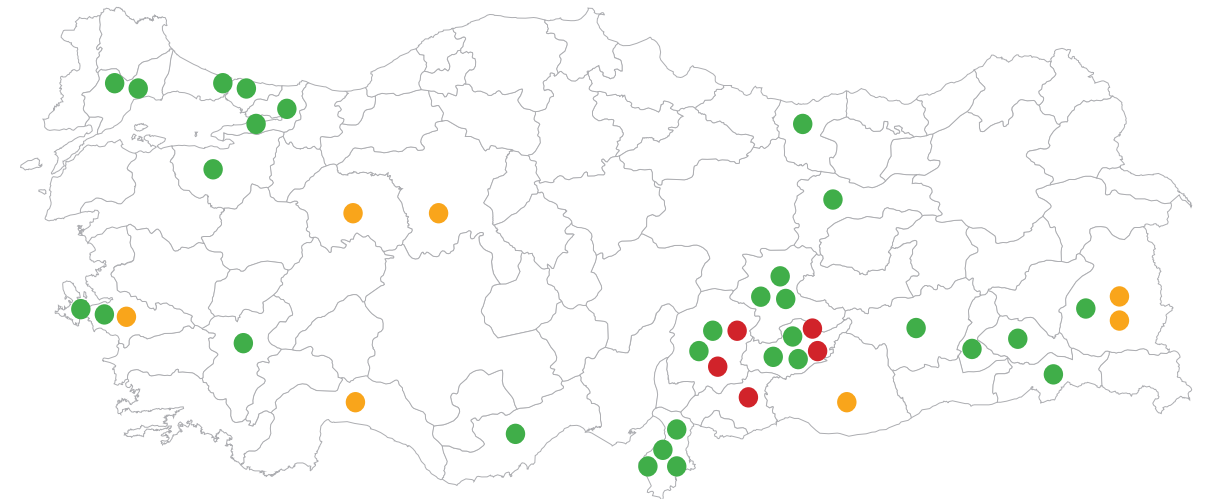
**Child:**  
I learned how to use a 3D printer, and Tinkercad. We made keychains, we learned about Arduino's stuff, and Mblock, and we learned how to code, we designed, cooperated and engaged in group work. We also worked with a 3D pen.  
**Semanur C./Muradiye AC**

**Volunteer:**  
We left behind a semester of the Design and Skills Workshop with Mehmet. We started with global goals to develop algorithm and problem solving skills. Thank you TEGV, #iyikivarTEGV  
**Esra Ş./Muradiye AC**

Design and Skills Workshops All Over the Country



Our Design and Skills Workshops in operation as of 31.12.2023



● Activity Center ● Activity Center ● Fireflies

**Planned for 2024**

Gaziantep Activity Center
İpek Kırac Anadolu Hisarı Activity Center
Pervari Activity Center
Rotary Design Inventors Firefly



**Education Activities**  
**Board Games and Short Term Activities**

*Our activities are aimed to support children in developing lifelong habits.*



**Algo Digital Board Game**

Our Digital Explorers Board Game aims to improve children's digital literacy, digital citizenship and design skills.



**Planet Earth**

We have added a new board game to our short-term activities (STA) where children can observe the movements of the Earth, the Sun and the Moon, comprehend the consequences of the Sun - Earth - Moon system movements, and observe the effects of pollution and global warming on the world.



**Fun, Learn, Hygiene**

With the Fun, Learn, Hygiene project, we are working to contribute to ensuring that families and children live in hygienic conditions and to make a difference in children's lives. With this STA program, we aim to support children in developing lifelong hygiene habits and raise awareness on hygiene for a better quality of life.

We have been continuing our Fun, Learn, Hygiene project since 2011 with the sponsorship of Domestos, and it is one of the activities with which we have accessed the highest number of children. Our goal is to raise awareness of children about the characteristics of microbes and toilet hygiene, and to help them ensure hygiene conditions in their daily lives in living spaces such as school and home, and to develop the right cleaning habits. To achieve this goal, we continue to enrich our program with new activities every year including but not limited to a hygiene song, fun-learn-hygiene video, and information on Corona.



**It's My Job to Take Care of My Oral Health**

Sponsored by the ULGAY FUND, the STA called 'It's My Job to Take Care of My Oral Health' aims to increase children's knowledge about oral and dental health and help them develop the right attitude towards care.

In this context, we are working to make sure children develop basic hygiene habits, understand unction and structure of teeth and the causes of deterioration of oral and dental health, and recognize behaviors that are beneficial for dental health. We had this activity face to face up to 2022. Now, we have renewed it by changing educational tools, as well as the active learning tool and games. Also, we have been offering this activity online with 20-minute interactive games with the support of our volunteers since 2022.

**Other Education Activities**

*We are moving forward by adding new programs to our original education model.*



**Colorful Pens**

The communications part of the 'I Read and I Play' activity, the Colorful Pens project help children to bring the news of their city to the newspapers.

Through this project, children are introduced to journalism and have the opportunity to develop their writing, reading and research skills by following the culture, arts and sports news of their city. Further, children develop skills such as Turkish language fluency, responsibility, self-confidence and self-expression in this activity.

In 2014, we started publishing Colorful Pens newspaper, featuring the articles of thousands of children. As part of the Colorful Pens Project, we published 52 local children's newspapers with the articles of nearly a thousand children and the support of 152 volunteers.



**Stars of Traffic**

Inspired by Traffic FF's Traffic Education Program, we started to closely cooperate with the Ministry of National Education in 2014 upon its demand to develop the Stars of Traffic project in 2023. We have successfully completed the pilot.

Widely applied in our Activity Centers, our education program is designed to offer a meaningful learning experience based on project-based learning methodology and to encourage stakeholders to take up responsibility by sharing solution proposals with them. We also aim to support children to understand traffic safety and develop the right behaviors. Inspired by the success of our pilots, we expanded the program to all our activity centers.



**Free Workshop**

The Free Workshop is designed to help children relate to real life, get informed and deeply think about Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), come up with project ideas and prototypes by focusing on design, develop the ability to bring solutions to the problems in their neighborhood by taking into account regional differences, gain learning experience in project cycles and accelerate effective learning and positive behavior change.

**We chose project-based learning,**

since it provides flexibility for both children and facilitators working with children. This flexibility allows free work on projects containing new ideas using various learning and studying methods depending on the need. Project-based learning is different from lectures or traditional educational activities. It offers students a wide range of learning experiences and opportunities for self-development as it is based on research, skill acquisition, as well as producing and implementing new ideas.



## Education Activities / Other Education Activities



## Healthy Life

Sponsored by Kellogg's, our short term activity of Healthy Life aims to teach our children healthy eating habits. Its content for 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders consists of two modules: Healthy and Balanced Nutrition and Eating Foods in their Season. It also features an interactive video and a card game.

The achievements we aim for our children with all these activities are:

- Raising awareness on healthy and balanced nutrition, water consumption and exercise to lead a healthy life
- Giving information about different food groups
- Explaining the importance of distinguishing between healthy and unhealthy foods, taking into account local and cultural consumption
- Highlighting the importance of water consumption
- Raising awareness about the importance of eating foods in their season.



## Hear My Story

After the earthquake, we delivered 4 tents to the disaster zone for children so that they could play free-time games for social and emotional learning and therapy, with the support of our South Korean donor GoodNeighbors International. We helped a total of 7,391 children with our tents in Malatya Yeşilyurt, central Adıyaman, central Kahramanmaraş, and Kahramanmaraş Elbistan.



## Art in Nature

Designed to serve in the disaster zone, this activity helped children regulate their emotions. The Art in Nature activity gives children the opportunity to decorate their pots, learn about the soil structure and climate of the region as well as how to grow plants. In addition, they can discuss alternative ways to make their temporary residence a better place and produce their own fruits and vegetables.



## Water is Breath

While demand for water is increasing around the world, water resources are scarce. Children are the group that will be most affected by problems of access to water. Thus, the project Water is Breath aims for children to understand:

- the link between clean water and quality of life,
- how to protect clean water resources,
- save water by making changes in daily habits,
- the characteristics of water resources,
- and the criticality of providing safe and clean water for all.

The project is based on active learning and games to promote understanding of clean water and high quality of life. In 2024, we will offer our new board game to primary school age children in order to raise their awareness about the proper use of water resources.

In 2022, we reached 3,213 children in 25 provinces with our short-term activity under the sponsorship of ÇİMSA.



## TEGV Academy Project

Blending quality education with fun, TEGV Academy is a free of charge digital education platform specially designed for amazing children, inspiring teachers, wonderful parents and our superhero volunteers with interactive videos, games, magazines, books, experiments and interesting information.

Children can learn about many subjects on this platform including but not limited to children's rights, nature and environment, science, art, math, sports, coding, social and emotional learning, while teachers have access TEGV content, applications, training videos and materials that they can use in the classroom. Moreover, parents can learn about activities they can do with their children at home, attend to parent workshops, visit our nearest activity centers and obtain information on parenting. Volunteers can access info on our volunteering activities, bulletins and education videos on our platform's web page.

On our platform, you can access the world of learning from your phone, tablet or computer anytime, anywhere there is Internet. As we are continuing to work on our platform, we are looking forward to presenting you TEGV Academy, which combines quality education and joy!



## Summer Activities

Our summer activities are designed according to children's needs, and they can actively participate in these activities, adopt the active learning approach, learn and have fun, and explore different topics. With our summer activities, we aim to ensure that children spend productive time and prevent learning loss.

Children can gain skills and habits in arts, sports, nutrition, music, science, etc. in summer activities that come with pre-defined targets. These activities are fit to summer time. We also offer club, tour activities and seminars for parents. Our summer activities teach children to:

- do teamwork,
- improve their creativity and produce arts works,
- gain the habit of healthy diet,
- develop learning skills via questioning and experimenting.



## Four Seasons of Education

In Türkiye, thousands of families leave their hometowns in April and May and migrate to different regions as seasonal agricultural workers. Often, children join this migration with their parents, and these migrations continue until November. As children of parents working as seasonal agricultural workers spend most of the year in their permanent residence, their education is negatively affected by these migrations. Our Foundation, with the Four Seasons of Education Program, serves to support children during this period when their education is interrupted.

In cooperation with Ferrero Precious Agriculture, TEGV provided face-to-face education to 40 children between the ages of 6 and 13 in the Karapürçek district of Sakarya, from August 14 to August 25 as part of the Four Seasons of Education Program. Each child participating in the entire program received a total of 60 hours of education in different fields.

This year, we brought a new dimension to our project with the support of Boğaziçi University Faculty Member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Serkan Özel. He added an academic perspective to the project and we aim to use this perspective to measure children's cognitive development levels and to move forward with more solid foundations in the coming years.



## Education Activities

### Environmental and Sustainability Activities

*Aiming to instill a love of nature and environmental awareness in children, we enriched our libraries with ecology-themed books in 2023.*

#### Water is Breath/ÇİMSA

We have been developing and expanding various educational programs to raise children's awareness of environmental problems since they will be the most affected by current environmental disasters or crises, and to help them become part of the solution.

#### Ecology Books

Aiming to instill a love of nature and environmental awareness in children, we enriched our libraries with ecology-themed books in 2023. We added books to contribute to a sustainable future by raising children's awareness of environmental issues. We strengthened the education activities of our units with a more comprehensive and environmentally friendly approach. This year, we contributed to raising our children as ecologically sensitive individuals with this important initiative.

#### Workshops for a Better World

This project aims to raise children's awareness of "peace, human rights, ecology and children's rights" among other topics such as social issues, to encourage them to social participation and raise them as individuals free of stereotypes, prejudices, bias, discrimination and violence.

#### Don't Waste, Donate!

Since 2017, we have been recycling all the electronic waste of our individual and corporate donors under the supervision of the Turkish Ministry of the Environment, Urbanization, and Climate Change in accordance with legal regulations through the 'Don't Waste, Donate' Project, which we have been carrying out in cooperation with TÜBİSAD. Collecting more than 100 tons of e-waste in 2023, we have recycled almost 500 tons of e-waste since the project started. By recycling this e-waste, we are reducing the damage done to the environment, while at the same time providing quality educational support to nearly 5,000 children.

Total number of children receiving education in 2023

18,465

#### Digitalization of Volunteer Documents

We have digitalized registry documents, thus adding value to the environment by reducing paper consumption, saving energy, decreasing transport and freight costs, providing fast access and data management, storage, safety, remote working and collaboration.

#### Dreams Workshop

We use recycled materials in our Dreams Workshops, where children are introduced to arts. In addition, we call for attention to Global Climate Change, Clean Water, Maritime Life, and Natural Events in our activities.

#### Design Inventors

With our Design Inventors FF educational content, children discuss the United Nations Global Compact, and encourages them to use the STEAM applications they learn during the 12-hour class to address the relevant problems. Together with children, we are using design-based thinking to try and figure out what can be produced for the benefit of the environment and nature.



# VOLUNTEERS

*With the support of thousands of volunteers every year, we have contributed to building a bright future for over three million children since our foundation.*

8 Festival

29 City

72 Activity Center

2,590 Volunteers

\*The amount in TL is calculated on the basis of the lowest hourly fee for a contracted teacher.

## *Our volunteers has been empowering us for 28 years*



### December 5, World Volunteers Day

The UN General Assembly declared December 5 as the World Volunteers Day (WVD) in 1985 to promote volunteering and its benefits across the world and to encourage more people to take part in volunteering programs. 123 countries, including Türkiye, celebrates December 5 World Volunteers Day.

Our Foundation celebrates the World Volunteers Day to:

- Motivate our volunteers,
- Consolidate their sense of belonging,
- Make sure they are aware of their contribution to our success,
- Encourage them to sustain their support,
- And to show them we do not forget our volunteers on this special day dedicated to volunteers of non-governmental organizations.

To that end, we organized various activities across Türkiye on December 5 WVD, as every year, to thank our volunteers who empower and support us. We celebrated WVD with great enthusiasm in all our activity centers together with our volunteers who have been taking active roles for a better future.

### With the Power of Acting Together, We've Got Hope for the Future

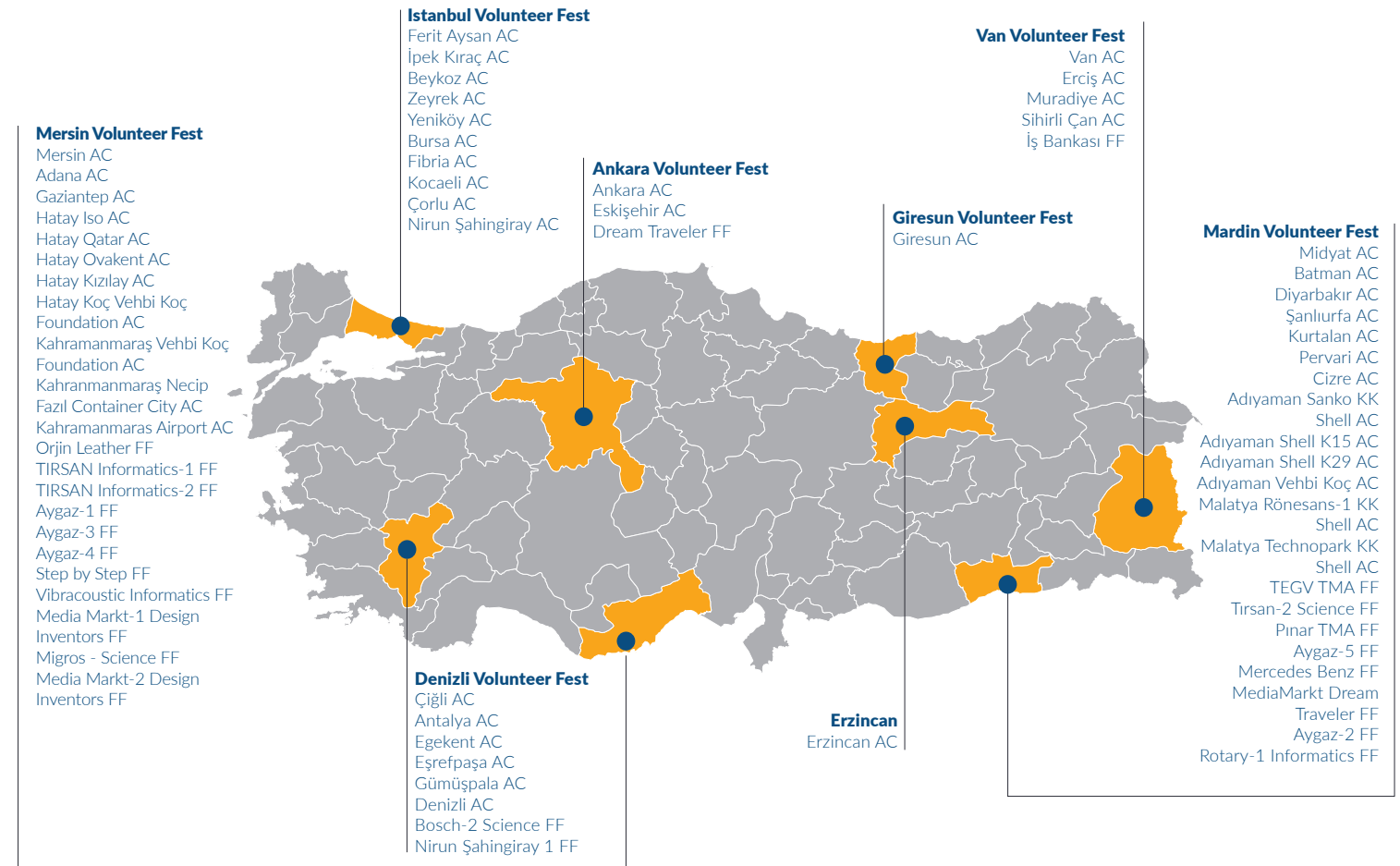
Since day one, our Foundation has contributed to building a bright future for over 3 million children with the support of nearly 9 thousand volunteers annually. For 28 years, volunteers have been empowering us and every year, we together celebrate the Volunteer Festival in June in Istanbul. The festival continued throughout this year as well.

In 2023, 5,490 volunteers allocated 182,115 hours to education activities at TEGV and benefited our Foundation worth \*TL 13,685,942.

Our volunteers shared their experience and opinions of the festivals they attended to:

- *“On this beautiful day, we met my volunteer friends in the other center, and joined enthusiastic celebrations; we were proud to be volunteers. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this festival.”*
- *“As usual, it was one of the valuable days in my life.” Thank you for inviting us.”*

- *“We, volunteers, have bonded with TEGV from the heart; this bond connects all volunteers of all ages. Most importantly, we once again understand that life makes sense with more love and embracing; we say “We’re glad to have TEGV for our country’s bright future,” and we feel proud to be a part of TEGV.”*
- *“The great importance TEGV attaches to volunteers and its support is a major factor motivating us to continue volunteering at TEGV. I felt like I was with my family at this festival. Thank you.”*





## Volunteers



## 2023 Trainer Trainings

We held our Trainer Trainings on August 26 - 27 at Özyeğin University Çekmeköy Campus. 150 trainers from different provinces of Türkiye participated. While hosting new trainers in our Basic Volunteer Training (BVT), Design and Skills Workshop (DSW) and Free Workshop, we conducted our 'I Read and I Play', 'Workshops for a Better World (WBW)' and Drama programs with the existing trainers. By refreshing their knowledge, our trainers increased their motivation to make children's education more effective and contributed to our Foundation's efforts to make a difference in this field.

With these trainings, we aim for our trainers to work more effectively and well-equipped and to contribute to the education of children in line with the Foundation's mission.



### We celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> year of our Republic and Reached 100,000 Volunteers!

Starting with a small group of volunteers participating in the training, our journey has continued to grow stronger with the participation of more than 100,000 volunteers in the past 28 years. During this time, our volunteers have selflessly shared their experience, time and passion for education with children. We are very proud and happy to reach 100,000 volunteers in the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Republic. Thanks to them, we have provided more children with quality education and have transformed their lives. We would like to thank all the volunteers who contributed to this meaningful journey, and we hope to provide more children with high quality education.

## WE WERE THERE TO TOUCH THE HEARTS OF CHILDREN



*To me, TEGV is very different, very valuable. Because we touch the hearts of children, and their lives. I am delighted to be here. I proudly went to Kahramanmaraş upon the call for volunteering. It is very valuable to share that experience under the roof of TEGV.*



**Tuba T., Samsun**  
City of Destination:  
Kahramanmaraş





## TURKISH REPUBLIC'S 100<sup>TH</sup> YEAR ACTIVITIES

*We celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> year of our Republic with the 'Faces of the Republic' project, inspired by the stories of children and volunteers, based on the motto: "Everyone who determinedly, enthusiastically and wholeheartedly protects the Republic is the face of the Republic!"*



### *Anyone who Protects the Republic is the Face of the Republic!*

#### **We stood in the presence of Atatürk on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Republic**

This year, on the occasion of commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> year of our Republic, we paid official visits to Atatürk's Mausoleum on April 7 and were proud to be in the presence of our Great Leader Atatürk.

We visited Atatürk's Mausoleum and held the special ceremony themed the "Faces of the Republic" to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Year. Our Board of Trustees, Board Members, employees, volunteers and children attended the ceremony. We stood before Atatürk and expressed our gratitude and appreciation. We

commemorated our founder, the late Suna Kıracı, our trustees who passed away, citizens who lost their lives in the Kahramanmaraş earthquake and our TEGV volunteers with a moment of silence. On this meaningful day, we once again underlined our commitment to Atatürk's principles and reforms and that we will continue to work to protect our Republic forever. On behalf of our Board of Directors, Oktay Özinci left a wreath on Atatürk's mausoleum. In addition, children presented their poems and pictures on Atatürk and the Republic. Afterwards, TEGV members went to the National Oath Tower and signed the Special Book of Atatürk's Mausoleum. Özinci wrote in the book:

#### **"Dear Atatürk, Founder of our Republic,**

As the Educational Volunteers Foundation of Türkiye, we are happy to be in your presence today.

For 28 years, we have been working to raise modern, contemporary and progressive generations in the light of your principles and reforms by saying "A Child Changes, Türkiye Flourishes!"

You shed light to our path as you attached great importance to future generations by dedicating the national sovereignty day of the Turkish nation

to the children of the world and believed that the Republic will live with the ideas of the youth.

Happy 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Republic of Türkiye! We are elated, proud and determined.

Today, together with our trustees, volunteers, children and colleagues, we pledge that we will work together to preserve and ennoble the Republic you founded.

*Cordially,*

**R. Oktay Özinci**  
Chairman of the Board of Directors  
2019-2023

As a result of the vote at our 29<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Assembly on April 27, 2023, M. Özalp Birol was appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors of TEGV. On October 28, just before the Republic Day, we paid a meaningful visit to Atatürk's Mausoleum to pay respects and gratitude to Atatürk together with the children, volunteers and employees from TEGV Ankara Semahat – Dr. Nüsret Arsel Activity Center. While expressing our gratitude and appreciation in the spiritual presence of Atatürk, we felt proud to have been providing more than 3 million children with quality education in the light of the Republic since our foundation.

#### **Faces of the Republic**

We celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> Year of our Republic with the happiness of providing over 3 million children with quality education in the light of the fundamental principles and values of the Republic and supporting their dreams. Based on our motto, "Everyone who determinedly, enthusiastically and wholeheartedly protects the Republic is he face of the Republic!", we designed events special to the 100<sup>th</sup> year under the roof of the "Faces of the Republic" project inspired by the stories of TEGV's volunteers and children. Designed with software special to the "Faces of the Republic" project, our website at cumhuriyetinyuzleri.org received 6 awards at the Golden Spider Awards and became the most awarded project of the year.

This website features TEGV stories, letters by children, Republic-themed painting exhibition and interactive content open for all. Throughout the year, visitors to the website uploaded their photos to the system and

completed the giant Atatürk portrait created with the Faces of the Republic, immortalizing the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Republic with memory cards. Approximately ten thousand people uploaded their photos and the interactive portrait became one of the most widely participated Atatürk portraits in the history of the Republic.

Dedicated to this special year, our "Faces of the Republic" film consists of the real stories of children whose paths crossed with TEGV and whose lives changed. Our esteemed Trustee Yetkin Dikinciler narrated the film, which focused on the values of the Republic and told the story of TEGV children turning their dreams into goals and their goals into reality with the contributions of these values. The script includes the success stories of children and volunteers at TEGV: Agit first met the computer at TEGV and is now a computer engineer. Arzu plays for the Women's National Football Team today, while the boys who played soccer did not want to let her join them in her childhood. Hayrullah got fascinated by a theater play he took part in at TEGV, and founded his own theater. Saime became a script writer and reporter thanks to the reading and writing habits she developed after entering TEGV's doors.

#### **Faces of the Republic Take Action for Education!**

As part of the Faces of the Republic project, our education volunteers swam and ran at various sports events during the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the Republic, aiming to turn these efforts into high quality education for children at TEGV through donation campaigns. Campaigning on behalf of TEGV, our fellow friends of education represented TEGV on the

tracks with our special t-shirts with the Faces of the Republic logo. We launched the first of our campaigns under the name "Faces of the Republic Swim for Education" during the 35<sup>th</sup> Bosphorus Intercontinental Swimming Race. As part of our "Faces of the Republic Run for Education" campaign, thousands of runners, donors and volunteers shared our enthusiasm and excitement on the occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Thanks to the impact of the campaigns, we provided 5,564 children with qualified education support.

#### **We Celebrated the Republic Day with Joy!**

With the sponsorship of Sika Türkiye, our activity centers across Türkiye celebrated October 29<sup>th</sup> Republic Day with great joy. The art works children at TEGV made in drama and art workshops in October were exhibited at the October 29 Republic Day Festivities. Also, our activity centers were decorated with balloons and flags. Face painting, kite festivals and other fun activities added color to the day. Hundreds of children studying at our activity centers from Hatay to Van, Istanbul to Izmir participated in the events.

The roots of our foundation date back to the founding years of the Republic, and it has been operating for 28 years to raise children as well-equipped and qualified individuals, who share modern, universal values and the fundamental principles of the Republic. With this mission, we will continue to provide quality education to children in the new century of our Republic. We see the meaning of our Republic in the faces of millions of people, as they are a glimmer of hope for the future of this country. Happy 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary!



# HUMAN RESOURCES

*A year full of education and activities*



*We continue to develop new projects to ensure business continuity at our Foundation.*

**We got together at our Looking to the Future Meeting**

We held our Looking to the Future Meeting face-to-face at Özyeğin University. We came together in sessions on Good Examples, Our Awards, Exchange of Opinions/Suggestions, History of the Republic (attended by our history department graduates) and orientation. We had a pleasant time on our historical tour of Istanbul and the dinner afterwards.

**Organizational Continuity Management System Project**

To ensure the sustainability of our Foundation's work, we have launched the OSYS project to identify, evaluate, develop, and backup talented people in a planned and systematic manner.

*We aim to contribute not only to our employees' careers but also to their physical, mental and social well-being.*

**We Celebrated the New Year Online**

On Thursday, December 28, we were all together for our "Online New Year" celebration where we talked about our hopes for 2024. The event was very enjoyable and productive with presentations.

**We Took Many Enjoyable Training Classes**

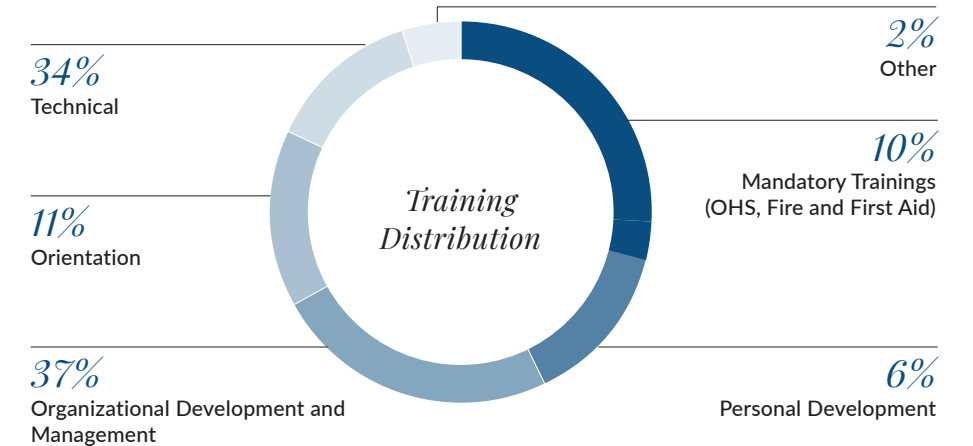
In 2023, we organized over 30 trainings including Managerial Skill Development, Telephone Photography, CRM, Ways to Understand Children in Crises and Disasters, Ways to Avoid Harm and Healthy Communication, Earthquake Awareness, Excel, Finance and Financial Statement Analysis for Non-Finance Professionals, Human Relations and Satisfaction Management, Time Management and Planning Training.

**We're Getting Online Health Consultancy**

Medihis has provided and will continue to provide online health consultancy services to our employees, aiming to contribute to their physical, mental and social well-being based on their different needs.

**TEGV is with Us on our Birthdays**

We can take a day off on any day of the week of our birthday and spend it as you wish.





## NEW ACTIVITY CENTERS

*We provide quality educational support to children by opening new activity centers in regions where there are none.*



21.12.2023

Sayın  
M.Özalp BIROL  
Türkiye Eğitim Gönüllüleri Vakfı  
Yönetim Kurulu Başkanı

Istanbul Gaziosmanpaşa'da ilköğretim çağındaki çocuklarımızı nitelikli eğitimle buluşturarak onları geleceğe donanımlı bireyler olarak hazırlayacak olan "Türkiye Eğitim Gönüllüleri Vakfı Gaziosmanpaşa Öğrenim Birimi"nin açılışına nazik davetinize çok teşekkür ederim.

Gaziosmanpaşa halkımıza hayırlı ve uğurlu olması temennisiyle açılışa katılan tüm konuklara sağlıklı ve mutlu günler dilerim.

  
Prof. Dr. Yılmaz BÜYÜKERŞEN  
Eskişehir Büyükşehir Belediye Başkanı

## Healthy and productive activities in our activity centers



By opening new activity centers in regions where there are none, we offer quality education to children in addition to redesigning our existing activity centers so that they offer healthier and more efficient activities.

In relocating our activity centers, we first conduct checks and needs analysis on our existing venues. While working to minimize physical risks arising from a possible earthquake, occupational health and safety accidents, we also identify

locations that can possibly make access for children and volunteers easier. By a holistic analysis, we decide on the right location and venue. When identifying the location for education, we first evaluate the number of children in the local settlement, the number schools, the status of schooling and the distance of the schools, socio-economic structure, the number of universities for accessing more volunteers and public transport opportunities. Once we identify the location with the highest benefit, we seek the right building and make sure it meets the following criteria: recently built, compatible with the earthquake regulations in force, has occupancy permit and no structural change after receiving the occupancy permit. In addition to these technical specifications, we make sure that the building is detached and has a garden for easy access; if it does not have any garden, it must definitely have an independent entrance and allows natural light from its facades as well as having good ventilation as its physical properties.

With this perspective, moved our Denizli Ayten-Maksut Çavdar AC, Diyarbakır Bank ABC AC and İstanbul Gaziosmanpaşa AC to their new locations and started our activities. In line with our child-friendly space design approach, we provide quality educational support in our units that in high standards.



### Diyarbakır Bank ABC Activity Center

Having been actively working in Ergani district since 1999, our AC was moved to its new location in the central Sur district after the improvement and capacity increase of the venue properties with the support of Bank ABC. After 12 years, we again met children in the center of Diyarbakır with this unit, which has 310 m<sup>2</sup> indoor area featuring a Free Activity Room, Dreams Workshop, Reading Island, Information and Technology Room and a Design and Skills Workshop.



### Denizli Ayten-Maksut Çavdar Activity Center

Our activity center had been operating for over 10 years in the Pamukkale district, Deliktaş neighborhood, bearing the name of our donors, Ayten and Maksut Çavdar. We improved its features and increased its capacity, and moved it to its new location in Atalar neighborhood in the district center. In our new activity center with an indoor area of 345 m<sup>2</sup>, we will provide educational support to almost 2 thousand children annually with the Free Activity Room, Dreams Workshop, Reading Island, Information and Technology Room and a Design and Skills Workshop.



### İstanbul Gaziosmanpaşa Activity Center

Our İstanbul Yeniköy Activity Center had been active in Sarıyer since 1995. After improving its features and increasing its capacity, we moved it to its new location in Gaziosmanpaşa. Located on an indoor area of 180 m<sup>2</sup>, this activity center will provide 1,500 children with education in its Free Activity Room, Dreams Workshop, Reading Island and Design and Skills Workshop.



## New Activity Centers / Planned Construction Projects

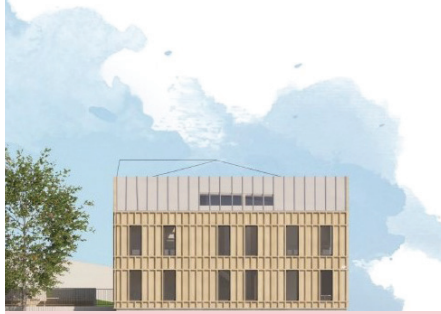
We left behind a year with negative effects of economic developments in all our construction projects. In addition to inflation and exchange rate fluctuations, the industrial needs in the earthquake zone led to a challenge in accessing materials and labor due to rising costs. We reviewed our 3 ongoing AC construction projects and changed our methods so as to use resources in the most efficient way.



### Gölcük Halime Yıldız - Keriman Acara Activity Center

We completed the architectural design of the Halime Yıldız - Keriman Acara Activity Center, which is to be located on the land donated by Ayhan Yıldız in Kocaeli - Gölcük. Designed as a 200 m<sup>2</sup> prefabricated building, this Activity Center will include 1 Design and Skills Workshop, 1 Free Activity Room, 1 Dreams Workshop, as well as a library, volunteer room, office and landscape area.

This activity center is planned to start its operations in June 2024 to benefit nearly 1,200 children.



### Anadolu Hisarı İpek Kırac Activity Center

Since 2004, this AC has been operating, and after a physical evaluation, it was decided to rebuild it. Designed as 2 different buildings with 3 floors each in the same parcel, our AC will have a significant capacity increase and will serve more children with its modern architecture and technology infrastructure.

With a 417 m<sup>2</sup> indoor area, our AC will include 2 Free Activity Rooms, 1 Information and Technology Room, 1 Design and Skills Workshop, 1 Reading Island and 1 Dreams Workshop, as well as a library, multi-purpose hall, volunteer room, office and landscape area. We aim to put our İpek Kırac AC into service in 2024, with the construction sponsorship of İpek Kırac and the operating sponsorship of Vehbi Koç Foundation, to benefit almost 2,500 children annually.

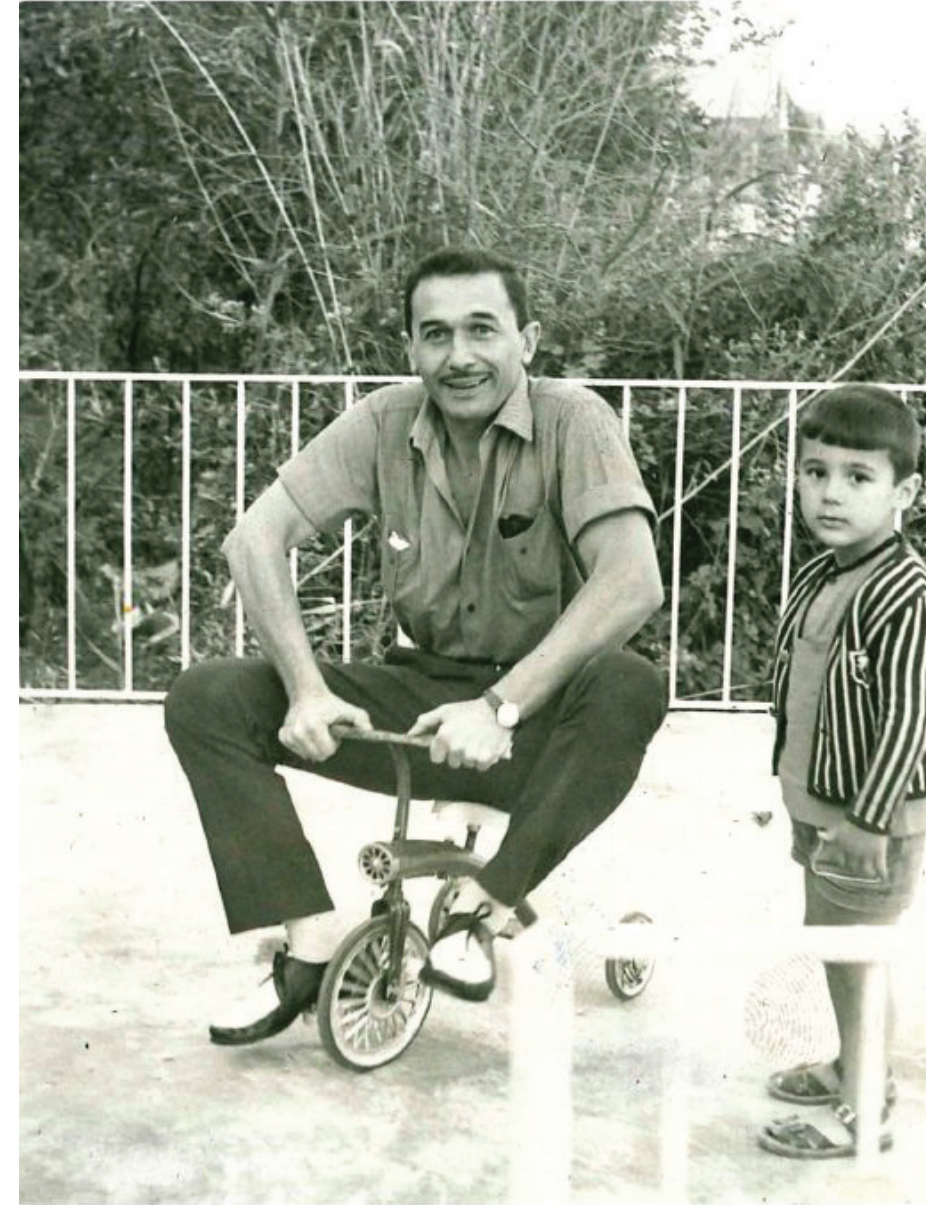


### Gaziantep Activity Center

Since the right of using the land allocated to our Gaziantep Activity Center expired, we continued our activities in schools, and after negotiations with the Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality, we leased a plot for 25 years in a socio-economically disadvantaged area. Yet, we worked hard for fund-raising, and made it possible to build an AC in Gaziantep in a short time.

We have applied for architectural design and construction license, and we have made significant progress by going out to tender for the project. We designed our AC as an indoor area of 380 m<sup>2</sup> 2-storey light steel structure featuring 1 Design and Skills Workshop, 1 Free Activity Room, 1 Reading Island, 1 Dreams Workshop, as well as a library, volunteer room, office and landscape area. LRF and TPF undertook the construction sponsorship and Sölen the operation sponsorship of our new building, which we plan to open on April 23, 2024 as a holiday gift to children.

## NİRUN ŞAHİNGİRAY FUND



Nirun Şahingiray, a prominent businessman who passed away in 2008, entrusted a large part of his legacy to our Foundation with heartfelt generosity. This enormous contribution represents a bold step towards transforming our country in the way Mr. Nirun dreamed of. Caring about the future of Türkiye, his initiative continues to light up the lives of tens of thousands of children every year with endless love, generosity and vision.

The Nirun Şahingiray Fund has made it possible for our 'Learning Together' Education Program reach 33,134 1<sup>st</sup> grade primary school children. The same fund has helped us reopen the doors of our Van Nirun Şahingiray AC to our children and volunteers on October 28, 2022. This Activity Center will remain a beacon of hope for the future.

With one Activity Center serving as an Education Park, one as Learning Unit and two Fireflies supported by the Nirun Şahingiray Fund, 193,933 children have received educational support to date. These projects serve as a bridge to a better future, turning Mr. Nirun's legacy into a light that will last forever.

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## Nirun Şahingiray Fund

# A Teacher—A Thousand Hopes for a Brighter Future!

Since 2013, we have regularly been organizing the Nirun Şahingiray International Education Forum to commemorate the name and memory of our precious legacy donor Nirun Şahingiray, who passed away in 2008, and bring together representatives of non-governmental organizations, professionals and academics working in the field of education on a platform where they discuss innovations and developments in education.

The Nirun Şahingiray 5<sup>th</sup> International Education Forum was held on November 11, the day before Teachers' Day, at Arter and via YouTube live stream with a large number of participants, including representatives of the Ministry of Education and many teachers. Marked by the prevailing slogan "A Teacher—A Thousand Hopes for a Brighter Future!", the forum attracted great interest from academics, teachers, NGO staff and volunteers.

The Nirun Şahingiray 5<sup>th</sup> International Education Forum brought together all stakeholders who care about and work for education and addressed teachers' needs and well-being as well as their importance for access to quality and inclusive education. During the forum, we once again remembered that teachers not only transfer knowledge and skills to students, but also support them to learn effectively by contributing to their social, emotional and cognitive development, and we witnessed their inspiring inner power. Based on the question "What are we doing for our teachers?", the forum encouraged participants to understand the needs of teachers and tell them how valuable they are.



The forum hosted many guest speakers who are experienced and highly knowledgeable in their fields: Teacher Academy Foundation's General Manager Arzu Atasoy, Education Manager and Author Dr. Burcu Aybat, Yale University Research Assistant and Developmental Psychologist Dr. İrem Korucu and Boğaziçi University Faculty Member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mine Göl Güven. The panel on "Teacher Wellbeing" was chaired by TEGV Board Member and Koç University Faculty Member Prof. Dr. Sami Gülgöz, and hosted Barış Sarısoy, Academic Director of Innovative Learning Schools; Gözde Demir Ertuğrul, Psychological Counselor and Guide and Educator at Teacher Academy Foundation; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Serkan Özel, Lecturer at Boğaziçi University; and teacher Sezer Ortadağ.

Participants engrossed in the Republic-themed anthems and the song "Hand in Hand with TEGV" performed by the children's choir of TEGV Kartal Activity Center who took the stage at the end of the forum. The next forum is planned to be held in 2025, on the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of TEGV.



The Nirun Şahingiray 5<sup>th</sup> International Education Forum Record is available. Please scan the QR code.



We organized the 5<sup>th</sup> Nirun Şahingiray Education Forum hosted by Arter. Below are excerpts from the opening speech of Mr. Melih Fereli, Founding Director of Arter, Trustee and friend of Şahingiray Family:

"I think Arter is very lucky to be hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> Nirun Şahingiray Education Forum. It will have added a pleasant memory to its history. I am grateful to all of you.

Even though I am not related to him by blood, I am proud to say how precious it is for me to be able to speak at a forum named after Nirun Şahingiray, who was like my brother and whom my family has presented to me as a role model and mentor since I was very young.

It is a difficult task to talk about Nirun Şahingiray. I was going to call him my old friend, but I decided to call him my senior friend. I think Mr. Nirun was a person born to make a difference, as my old friend Özalp Birol so eloquently described him. He was a man of qualities that were hard to find in his time. I am talking about a person who was honest, brave and respectful. He was lean and really genuine—something very hard to find these days—and he was timid and distant but never

withdrawn. His emotions could be seen in his eyes; his nobility could be understood from his body language, and had always knew how to keep his emotions behind his conscience and common sense.

When referring to Mr. Nirun at any event by TEGV, of course, it is of note to mention our founder Mrs. Suna. We must also commemorate her. Mrs. Suna made great contributions to my life as among others. On this occasion, as I commemorate them both with gratitude, let me take the liberty of calling them as generous idealists.

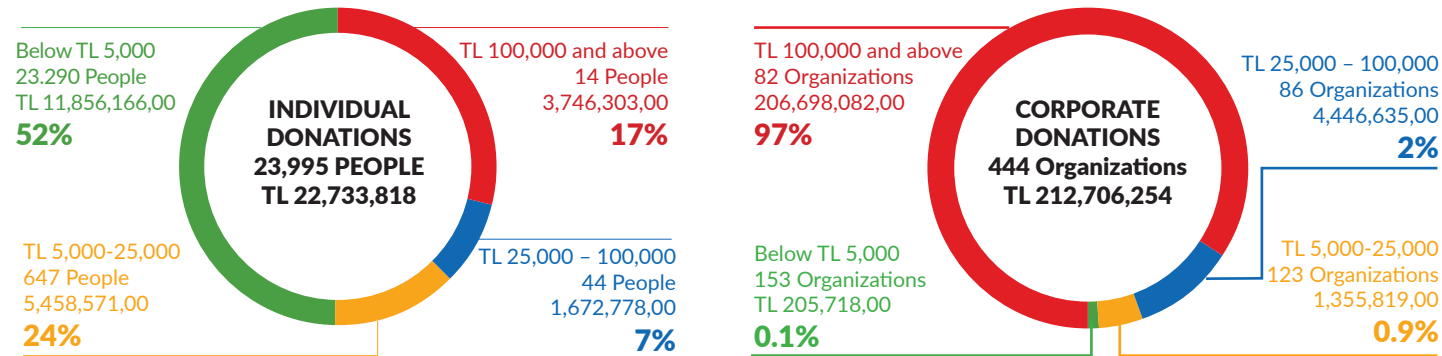
I believe that the path they paved will always be bright thanks to your efforts and ours. I commemorate them with gratitude.

**Melih Fereli**  
Member of TEGV Board of Trustees  
Arter Founding Director



# DONORS

*We would like to thank all our donors for their efforts to make our future much brighter than today.*



### Donations in Kind

In addition to cash donations, we received many donations in kind in the form of products and services. In 2023, a total worth of TL 16.2 million in donations in kind were made in many areas such as consultancy, software, hardware, advertising, venue use, stationery, and cleaning products.

I studied at university in Istanbul. When I was studying at that time, I was a volunteer at TEGV. I was doing basketball activities for children in a park in Bakırköy. After school, I came to Adana, my hometown. Time had passed and I had forgotten about the foundation. Recently, I wanted to do something that could do good. TEGV came to my mind. I plan to donate regularly from now on, since I liked the working principle. I was directly involved as a volunteer. It is one of the rare organizations that I trust, and I say this because I know how it works. I am sure that 100% of the donations I make reach where they are intended to reach. So, I will continue to support as much as I can. I am very happy that you called me. I offer my regards, thank you.

Anil G./Adana

I saw an Instagram post saying that I could donate trashed electronics. I called to see if it was true and I wanted to ask how it was done. We don't know what to do with these very important wastes. At least we can now donate to those who know how to make use of them. And you are turning these donations into educational support. It is great work. I go abroad a lot and see it there. They teach children everything through play. I attach great importance to play. Games that enrich children's imagination are so good. I will do my best to support you from now on. We are glad to have you, and we trust you. Children need care. They need someone to ask them how they are doing. We must not forget that children are the future of this world.

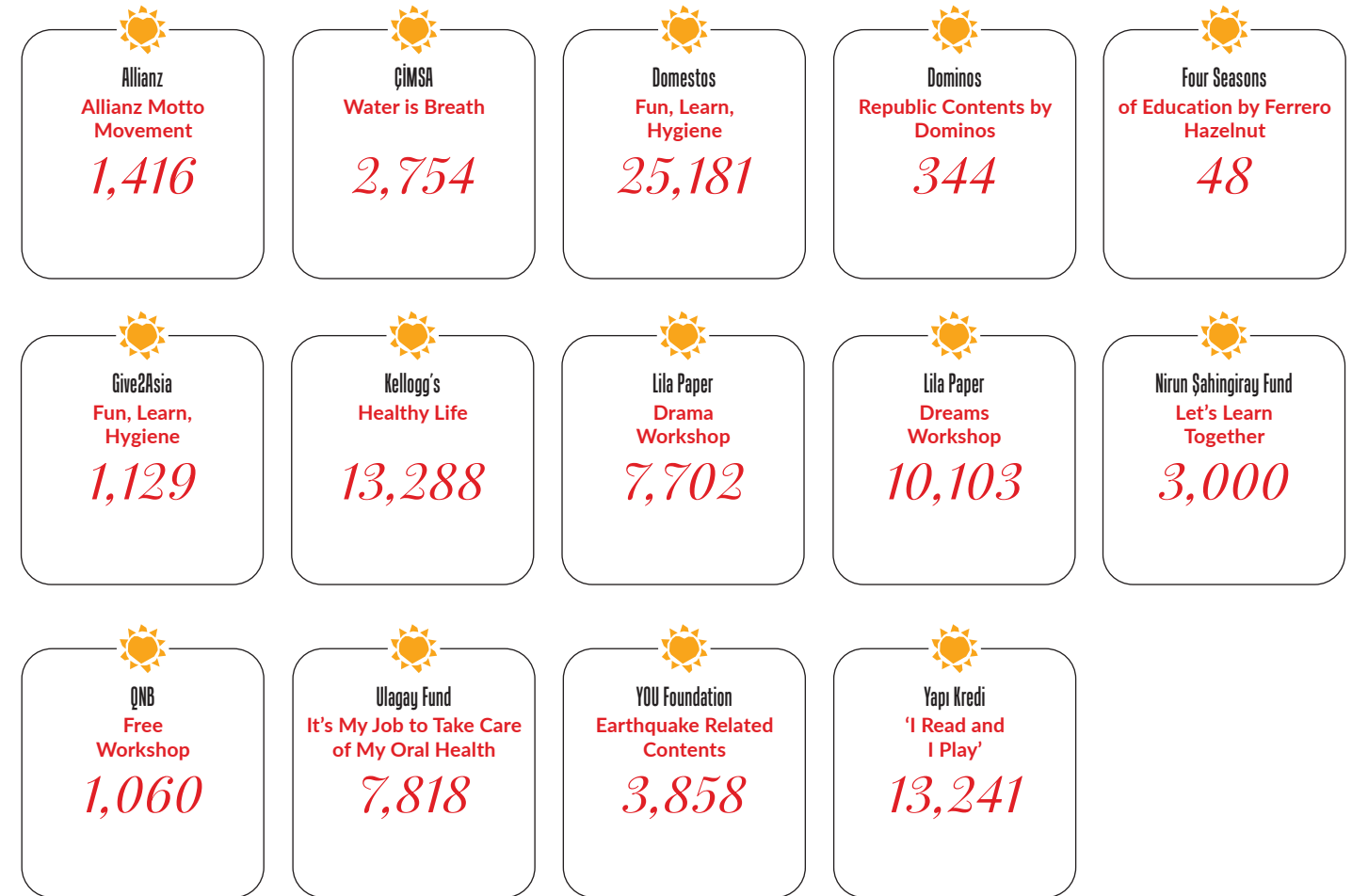
Zeynep H./Ankara

You're doing a fantastic job. I try to support you as much as I can. I wish we could support more, but I do as much as I can, given the circumstances. I wish you many more years with projects and both material and moral supporters. I know you don't see this only as your job, but you commit to it and have a sense of belonging. When I was a middle school student, I participated in one of TEGV's summer school activities in Etimesgut, Ankara. I was one of the children receiving education. It was an activity for the socialization and development of children almost 20 years ago. Now it all comes back to me. TEGV is one of the few foundations I support. I try to support as much as I can for the upbringing of bright children, for the country to get rid of the darkness.

Ömercan B./İstanbul

# EDUCATION PROGRAM SPONSORS

*We would like to thank all our sponsors who provide quality education support to more than 80,000 children, saying "A child changes, Türkiye flourishes!"*





## ACTIVITY CENTER SPONSORS

No	Provinces	Activity Center	Construction Sponsor	Operating Sponsor
1	Ankara	SEMAHAT-DR.NÜSRET ARSEL ACTIVITY CENTER	Dear Semahat - Dr. Nüsret Arsel	Vehbi Koç Foundation
2	ANTALYA	SUNA-İNAN KIRAÇ ACTIVITY CENTER	Dear Suna - İnan Kiraç	Vehbi Koç Foundation
3	ESKİŞEHİR	ATATÜRK ACTIVITY CENTER, ALI NUMAN KIRAÇ ACTIVITY CENTER	Eskişehir Metropolitan Municipality	Suna and İnan Kiraç Foundation
4	İZMİR	ÇİĞLİ ACTIVITY CENTER	Izmir Metropolitan Municipality	
5	ŞANLIURFA	SEVGİ ERDOĞAN GÖNÜL ACTIVITY CENTER	Dear Sevgi - Erdoğan Gönül	Vehbi Koç Foundation
6	VAN	NIRUN ŞAHİNGİRAY ACTIVITY CENTER	Dear Nirun Şahingiray	Nirun Şahingiray Fund

No	Provinces	Activity Center	Construction Sponsor	Operating Sponsor
1	ADANA	SÜLEYMAN ÖZGENTÜRK ACTIVITY CENTER	Özgentürk Family	
2	ADİYAMAN	ADİYAMAN SANKO CONTAINER CITY SHELL ACTIVITY CENTER	Shell Türkiye	Shell Türkiye
3	ADİYAMAN	ADİYAMAN SHELL K-15 CONTAINER CITY SHELL ACTIVITY CENTER	Shell Türkiye	Shell Türkiye
4	ADİYAMAN	ADİYAMAN SHELL K-29 CONTAINER CITY SHELL ACTIVITY CENTER	Shell Türkiye	Shell Türkiye
5	ADİYAMAN	VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION ADİYAMAN ACTIVITY CENTER	Vehbi Koç Foundation	Vehbi Koç Foundation
6	BATMAN	CENTRAL BATMAN ACTIVITY CENTER		
7	BURS	BURSA ACTIVITY CENTER		
8	DENİZLİ	DENİZLİ AYTEN AND MAKSUT ÇAVDAR ACTIVITY CENTER	Ayten - Maksut Çavdar	Ayten - Maksut Çavdar
9	DIYARBAKIR	DIYARBAKIR BANK ABC ACTIVITY CENTER	Bank ABC	Bank ABC
10	ERZİNCAN	ERZİNCAN ACTIVITY CENTER		
11	GAZİANTEP	GAZİANTEP ACTIVITY CENTER	Lloyd's Register Foundation/Turkish Philanthropy Fund	ŞÖLEN
12	GİRESUN	GİRESUN ACTIVITY CENTER AYSEL AND MESUT TAFTALI ACTIVITY CENTER		Dear A. Ümit Taftalı
13	HAKKARİ	FATMA TÜLİN-PROF. Dr. MUSTAFA GEDİKTAŞ ACTIVITY CENTER		
14	HATAY	ISO CONTAINER CITY SHELL ACTIVITY CENTER	Shell Türkiye	Shell Türkiye
15	HATAY	AŞAĞI EKİNCİ-1 CONTAINER CITY SHELL ACTIVITY CENTER	Shell Türkiye	Shell Türkiye
16	HATAY	KIZILAY CONTAINER CITY SHELL ACTIVITY CENTER	Shell Türkiye	Shell Türkiye
17	HATAY	OVAKENT CONTAINER CITY SHELL ACTIVITY CENTER	Shell Türkiye	Shell Türkiye
18	HATAY	VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION HATAY ACTIVITY CENTER	Vehbi Koç Foundation	Vehbi Koç Foundation
19	İstanbul	GAZİOSMANPAŞA ACTIVITY CENTER		
20	İstanbul	İPEK KIRAÇ ACTIVITY CENTER	Dear İpek Kiraç	Vehbi Koç Foundation
21	İstanbul	KARTAL ACTIVITY CENTER		
22	İstanbul	ZEYREK ACTIVITY CENTER		
23	İZMİR	EGEKENT ACTIVITY CENTER	Izmir Metropolitan Municipality	
24	İZMİR	EŞREFFAŞA ACTIVITY CENTER	Izmir Metropolitan Municipality	
25	İZMİR	GÜMÜŞPALA ACTIVITY CENTER	Izmir Metropolitan Municipality	
26	Kahramanmaraş	AIRPORT CONTAINER CITY SHELL ACTIVITY CENTER	Shell Türkiye	Shell Türkiye
27	Kahramanmaraş	VEHBI KOÇ FOUNDATION KAHRAMANMARAŞ ACTIVITY CENTER	Vehbi Koç Foundation	Vehbi Koç Foundation
28	Kahramanmaraş	NECİP FAZİL CONTAINER CITY SHELL ACTIVITY CENTER	Shell Türkiye	
29	KOCAELİ	KOCAELİ SELMA AND MESUT KAVURT ACTIVITY CENTER	Dear Selma - Mesut Kavurt	
30	Malatya	RÖNESANS-1 CONTAINER CITY SHELL ACTIVITY CENTER	Shell Türkiye	Shell Türkiye
31	Malatya	TECHNOPARK CONTAINER CITY SHELL ACTIVITY CENTER	Shell Türkiye	Shell Türkiye
32	Malatya	MALET-2 CONTAINER CITY SHELL ACTIVITY CENTER	Shell Türkiye	Shell Türkiye
33	MARDİN	MİDYAT ACTIVITY CENTER		
34	MERSİN	MERSİN ACTIVITY CENTER		
35	SAKARYA	NIRUN ŞAHİNGİRAY ACTIVITY CENTER	Nirun Şahingiray Fund	Nirun Şahingiray Fund
36	SİİRT	KURTALAN ACTIVITY CENTER		
37	SİİRT	PERVARI ACTIVITY CENTER		Dear Hatem Duru
38	ŞIRNAK	CİZRE ACTIVITY CENTER	IPSOS	
39	ÇORLU	AYSEL ÖĞÜCÜ LİLA ACTIVITY CENTER	Lila Paper	Lila Paper
40	TEKİRDAĞ	FİBRİA ACTIVITY CENTER	Fibria	Lila Paper
41	VAN	ERCİŞ STEP BY STEP ACTIVITY CENTER	Step by Step	
42	VAN	MURADIYE ACTIVITY CENTER	Turkish Philanthropy Funds	



No	Firefly Activity Center Name	Construction Sponsor	Operating Sponsor
1	ORJİN LEATHER DESIGN INVENTORS	Orjin Leather	Algida
2	TEGV DESIGN INVENTORS	Lloyd's Register Foundation	Lloyd's Register Foundation
3	TIRSAN-1 INFORMATICS	Tirsan	Tirsan
4	TIRSAN-2 INFORMATICS	Tirsan	Tirsan
5	TIRSAN-3 INFORMATICS	Tirsan	Tirsan
6	İŞ BANK	İş Bank	Can Sungur and Travelers of the Universe
7	AYGAZ-1	Aygaz	ŞÖLEN
8	AYGAZ-2	Aygaz	Shane Larkin Foundation
9	AYGAZ-3	Aygaz	Algida
10	AYGAZ-4	Aygaz	Porsche (YOU Foundation)
11	AYGAZ-5	Aygaz	Shane Larkin Foundation
12	ROTARY-1 INFORMATICS	Istanbul Rotary Club	Turkish Philanthropy Funds
13	BOSCH-2 SCIENCE	Bosch	IMCD Group
14	VIBRACOUSTIC INFORMATICS	Vibracoustic	Porsche (YOU Foundation)
15	DREAM TRAVELER	İSTKA	Domino's Pizza
16	STEP-BY-STEP INFORMATICS	Step by Step	Shane Larkin Foundation
17	NIRUN ŞAHİNGİRAY 1	Nirun Şahingiray	Nirun Şahingiray Fund
18	NIRUN ŞAHİNGİRAY 2 INFORMATICS	Nirun Şahingiray	Nirun Şahingiray Fund
19	MERCEDES BENZ TRAFFIC	Mercedes Benz Turk Inc.	Shell Türkiye
20	MEDIA MARKT-1 DESIGN INVENTORS	Media Markt	Media Markt
21	MEDIA MARKT-2 DESIGN INVENTORS	Media Markt	Media Markt
22	MEDIA MARKT DREAM TRAVELER	Media Markt	Media Markt
23	MIGROS SCIENCE	Migros	Migros
24	PINAR DESIGN INVENTORS	Pinar Milk	Pinar Milk



## Dear Mr. Özalp,

I am very happy that you have assumed the Chairmanship of the Board of Directors of TEGV.

I am sure that you, like other esteemed executives, will embrace this work wholeheartedly.

I am sure Suna feels it too and her soul is at rest.

On this occasion, I would like to share a memory about the founding of TEGV and my thoughts on this initiative.

We met with Suna and Rahmi one day in Fatih. Suna told us that she was thinking of establishing a foundation to educate children on the streets of Fatih outside of school. She wanted my opinion.

I told that she was right, but that education was not as easy as we thought, that it would take time, patience and a lot of investment, and that many people had started but had to give up due to difficulties “Will you support me?” she asked. I said I could support a facility in Ankara.

Then we started working with a small group that we thought could help. We were gathering but we couldn't decide where to start. As one of the first to start, I explained that I could build a quality education park in Ankara, just as Suna wanted and dreamed of. Etimesgut was just developing at that time and the new mayor wanted to make a contribution to the district.

So, they showed us a nice place. One of TEGV's first activity centers was opened in 2001 as “Etimesgut Semahat and Dr. Nüsret Arsel Activity Center”, on an area of 10,652 m<sup>2</sup> and educated thousands of children so far.

First, children aged 6 to 10 were recruited. When we started the project, we imagined that we would only teach reading and writing in the context of “educational support”. It never occurred to us that we would also have to teach these children a way of life. When we started living with the children, we realized that they were not raised in the way we were used to. Therefore, TEGV would not only teach these children how to read and write, but also all the rules of etiquette, hygiene and modern life style, from sitting and standing up to table manners, from inter-personal relations to toilet and hygiene training.

And so it happened. When we went to the activity center in the early years, the children who surrounded us were timid, afraid to speak, unkempt, thinking only of being a police officer, and unable to think of any other profession. However, when I went last year, I saw that they were much more confident, smiling, clean, sparkling, and I heard that they wanted to be prosecutors, engineers, scientists and pilots.

So, I am pleased to see that the Foundation that Suna designed to provide educational support to children is also teaching them a lifestyle. I believe that Suna rests in peace by seeing how far this education has come since then, with the right managers working voluntarily and wholeheartedly.

I wish you success on the same journey.

**Semahat Arsel**  
TEGV Founding Member  
Member of TEGV Board of Trustees





# FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

## How can you Support our Children?

Please scan the QR code;



To visit our website and become one of our regular donors.



You can log in to our e-commerce site TEGV Shop.



You can find wedding invitations and other products.



You can access our different certificate options with brand new designs.



You can access our corporate product catalog.



You can get information about our E-Waste Collection project, 'Don't Waste, Donate.'

*You can help us provide quality education to our children.*

**Armada Schools**

**100 Children**

Donations for the 100<sup>th</sup> Year of the Republic

**BC Partners UK**

**2,000 Children**

Earthquake Relief Support

**Danfoss**

**740 Children**

Earthquake Relief Support

**Deniz Bağrıaçık**

**35 Children**

100<sup>th</sup> Year of the Republic

**Derimod**

**300 Children**

Certificate Donation

**Ecrow**

**24 Children**

Product Collaboration

**EMPA**

**500 Children**

Earthquake Relief Support

**Engin Akyürek**

**2,250 Children**

Birthday Donations

**Getwell**

**62 Children**

Product Collaboration

**GlobalGiving**

**4.800 Children**

Riot Games Players

**Help Children - Valencia Concert**

**120 Children**

Earthquake Relief Support

**Hensel**

**250 Children**

Product Collaboration

**ICA Events**

**200 Children**

Earthquake Relief Support

**Inspark**

**260 Children**

Certificate Donation

**KELLANOVA TÜRKİYE**

**1,875 Children**

Earthquake Relief Support



**Lenovo**

**380 Tablet**

Earthquake Relief Support

**Lifung**

**4,600 Children**

Earthquake Relief Support

**Lufian**

**250 Children**

Product Collaboration

**MADO**

**185 Children**

Certificate Donation

**Mengene Concert**

**115 Children**

Earthquake Relief Support

**Metlife**

**200 Children**

Certificate for Support to Education

**Nestle Waters**

**250 Children**

Product Collaboration

**Normod Collaboration**

**1,000 Children**

Certificate Donation

**St.Joseph High School**

**100 Children**

Earthquake Relief Support

**Virtual Exhibition**

**1,500 Children**

Collaboration

**TCL**

**300 Tablet**

Earthquake Relief Support

**Ticket**

**600 Children**

Certificate Donation

**WOO Network**

**513 Children**

Earthquake Relief Support



## Fundraising Activities



### Michelin

Michelin collected donations through the Step by Step Platform at the Istanbul Half Marathon, and supported TEGV as part of the social responsibility sports activities with its employees. As part of April 23 National Sovereignty and Children's Day, they sponsored the festivals of Fireflies in the earthquake zone.



### Lila Paper

Lila Paper sponsored our art program, Dreams Workshop, and introduced children to art. Maylo products continued to provide educational support to children with its collaborations.



Our commercial movie is available here.



### Socrates

Socrates brought together more than 100 prominent names from the worlds of sports, culture, art and other fields in a live broadcast called "We are on the Field" on YouTube. Focusing on "education" and "sustainable support", the show lasted for 6.5 hours, and a two-stage support campaign was launched. More than 100 people including Harun Tekin, Meriç Aral, world-famous legendary coaches Gregg Popovich and Željko Obradović, Semih Sayginer and Didier Drogba participated in the show that aimed to draw attention to the long-term needs of children affected by the earthquake and to heal their wounds. Some of the proceeds from the auction were donated to our Foundation to be used in the earthquake region.



### Can Sungur

Our education volunteer, game broadcaster Can Sungur, covered the running costs of one of our FFs by collecting donations from his viewers through on YouTube on April 23 and October 29.



### Ulvi Kocailik

Our esteemed Trustee Ulvi Kocailik contributed to the library renovation of our Çiğli AC. In addition, Mr. Kocailik continued to support the establishment of the new Gölcük AC Dreams Workshop and Gaziantep AC.



### Some Organizations Supporting Education on October 29

Kimteks, Teknasyan Software, Alışan Lojistik, AUTOROLA, Megasaray Hotels, Türkiye Finans, Şölen, Paytr Payment Systems.

### Ali Raif Medication

As part of April 23 celebrations, they provided stationery and hygienic supplies to the earthquake zone with the support of their employees.

### EPSAN

They provided stationery and volunteer materials to the earthquake zone on April 23. As part of the "A Child Changes, Türkiye Flourishes!" project, N Kolay ran the 18<sup>th</sup> Istanbul Half Marathon and contributed to the one-year education expenses of more than 95 children. At the same time, TEGV supported the Bursa Activity Center with the Bursa Eker I Run with the slogan "Faces of the Republic Run for Education".

### Felece

They provided stationery supplies to the earthquake zone with the support of Felece employees.

### Multinet

Multinet UP volunteers and their families provided stationery supplies to the earthquake zone on April 23.

### Prometeon

Taking part in the Istanbul Marathon 2019 for us for the first time, Prometeon provided donations for the tire change of 8 Fireflies as part of our collaboration.



## Fundraising Activities

### SPORTS EVENT DONATIONS



#### Runtalya

In the first marathon of 2023, Runtalya Marathon, we ran for children affected by the earthquake with the "A Child Changes, Türkiye Flourishes!" campaign. We aimed to bring more children together to TEGV by creating awareness and impact. With 6 corporate teams and 21 individual runners, we reached 228 more children in total. İstek Antalya Lara Schools and Emre Öztuna obtained the highest amount of donations.



#### Seda Nur Çelik, "The Voice of Education in the Sahara Desert"

Seda Nur Çelik participated in the Marathon Des Sables between April 23 and May 1 and ran 250 kilometers in 7 days in the Sahara Desert, being the first Turkish woman to run in the Marathon Des Sables, one of the three toughest marathons in the world. Çelik contributed to the education of 144 children with this campaign. "In the Marathon Des Sables, one of the three toughest marathons in the world, I received the greatest strength from children who look to the future with hope. I set out on this journey with the joy of April 23 celebrations and the hope of healing the wounds caused by the earthquake disaster affecting our country. And I was sent off with the sincerest feelings of children from TEGV."



#### Istanbul Half Marathon

Held on April 30, 2023, the 18<sup>th</sup> Istanbul Half Marathon, featured a record-breaking participation this year. TEGV took steps to support the education of children affected by the earthquake as part of its "A Child Changes, Türkiye Flourishes!" campaign. With the support of 147 volunteer runners and 1100 donors, we provided quality education to 826 more children. Kimteks Chemistry firm and runner Savaş Arson reached the highest amount of donations.



#### 88<sup>th</sup> Great Atatürk Run

Organized to commemorate the 104<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's arrival in Ankara, the 88<sup>th</sup> Great Atatürk Run started at Dikmen Keklik Pınarı and ended at Anıttepe Walking and Running Park. TEGV took part in the run organized under the motto, "Faces of the Republic Run for Education" with more than 50 runners. In this campaign, we supported the education of 230 children.



#### Basketball for Hope, Veteran Basketball Tournament

20 teams supported the tournament organized by veteran basketball players on June 15-18, and 10 teams physically participated in the tournament. A total of 300 children were provided with educational support through the campaigns thanks to the tournament.



#### Tennis for Hope Tournament

YKB, Eti, Erciyas, Adesso, Bilgili and KPMG companies participated in the "Tennis for Hope" tournament between October 1 and 8, under the motto, "100 Children in the 100<sup>th</sup> Year." With the campaigns throughout the tournament, education support was provided to 265 children at TEGV.

*We contributed to the education of children with sportive activities.*



#### MarathonIzmir

MarathonIzmir was organized in two stages, virtual and physical, with the campaign, "A child Changes, Türkiye Flourishes!" reaching 403 children with 95 volunteer runners. While Apaz Runteam was the organization that reached the highest amount of donations, and Bülent Polat from Apaz Runteam was the runner alike.



#### Bursa Eker I Run

We launched the "Faces of the Republic Run for Education" campaign in the 10<sup>th</sup> Eker I Run, where we participated with 8 times in a row, to include more children in our Bursa Activity Center. With a total of 108 volunteers participating in the individual and corporate runs, we broke a record by bringing 412 more children to TEGV. The 15 NGOs participating in the run engaged in a fierce race for goodness until the last day of the tournament. TEGV completed the campaign in 3<sup>rd</sup> place among all NGOs. OYAK Renault was the organization and Erdem Yıldız was the runner raising the highest amount of donations in the campaign.



#### Bosporus Intercontinental Swimming Race

On August 20, 2023, 13 TEGV swimmers swam in the Bosporus Intercontinental Swimming Race, to contribute to building a bright future. With the support from 253 donors to our "Faces of the Republic Swim for Education" campaign, we provided quality educational support to 266 children. Among the 12 NGOs that launched a campaign in the organization, we completed the race for goodness as the 3<sup>rd</sup> organization collecting the highest amount of donations. Jozef Amado, who received the highest amount of donations in the campaign, supported the education of 114 children.



#### Türkiye İş Bank 45<sup>th</sup> Istanbul Marathon

We participated in the Istanbul Marathon for the 15<sup>th</sup> time on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Republic, and supported the education of 3194 children with 680 runners in our "Faces of the Republic Run for Education" campaign. We broke a record in this campaign in the history of TEGV, and finished the Istanbul Marathon in 9<sup>th</sup> place among the NGOs that launched the campaign.

Türkiye İş Bank 45<sup>th</sup> Istanbul Marathon featured great enthusiasm with the participation of our Board Member Meltem Bakiler Şahin, 21 employees from 4 activity centers and our Headquarters, 87 volunteers, 40 corporate teams, many runner groups and our cheer zone.

We met runners at our TEGV stand at the marathon fair held on November 2, 3 and 4. On November 5, all TEGV runners ran hard for quality education. The organization that collected the highest amount of donations in the campaign was Prometeon, while Gökçe Şenocak was the runner from the corporate runner team to achieve the highest amount. Seçkin Akçay from the Rundorfin runner group became the runner collecting the highest amount of donations. On the other hand, the runner group collecting the highest amount of donations was Kocaeli Activity Center.

On December 11, we met with our volunteer runners from Bursa Eker I Run and Istanbul Marathon at the award ceremony held at Pera Museum Pera Café. Our Chairman of the Board of Directors M. Özalp Birol presented plaques to the top 10 organizations and runners. We thanked our supporters Sports Istanbul, the Step by Step Association, Eker, Kelloggs and Yeditepe University Business Club at the ceremony.



## Fundraising Activities

## SPORTS EVENT DONATIONS

*“The positive energy that TEGV gave us played a big role and they always made us understand the saying “kindness is contagious.”*



## Turning Sports into Hope...

I have seen that life, when left to its own devices, is lived on a path focused on power and success in order to maintain order. This made me realize the importance of creating values that give meaning to life while charting my own path. I think that being successful is permanent when you can be 'us', and that helping others and making friends is the most important value which forms the basis our creative and personal values. With this logic of thought, striving to support children, the segment of society most exposed to inequality, has become a constant part of my life that I never question. While doing this, being able to use my hobbies as well as my job added a different perspective.

With this motivation, we participated in an International Veteran Basketball Tournament in 2016 as the Umuda Basket team with my former basketball player friends who think like me. We visited Antalya EP and met with children who were playing basketball and started thinking about what we could do to improve their basketball environment.

Although tennis came into my life later, it has become the hobby which I spend the most of my time. We planned to create an environment where tennis, like cycling and basketball, would serve a good purpose.

Together with my friends who think like me and with institutions, we formed a tennis tournament. While we were holding our tournaments, my friends and I were asked the following question: "You are already doing sports, why should we give you this support?" My answer to this question is to say, "When we use our hobbies, which we add to our routine to enjoy, for such good purposes, an environment is created where we experience emotions we never question and encounter people with similar values in life, and therefore they should not miss this opportunity." For this purpose, using sports in which all kinds of differences between people can be eliminated most easily, is a way that can be good for everyone at any age. The biggest thank you goes to the TEGV family, who are open to innovative ideas, who we never doubt for a moment about their contribution to society, and who have provided us with all kinds of support while carrying out these activities. The positive energy that TEGV gave us played a big role in making us feel like part of the family, and they always made us understand the saying "kindness is contagious." I hope there will always be a life where sports turns into social hope...

**Dr. Okan Falay; MD.**  
TEGV Volunteer  
Friend of Education



## Fundraising Activities

**AHMET UYSAL –  
RUNNING FOR EDUCATION**

*“During TEGV’s 29<sup>th</sup> year celebrations, I learned that our Fireflies have traveled around the earth 6 times. I am delighted to be a little firefly for the beautiful children of this beautiful homeland.”*



## *A 168-Hour Day: World Marathon Challenge 2023*



I have had dozens of dreams since I was a child. Traveling to the North Pole, the Himalayas, Antarctica, the Northern Lights, Türkiye and even the 7 continents of the world... Flying like a bird, looking at our world from the sky...

When I was a child, my parents attached great importance to good education, reading a lot, and studying hard, and they still do. After attending primary school in Adana, I studied at Robert College, Istanbul Technical University and finally Boston College.

After college, I worked on many different projects in various regions from the US to Russia, from Chernobyl to Sivas. There were projects that took me to different parts of the world and made me think about various innovations including but not limited to renewing the steam boilers of nuclear power plants that safely expired, safely storing nuclear warheads within the scope of the nuclear disarmament treaty, and sustaining the shield project developed after the Chernobyl accident. When I came back to Türkiye and to my family as an entrepreneur, I continued to pursue jobs and dreams that took me to the various corners of the earth.

Sport has always been a part of my life for a healthy and happy life. For 20 years, I have been running marathons as well as doing many outdoor sports that I am interested in. I followed my dreams and became the first Turk to run the North Pole marathon in April 2017. We ran a very successful campaign for children Siirt, Pervari. In 2018, I ran 1,650 km from Artvin to Fethiye in 46 days in pursuit of another dream. On the way, I visited 8 TEGV activity centers, and dozens of friends and volunteers accompanied me on my run.

In 2023, I set out for another big dream. I would be the first runner representing Türkiye in the World Marathon Challenge, organized since 2015, where athletes run 7 marathons in 7 days, on 7 continents. And I would start a campaign to support the education of 7,000 children for a year.

On the morning of January 31, at minus 25 degrees Celsius and a 100 km/h wind, athletes from all over the world met to run the Antarctic continent marathon. After completing an official marathon each day within 168 hours of the starting whistle, we would pack up and fly to a new continent to

run the next marathon. The first marathon took place in harsh weather above seasonal normal conditions. Only 30 of us were able to complete the 42.2 km distance as the organizer cut the marathon before the 6<sup>th</sup> hour due to concerns about the increasing wind that could prevent the plane from taking off.

20 hours later, on a 50 degree warmer but still windy Cape Town morning, I was running the African continent marathon. We had already confused the times of day and night. In the 18 months leading up to this great adventure, I had run 5,000 km to later successfully run 295 km in these 7 days. This race, one of the most extreme marathon series, required significant physical, mental and emotional training. As I had done in previous TEGV campaigns, I completed the same distance in my training program by running 14 half marathons in 7 days in Istanbul. However, flying from continent to continent or lying on the floor of airplanes for 7 days was not something you could train for. Yet, after 7 days of sleep deprivation, I quickly realized that there was no need to worry about how to run consecutive marathons; I did not have 7 days ahead of me, but 168 hours.

In the following days, we ran marathons in Australia (Perth), Asia (Dubai), Europe (Madrid), South America (Fortaleza) and finally North America (Miami). During the continental European marathon in a hilly Madrid suburb, I suffered a knee injury that I had never encountered in my training. Yet, I completed 7 marathons in 32 hours and 32 minutes, ranking 13<sup>th</sup> among 54 participants, by doing the last 3 marathons with almost one leg with good timing and thanks to the love and positive energy of children and supporters at TEGV.

I spent the remaining 54 hours of my 168-hour marathon on the plane, 12 hours on the bus, 30 hours waiting at airports, and 40 hours on the courses before and after the marathons.

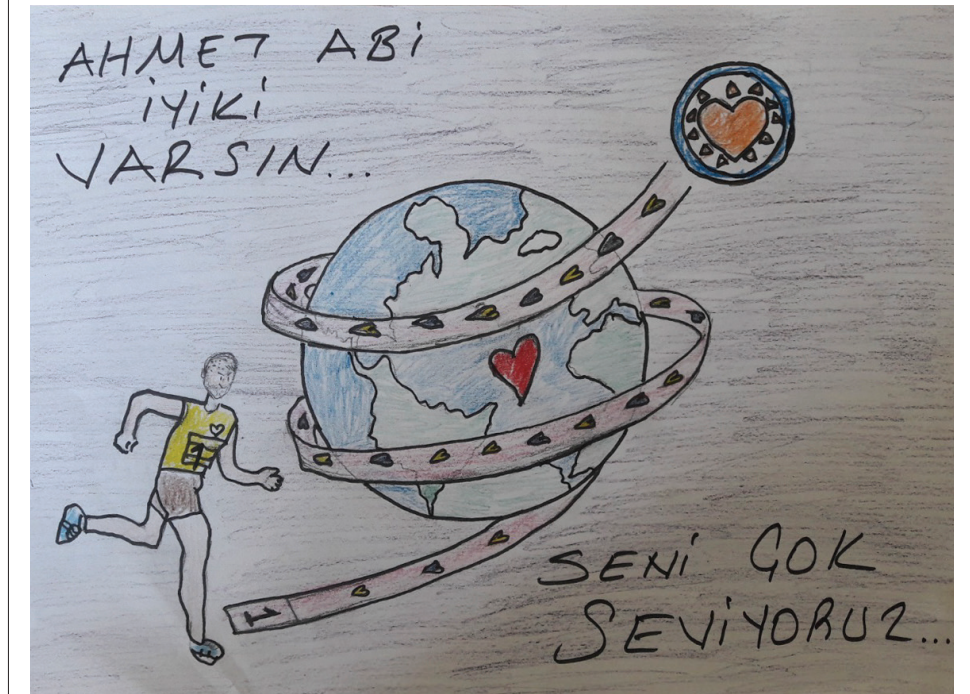
In 2017, I also ran the North Pole marathon and with my “Marathon Grand Slam” medal, I proudly finished a series that only 152 people in the world have completed so far.

As in all my runs, the letters from children at TEGV and the support of our donors motivated me. We were able to reach our target of supporting 7,000 children.

For 7 years, I have been traveling to dozens of TEGV activity centers all over Türkiye, meeting with children and volunteers. I tell children about my rules and how I train, how I refresh and improve myself for my runs. I talk to them about the importance of dreaming and working hard as well as the limitless and endless opportunities for them. They listen to me with awareness and bright eyes, and their great questions and excitement make me even more excited about my next goal.

During TEGV’s 29<sup>th</sup> year celebrations, I learned that our Fireflies have traveled around the earth 6 times. I am delighted to be a little firefly for the beautiful children of this beautiful homeland.

**Ahmet H. Uysal**  
Member of TEGV Board of Trustees





# FEEDBACK FROM OUR DONORS

## ALİ RAİF MEDICATION

### To make sure children laugh...

At Ali Raif Medication company, our aim to support children, the guarantee of our future, has transformed into a great cooperation on April 23, 2023 with our employees. We joined hands for the supply of stationery and hygienic materials that Fireflies, the Mobile Education Trucks of TEGV, will use in the education of children in the earthquake region. We supplied 1,375 pieces of stationery, 500 Turkish flags for the meaning and importance of the day and 270 pieces of hygienic materials for health. We are delighted to be able to contribute to the TEGV education network and support children to learn while having fun. We would like to thank our colleagues who contributed to the project and the TEGV team for including us in the earthquake zone support process.

## ALLIANZ

To fulfill our responsibility to support future generations, at Allianz Türkiye, we attach great importance to standing by and supporting children affected by the February 6 earthquakes. In addition to contributing to the relief efforts after the earthquake disaster, we continue to be on the ground to support the healthy development of children and put a smile on their faces. We provided our Allianz Motto movement, which has reached thousands of children since 2016, to children in the earthquake region through TEGV. At the 'MoveNow' sports festival we organized together, more than 250 children registered at TEGV Şanlıurfa Sevgi-Erdoğan Gönül Activity Center, including children affected by the earthquake and migrated to Şanlıurfa. They all had a day of fun and learning while moving.

## BANK ABC

Donating to TEGV is a great source of pride for us at Bank ABC. Our Bank strives to support many organizations in Türkiye especially in the field of education. We are pleased to contribute to TEGV's work on equality in education and support. We believe that our donation for Diyarbakır Activity Center will be of great benefit by providing education opportunities to children and young people in the region. TEGV's contribution to equal education opportunities essential for our country's future and development. We are proud to support these meaningful efforts. We wish TEGV greater success in the future.

### Muzaffer Aksoy BANK ABC-CEO

## EPSAN

At Epsan, we engaged in meaningful collaborations with TEGV in 2023. To contribute to the healing of the wounds after the earthquake on February 6, we participated in the N Kolay 18<sup>th</sup> Istanbul Half Marathon held on the Historic Peninsula Track with our volunteer running team with our motto, "A Child Changes, Türkiye Flourishes!" We contributed to one year of education for more than 95 children. At the same time, TEGV supported Bursa Activity Center with the 'Bursa Eker I Run' with the slogan "Faces of the Republic Run for Education". We were so happy to contribute to meeting the stationery and volunteer needs in the earthquake zone.

### Bora Efe Chairman of the Board of Epsan

## FELECE

In addition to material support, we thought about how we could spiritually support children affected by the earthquake. As part of our social responsibility efforts, we decided to cooperate with TEGV. With the guidance and support of TEGV, we made an announcement within the company and obtained stationery materials from our employees. We were happy to deliver the donated materials to children.

We will continue to be hope for our children, as they are our future.

## Give2Asia-Art for Nature

We are honored to have supported TEGV's work in the earthquake region over the past year. We supported the psychosocial adaptation of 1,200 children in three earthquake-affected cities and their recovery after the earthquake through art therapy activities. We are very pleased to support Fireflies in Malatya, Kahramanmaraş and Adıyaman providing art and handicraft materials to children at TEGV.

## GOOD NEIGHBORS INTERNATIONAL

Last year, GNI (Good Neighbors International) was delighted to partner with TEGV to help Turkish children affected by the earthquake. Founded in South Korea to help neighbors in difficult situations, GNI had the opportunity to return the love it received from the Turkish people 70 years ago. We hope that thanks to the efforts and support of TEGV, more children will grow up healthy and Türkiye will have a brighter future. Greetings from your eternal sister nation, the Republic of Korea.

## HELP CHILDREN

On February 6, 2023, an earthquake struck Türkiye, leaving tens of thousands of people injured, homeless and many children without education. My colleagues and I met in Valencia, Spain and decided to start a fund-raising campaign to meet the educational needs of children affected by the earthquake in Türkiye. We set out to raise funds for TEGV's Fireflies and to organize a concert to draw attention to the victims of the earthquake. With our fund-raising campaign, we aimed to meet the educational needs of at least 100 children in these activity centers for a year. With our multinational team of volunteers, we reached our goal of 3,000 euros in aid with the concert at Sala OFF in Valencia on April 21, 2023.

## KELLANOVA TÜRKİYE

As Kellanova Türkiye, we suspended the Firefly Activity Center program, which we started in 2022 in cooperation with TEGV, after the February 6 earthquake and moved it to Hatay. We organized TEGV Disaster Activities for Social-Emotional Support developed by education experts for children in the earthquake zone. With this program in Hatay, we aimed to provide a warm environment for children full of breathing and movement exercises, sharing activities to help them feel safe and share their feelings, games, drama and social & emotional learning activities.

## LI&FUNG

After the Kahramanmaraş earthquake on February 6, 2023, we at Li & Fung provided clothing, cleaning products and food aid to the villages affected by the earthquake in Kahramanmaraş and Adıyaman on February 6, 2023 with 3 volunteer employees. The donation campaign included our global offices, and we donated containers and food for the families of our employees affected by the earthquake. With these donations from 40 different countries, we reduced the negative impact of the earthquake on children's education by covering the education expenses of almost 4,500 children for a year in cooperation with TEGV. Together with TEGV, we are delighted to have helped the children affected by the earthquake disaster and contributed to their education.

## MICHELIN TÜRKİYE

At Michelin Türkiye, we collaborated with TEGV for children in the earthquake region as part of our Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives in 2023, and we took part in a number of projects to deliver aid to TEGV in the earthquake region. Michelin Türkiye team will continue to contribute to TEGV's activities in 2024. Also, we sponsored the April 23 National Sovereignty and Children's Day celebrations in the earthquake zone. We participated in the Istanbul Half Marathon and Eker I Run and continued our support for TEGV with the donations collected.

## MULTINET UP

The earthquakes on February 6, 2023 directly affected more than 9 million people living in 11 provinces and nearly 5 million children, 4 million of whom were of school age. In response, Multinet Up took a series of actions to ensure that education and training activities in the region were not interrupted, considering it part of its responsibility to develop solutions to the needs of the citizens affected by the disaster, especially children. So, in cooperation with TEGV, we organized a donation campaign including stationery donations on the occasion of April 23 National Sovereignty and Children's Day with the participation of Multinet Up volunteers and their families. On behalf of Multinet Up, we would like to thank the Educational Volunteers Foundation of Türkiye for leading this meaningful project.

### Ali Emre Sever Multinet Up-CEO

## NORMOD

We had days when it was difficult to accept what we were going through as the whole country. At Normod, we supported to meet the urgent needs in the region with our sincere and individual efforts since the first days of the disaster. We stepped into ways we could benefit at every opportunity. From March to August, we donated a portion of the proceeds from our sales to TEGV for the children who needed support the most after the earthquake. Helping the earthquake victims there together with our users did not lessen the sadness we felt, but it gave us hope for the future. It is very valuable for us to contribute to children's lives, education and future. The healing process will still take a long time. We are determined to act with patience and hope in this process. We would like to thank TEGV for allowing us to take part in such a meaningful project.

## CIVIL SOCIETY SUPPORT FOUNDATION -TÜRKİYE MOSAIC FOUNDATION

While the earthquakes in Kahramanmaraş shook everyone to the core, it got even more difficult especially for children living in tents and container cities with the restriction of socialization and play opportunities. We had the privilege to support the well-being of children affected by the earthquake by supporting TEGV's Bicycle project via the Kahramanmaraş Earthquake Direct Support Fund that we raised in cooperation with Türkiye Mosaic Foundation. Our collaboration with TEGV served as a source of freedom and hope for children in the earthquake zone. We would like to thank TEGV for their effective and meticulous work. Their dedicated efforts played an important role in the lives of earthquake victim children.

## SOCRATES MAGAZINE

After one of the biggest disasters in Turkish history, we, the Socrates Magazine family, wanted to extend our hand too. So, prominent athletes and artists came together in Socrates Magazine's "February 6 Special" live broadcast. Our guests in the broadcast auctioned their products of great sentimental value for the citizens affected by the earthquake through Socrates. Some of the amount collected as part of the "Socrates on the Field" project was delivered to the earthquake zone through TEGV.



# EARTHQUAKE RELIEF ACTIVITIES

17 Fireflies

7 New Firefly Construction

15 Container City Activity Centers

3 Settled Activity Centers

1,188 volunteers

Activities in 11 Provinces

358 Hours of Activity

5,200 Libraries

1,000 Bicycles

*Since the foundation of TEGV, our priority has always been to ensure that children can continue their education in case of disasters.*



Just as we were finalizing our 2022 Integrated Annual Report for publication, our country experienced a terrible disaster in Kahramanmaraş on February 6. Immediately after that, we shared information about our ongoing and planned activities in the earthquake zone.

Since our foundation, we have taken action with the principle that education should not be interrupted under any disaster

circumstances. We have developed and implemented projects with the contributions of our stakeholders to contribute to the normalization and the well-being of children in the aftermath of any such disaster.

Likewise, during the 1999 Marmara, 2003 Bingöl, 2011 Van, 2020 Elazığ and 2020 Izmir earthquakes and the Covid 19 pandemic, our priority has always been to ensure that our children can continue their education.

## Earthquake Relief Activities 06.02.2023

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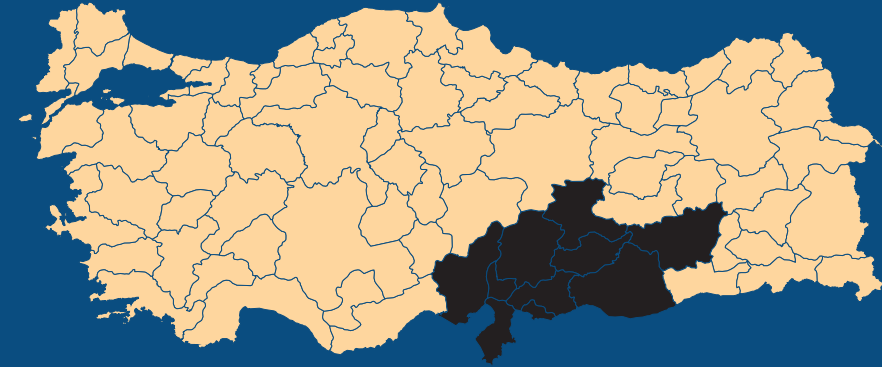
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## Our Earthquake Relief Activities 31.12.2023

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## EARTHQUAKE RELIEF ACTIVITIES

## CONTAINER CITY ACTIVITY CENTERS

**Feedback from Disaster Volunteers:**

*It was one of the most meaningful experiences I have ever had. I was touched to see the bond that children and adults had with life, despite the disaster, in their sad but shining eyes. The loving and respectful behavior of our Firefly manager and other volunteers made me want to go to the region again. I wholeheartedly thank the TEGV family for this experience.*

**Füsün K. 59, Istanbul / City Visited: Adıyaman**

*First of all, I would like to thank the TEGV family for taking quick action and initiating such an organization. It was quite a valuable experience for me—one that I will never forget.*

**Merih G. 29, Ankara / City Visited: Adıyaman**

*One of the reasons why I am here is that I experienced the same feelings during the 1999 earthquake. After the earthquake, I met TEGV and became both a child and a volunteer of TEGV. As a child undergoing the same hardship, I can say that most of my memories are of TEGV rather than the earthquake. That is why I am glad that TEGV exists.*

**Tülin T. 30, Kocaeli / City Visited: Malatya**



After the earthquake that affected a large geography and many people, our priority was to contribute to efforts to meet urgent needs including shelter, nutrition and hygiene. Our Şanlıurfa Sevgi Erdoğan Gönül Activity Center, Adana Süleyman Özgentürk Activity Center and our Fireflies in the region opened their doors to families and offered them a safe place to stay.

While we focused on priority needs, we also finalized our projects for educational activities and started our fund-raising activities. As container cities started to form, we started working to place our activity center model in the region with 2 different designs. After negotiations with local governments to set up our models with 2 or 4 workshops in Adıyaman, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş and Malatya—the cities most affected by the earthquake—we completed the construction of 15 container city activity centers, 4 in Adıyaman, 5 in Hatay, 3 in Kahramanmaraş and 3 in Malatya, and put them into the service of children. 3 of the container city activity centers were established in cooperation with Koç Holding and Vehbi Koç Foundation, and 12 were established in cooperation with Shell Türkiye. 6 of them have 2 workshops and 6 have 4 workshops. In our Design and Skill Workshop, Reading Island, Dreams Workshop and Activity Room/Library,

our annual child capacity is 750 for units with 2 workshops and 1,500 for units with 4 workshops.

The support of our sponsors and local governments made it possible to open 15 activity centers in 4 provinces and to offer our education programs to children. Our public administrators, who made valiant efforts to return life to normal under extraordinary conditions, believed in the importance of children's access to education activities as soon as possible and never withheld their support.

We would like to express our gratitude to all the Governors who took office in Adıyaman, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş and Malatya, and to the District Governors who coordinated the container cities.

**Library Established in Container City**

Upon the request of Coordinator and District Governor of Hatay Emlak Konut Container City, we worked on a project furnish a prefabricated building, which local authorities built as a library. The 136 m<sup>2</sup> building was designed in accordance with TEGV standards with a capacity of 50 children, a presentation area, the Internet and technology infrastructure. We purchased 5,200 books for children with the fund raised by TEGV's employees.

**Feedback from Disaster Volunteers:**

*I was proud to be a TEGV volunteer and very happy to be able to do something for my country. I was really happy with even the prospect of helping the children there to learn anything, to start to ask questions and to explore with curiosity. Firefly trucks, which provide the chance to organize faster than anyone else, were a useful and immediate solution for both the people of the region and for those of us whose hearts beat with the people there but didn't know what to do. I would like to thank the whole TEGV family.*

**Burcu S. 40, Izmir / City Visited: Malatya & Adıyaman**

*I felt happy and peaceful like at home, like I was with my family. Emre was a wonderfully sincere solution-oriented volunteer. In fact, this is precisely what makes the process easy and the distance close. There was great effort there. I felt very proud and happy. I am glad and thankful for my TEGV family. They are my chance in life. I wish we can always continue this cooperation, despite breaks. It's time to work hard in volunteering from the heart...*

**Fulya P. 55, Izmir / City Visited: Gaziantep & Kahramanmaraş & Malatya & Hatay**





## EARTHQUAKE RELIEF ACTIVITIES

### OUR SPONSORS

#### Feedback from Disaster Volunteers:

After returning to my residence, what I missed the most was seeing excited and happy children knocking on our door every day despite everything. We had a very enjoyable time together and we became older sisters to some of the children and friends to others. No matter how much I want to express it, it is difficult: words are insufficient to describe what I experienced there. I can only say that I would go back again and again just to see the children smile. I came from a place where I never wanted to come back home. Now, I have already made plans to go there again. Thank you TEGV for giving us this opportunity.

**Yeşim E. 31, Istanbul / City Visited: Malatya**

I would like to thank all the decision makers and employees of the TEGV family who ensured that fast and right actions were taken from the first moment of the earthquake. I was really motivated to see the smile on the children's faces, their happiness and the hope in their eyes.

**Yücel A. 27, Istanbul / City Visited: Adiyaman**



#### Shell Türkiye

"Our paths crossed with TEGV in early 2023, when we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> year of our Republic and Shell Türkiye. We became the sponsor of the Traffic Firefly to raise traffic awareness among children, and we adopted the values of the foundation from our first meetings. We were delighted to see that they overlapped with Shell values. After the earthquakes in Kahramanmaraş on February 6 with devastating effects, we set out to contribute to the recovery in the region, and TEGV was one of our 3 valuable stakeholders. At that time, our Traffic Firefly in Malatya provided shelter to the earthquake victims since day one, and quickly started to provide social and emotional support to children. Afterwards, we held talks with TEGV to provide long-term support in the earthquake region. Today, we continue to help earthquake victims at 20 centers in 4 different provinces. 12 of these are the activity centers we established with TEGV in Adiyaman, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş and Malatya. On behalf of myself and the entire Shell Türkiye family, I would like to thank the TEGV management team, employees and volunteers who have worked day and night in this endeavor. Thanks to you, we are able to support the region and feel more hopeful for the future."

**Ahmet Erdem**  
Shell Türkiye Country President



#### Vehbi Koç Foundation

"At Vehbi Koç Foundation, we are pleased with our cooperation with TEGV, and we care about supporting its activities. The late Mrs. Suna Kıraca, a member of the esteemed Koç family, played an important role in the establishment of this sister foundation for us. Having been supported for many years, we believe that the Activity Centers and Fireflies are a useful model in the field of education and so, we have long been contributing to their sustainability. Through establishing 'Hope Cities' by Koç Group for earthquake victims, TEGV played a pioneering role among our partner foundations following the earthquake disaster in February last year. With its years of field experience and agility, TEGV took action very quickly and created colorful social spaces for children in Hope Cities. We hope that our cooperation with TEGV will continue for many years to come. We wish them success in their future activities."

**Oğuz Toprakoğlu**  
Vehbi Koç Foundation Director General

## BICYCLE DISTRIBUTION

"Founded by bicycle fans who plan and execute goodness projects, the Cycling for Hope Association is driven by the unifying power of sports, and what makes its cooperation with TEGV motivating and delightful for us is to see children smile.

In the modern world, the bicycle is the only vehicle used for both sports and transportation, and we also see that bicycles are a source of joy for children. So, we want to add positive value to their childhood memories by providing bicycles. We aim to help children in the earthquake zone return to their social lives and healthy routines. Thus, we designed a meaningful project in cooperation with TEGV and First Step—Cycling Academy, and delivered bicycles to 1,109 children in two different events so that they can cycle for hope. We provided Basic Cycling Education in Container Cities and shared the excitement of children who had just learned how to ride a bicycle. We are lucky to have witnessed the happiness of children who could ride bicycles safely after raising their awareness through our basic cycling education.

We will continue our projects with the aim of generating benefits for more children to have bicycles, ride them safely and make them a part of their lives. We would like to thank all the supporting organizations."

**Dr. Erkan Koyuncu**  
President of Cycling for Hope Association  
Member of TEGV Board of Trustees



#### Basic Safe Cycling Education

To add color to the lives of earthquake victim children, we organized an event in July in cooperation with the Cycling for Hope Association and the First Step—Cycling Academy to introduce 225 children aged between 8 and 14 from Hatay to bicycles, with the support of ZF Foundation and YOU Foundation.

We continued our efforts to make more children happy and organized another event with Cycling for Hope Association on Sunday, November 12, and raised funds from the Turkish Philanthropy Funds by Turkish citizens residing in the US, the Support Foundation for Civil Society Türkiye—Mozaik Foundation and the

German YOU Foundation. We provided bicycles to 884 more children in four container cities in Hatay (Aşağı Ekinci 1, ISO, Kızılay and Ovakent) as well as basic instructions for safe cycling. Along with many donors and volunteers who participated in the activity, we saw the happiness of children in Hatay when they had their new bicycles with the aim to promote healthy living and to add color to their lives.



## FIREFLIES AND SPONSORS

*Launched after the 1999 Marmara earthquake, our mobile Firefly project continues to support the education of children in all disadvantaged regions, especially in disaster areas.*

*With the impact of our project, we managed to increase the number of Fireflies and reach more children with the contributions of our stakeholders.*



Launched after the 1999 Marmara earthquake, our mobile Firefly project continues to support the education of children in all disadvantaged regions, especially in disaster areas.

At the time of the earthquake, 6 of our 17 Fireflies were located in the affected provinces. Later, plans were made to refer our other Fireflies to the earthquake zone, in addition to arrangements with local governments, finding suitable areas in container cities, and renovating their structure as needed. In June, all our Fireflies met the children affected by the earthquake.

The number of our Fireflies increased and we had the opportunity to reach more children with the support of our donors, the dedicated work of our Firefly Managers in the region and the impact of the project. We completed the construction of our 7 new Fireflies: 2 with Tirsan, 3 with MediaMarkt, 1 with Migros and 1 with Pinar, and put them into service in the earthquake region.

*“Fireflies work wonders there. Warming a child’s heart with a touch is so beautiful...”*

### Feedback from our volunteers:

This has definitely been one of the most beautiful experiences I have ever had. Since the first day of the earthquake, my mind was on the region and I waited impatiently to go there. It made me feel better than anything to meet the children, witness their enthusiasm and excitement on their way to the Firefly, their laughter and happiness during the activity.

*Ceylan Y., Antalya / City Visited: Kahramanmaraş*

I knew what it meant to go there, but it turned out to be nothing like what I thought. Is it possible to experience all emotions together at once? Yes, it is. You laugh, you cry, you rejoice, you feel sad. Your heart bleeds, but you laugh and play with children. What else to say other than 'I'm glad we are here'... “Fireflies work wonders there. Warming a child’s heart with a touch is so beautiful...” Thank you for giving me the opportunity to feel all these emotions. I will always be ready with my heart to help children in need.

*Emine Ö., Ankara / City Visited: Malatya*



After a week of rest in Adana, I volunteered again at the same Firefly. Time flies there, and the Firefly provides all the opportunities for volunteers. I continue to volunteer in earthquake zones. I love TEGV very much, and I am very lucky to be a part of it.

*Hüseyin B., Batman / City Visited: Hatay*

Have you ever listened to the stories of the survivors of a disaster and become a part of their story? Wouldn't you like to be an older sister or brother to one or even dozens of children affected by the earthquake, perhaps for the rest of their lives? I wish you would... Believe me, there is still a long way to go, and you can volunteer, make sense of it first and then you can leave love in beautiful hearts.

*Serap D., Istanbul / City Visited: Adıyaman*





### STEP BY STEP, AYGAZ-2, AYGAZ-5 FIREFLY

*The Shane Larkin Foundation is the operating sponsor of our Aygaz-2 Firefly, which joined our fleet in 2002 under the construction sponsorship of Aygaz Inc., and our Step by Step Informatics Firefly that was added to our fleet in 2011 under the construction sponsorship of the Step by Step Association.*

*At the Shane Larkin Foundation, we had been in contact with TEGV since the first moments of the February 6 earthquake disaster that led to deep wounds in our hearts. We acted in line with the mission of our foundation to ensure that children in the region were not deprived of their right to education as well as their vital needs. As a first step in this context, with TEGV's presence in the region and our support, we started to sponsor the 1-year operating expenses of 3 TEGV Firefly Activity Centers working to provide quality education to children. At the same time, while visiting our guest children under the roof of TEGV, we also take care to host them at basketball games. We thank TEGV for their efforts to provide quality education to all children.*

#### Shane Larkin Foundation



My Firefly adventure started when I entered its doors as a volunteer when I was a university student. How lucky I am that I have had many stories in Fireflies, each one more precious than the other. I had fun and learned together with the children there.

It was very valuable for me to go to the region many times as a volunteer to support the Firefly activities after the February 6 earthquake. I was so pleased to engage in activities with the children there, to see that their eyes shining with hope everyday they came to our Firefly.

Today, I am among you as one of the first Female Firefly Managers, and I am proud to bear this title in the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Republic.

I spent many beautiful days with each child in the earthquake zone. On the day the children would come to the Firefly, they would get up very early in the morning, excited to bring us, their volunteer older sisters and brothers, some chocolate. When I read them Mrs. Suna's letter, they would cheer up saying, "We are grateful to Mrs. Suna, and we are glad she founded TEGV" "These are just a few of my memories on the field.

I met TEGV as a child, and then became a volunteer. Today, I am very proud to join TEGV as a professional employee. I would like to thank our Great Leader, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk and the entire TEGV family for giving me this opportunity.

This "Firefly" journey is my ideal.

TEGV today, tomorrow and forever...

**Aynur Porsuk**  
Firefly Manager



### AYGAZ-1 FIREFLY

*Sölen is the operating sponsor of our Aygaz-1 Firefly, which joined our fleet in 2002 under the production sponsorship of Aygaz Inc.*

*At Sölen, we are happy to contribute to the education of children, who are the bright future of our country, in cooperation with such an important foundation. We believe that we share the same ideal with TEGV thanks to our vision to create benefit for our society. We believe that education is the most important investment in our country's future, and with this understanding, we have been realizing corporate social responsibility projects in the field of education for many years. In cooperation with TEGV, we are happy to have been providing 2,500 children with quality education every year (the same number as the number of our employees) as the operational sponsor of the settled Activity Center in Gaziantep for 3 years. As part of the Firefly project with TEGV, we continue our psychosocial support activities for children in the earthquake zone. TEGV enlightens Türkiye and our future. I would like to thank the TEGV family for their valuable contributions and wish them continued success.*

**Erdoğan Çoban-CEO**  
ŞÖLEN



My spouse and I were in Gaziantep when the earthquake stroke. Experiencing the earthquake was traumatic. When we found ourselves outside in the cold in the middle of the night, a Firefly came to our rescue. We went to the Firefly in Gaziantep and stayed together for two nights with people we didn't know at all but with whom we had the same problem. At the time, I was the manager of the Firefly in Diyarbakır, but I could not go to Diyarbakır for the first two days as the roads were closed. As soon as the roads opened, my spouse and I went to Diyarbakır and activated the Firefly. I would like to thank my spouse once again for the support. We offered accommodation to people there. Soon, we started to organize activities. People who stayed at the Firefly at night were organizing the Firefly during the day, and we were doing activities. The Firefly was

working 24 hours a day. I don't know how many times my eyes filled with tears. I don't know how time was passing. I don't know how we endured the lack of sleep, fatigue, hunger and lack of sanitation. The only thing I know was that I was there, and I had the opportunity to assume responsibility, as others did, thanks to the organization I work for. Thank you TEGV. I hope we will never have to respond to such a crisis again.

I have never had another journey that made me realize so strongly that nothing else in life matters except human life.

**Cihad Korkmaz**  
Firefly Manager





### AYGAZ-3, ORJİN LEATHER DESIGN INVENTORS FIREFLIES

Algida is the operating sponsor of our Aygaz-3 Firefly, which joined our fleet in 2002 under the production sponsorship of Aygaz Inc., and our Firefly, which joined our fleet in 2000 under the production sponsorship of Orjin Holding, and who had a thematic transformation in 2019 under the sponsorship of Istinye Park.



On February 6, the biggest earthquake in the history of the Republic struck.

We experienced one of the most devastating devastations in history. Thousands of people were injured and thousands lost their lives. Our experience in previous earthquakes helped us to act faster and ensure coordination. We made plans in a very short time and went to the earthquake zone. We did the first thing we had to do: We tried to support citizens who stayed outside at minus degrees to find shelter. We tried to reassure mothers while trying to take children away from the destructive psychology caused by the earthquake.

As much as we could. I don't know what the success criterion is in an earthquake zone. A child's smile, maybe. Success can be making a child who feels lonely say "Will you be my friend?" with hopeful eyes. Or it can be other NGOs taking you as an example. Success may be doing what needs to be done in the best and fastest way under all circumstances.

The biggest challenge in the earthquake zone is that you cannot do what you want to. The difficulty is listening to someone who has lost family members and trying to stand firm. The challenge is to stand up for the children who need you.

Only through solidarity can we heal the deep wounds inflicted by the earthquake.

**Necat Şimşek**  
Firefly Manager



Firefly commercial movie

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### AYGAZ-4, VIBRACOUSTIC INFORMATICS FIREFLY

Porsche (YOU Foundation) is the operating sponsor of our Aygaz-4 Firefly, which joined our fleet in 2002 under the construction sponsorship of Aygaz Inc., and our Vibracoustic Informatics Firefly, which joined our fleet in 2023 after its thematic transformation by Vibracoustic.

YOU Foundation, Education for Children in Need, which has official relations with UNESCO and was founded by UNESCO Special Envoy Ute-Henriette Ohoven, started its cooperation with TEGV right after the 2023 earthquakes. As a result of our productive and reliable cooperation with TEGV, we supported projects as part of the "Education in Emergencies", initiative that is on the UNESCO agenda. YOU foundation visited Fireflies in the earthquake region in 2023 and supported TEGV's important and effective work to provide quality education and prevent interruptions in education. We would like to thank you for the effectiveness of Firefly programs and the tireless work of TEGV staff and volunteers!

**YOU Foundation**



The week I started working at TEGV, where I was a child and now I am a volunteer, coincided with April 23. We enthusiastically and joyfully celebrated April 23 in our Firefly together with the children in the tent city. While it was difficult to meet even basic needs in the region, we tried to find the materials necessary for the celebration with our volunteers coming to the earthquake zone. Although we had difficulties, we found these materials and decorated our Firefly with our volunteers with the aim and motivation to enjoy the celebrations.

Due to the summer months and the geographical conditions of the region, the temperatures were very high. It was really difficult to meet basic needs in the district. In these difficulties, children were continuing their education in tents in that hot weather. Our Firefly gave

hope and to children there, making them excited. We were continuing disaster activities every week with our volunteers coming from various parts of our country to the district where transportation was difficult. I would like to thank our volunteers, each of whom was a hero in the places I visited. Also, we organized various summer activities with the children there that were both fun and contributed to their development.

In this adventure, they sometimes called me "Firefly Man". I will continue to be their "Firefly Man" with the same excitement and motivation as before.

**Merih Gökmen**  
Firefly Manager





### BOSCH-2 SCIENCE FIREFLY

*We completed the thematic transformation of our Bosch-2 Informatics Firefly, which joined our fleet in 2003 under the sponsorship of Bosch Inc., in 2016 under the sponsorship of Turkish Philanthropy Funds. The operating sponsor of the Firefly is IMCD.*

*The Science Firefly project initiated by IMCD with the mission of "Equal Opportunity in Education" was implemented in the earthquake zone for seven months.*

*Children suffered the most, in the Southeast, where 13 million people were affected by one of the biggest earthquakes in Türkiye's history. Millions of children had to spend nearly seven months away from education in tent and container cities. The Science Firefly tried to ensure that children did not stay away from education, had as much fun as possible and overcame the earthquake trauma more easily, especially during this period when schools were closed. For seven months, the trainers helped earthquake victim children to spend time away from stress with yoga, painting, creative games and dances as well as scientific experiments.*

*Having been introduced 2,000 children to science through the project so far, the long-term goal of IMCD is to help children to dream of becoming scientists.*

**IMCD Group**



On February 6, we woke up to an earthquake that shook our country deeply. It was one of the biggest earthquakes in our history. Thousands of citizens were injured, many of them lost their lives, their houses and schools were destroyed. Everyone was in shock due to the disaster.

As in previous disasters, our Fireflies immediately prepared to move to the region and waited for guidance. We were there from the first moment to be side by side with the earthquake victims, to

support meeting their general needs and to make them feel that they are not alone. Despite all the difficulties, being where you are needed and touching hearts is one of the best achievements. In natural disasters, a reality of our world, the emotional difficulties are greater than material difficulties. We should always be cautious and prepared...

**Orhan Adıbelli**  
Firefly Manager



### DREAM TRAVELER FIREFLY

*Domino's Pizza is the operating sponsor of our Dream Traveler Firefly, which joined our fleet in 2010 under the production sponsorship of Istanbul 2010 European Capital of Culture Agency.*

*Our paths crossed with TEGV in June 2022, and we are glad we did. It was a time when we were thinking about how to promote our motto, "Domino's feeds sports". Our meeting with TEGV officials broadened our horizons and as the first step of our cooperation, we renovated the basketball court of the Mardin Activity Center. We are happy that we collaborated with TEGV at the most necessary time and started walking more firmly together. We wholeheartedly agree with the principle of TEGV: "A Child Changes, Türkiye Flourishes!" As we always say, we set out by saying "Everything together" and we strengthen our friendship with love and dedication. We are delighted to contribute to children's access to quality education together with TEGV. We would like to thank TEGV for adding value to us, being effective and making a difference.*

**Zeynep Yuvaç Uslu**  
Domino's Pizza Türkiye  
Media Planning and Public Relations  
Manager



When the earthquake hit, our Firefly was like a light of hope in the dark night. As TEGV, we set our hearts on our mission. For 12 days, we strived to heal the wounds by providing hot meals and warm homes.

Afterwards, I set off for the container city where the traces of the destruction were felt the deepest. I wanted to mend the broken hopes of the children there. Seeing the sorrow in their eyes and the desperation in their hearts broke my heart. I wanted to hug them and alleviate their pain to the extent I could. I tried to touch their hearts with psycho-social support education.

Then I went to Diyarbakır. We tried to heal the wounds of the children there. In the eyes of every child, there was desperation and hopelessness. But they also had a glimmer of hope.

There, I learned to read the deep emotions in people's eyes: looks of gratitude, sincere love... Each one of them affected me so deeply. We pray that such a disaster will never happen again. This experience has been a profound lesson for me about humanity. I hope we will never experience such suffering again.

**Hasan Gürkan Başaranoğlu**  
Firefly Manager





### İŞ BANK FIREFLY

Can Sungur and Travelers of the Universe are the operating sponsor of our İşbank Firefly, which joined our fleet in 2001 under the construction sponsorship of Türkiye İş Bank Inc. Some of Can Sungur's supportive comments during the donation broadcasts:




"I watched it with a lump in my throat and tears in my eyes. It was a great night and I am so happy that it became a reality. Can Sungur, I thank you so much for using your power of communication by bringing so many beautiful people together for this kind of work. TEGV and Can Sungur and the Evren family reminded me once again that hope, goodness, understanding and support still exist in this land. Thank you. I am glad you are all here."

"During the years I volunteered at TEGV Firefly, I met so many beautiful people. The time we spent with the children and each of the activities were so precious. Their eyes were shining. I really want every child to meet TEGV. I was very touched by your work. Thank you everyone!"

"I went to a village school near Şile for 1 year in primary school. In 2005, one of these Fireflies came to our school and stayed for a couple of weeks. Every day, they took a class to an activity. We were looking forward to join the activity. It was the first time in my life that I used a computer. You should have seen how excited me and my friends were. We were all over the moon. We wished we could stay at the Firefly for a few more days. This video took me back to the moment I first stepped into Firefly, and my eyes filled with tears. Well done. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who donated, especially you, and those who supported this work with their likes even if they could not donate. We are glad to have you."

"Our real work starts now: we need to make sure that this Firefly continues its education on the roads every year, to raise new software developers, teachers and doctors."

"I joined activities at TEGV in primary school. Thanks to them, I became conscious and learned to learn. Even though I could only provide a little support, I felt like I was useful for something in this life."



### ROTARY-1 INFORMATICS FIREFLY

In 2023, we completed the thematic transformation of our Rotary-1 Informatics Firefly, which joined our fleet in 2002 under the production sponsorship of Istanbul Rotary Club, under the sponsorship of Turkish Philanthropy Funds. The operating sponsor of our Firefly is also Turkish Philanthropy Funds.

Since the first day of the February 6 Kahramanmaraş earthquake, we at the Turkish Philanthropy Funds (TPF) have been creating resources with the support of our individual and corporate donors to reach out to all earthquake victims, and use these resources to support the work of our partner organizations in the region. We are proud that TEGV, our partner since 2012, was one of the first organizations we sent grants to. We supported the construction and operations of one of TEGV's Fireflies, which provide education and motivation to many children in the earthquake region. We also undertook the construction and other expenses of the new Activity Center to be established in Gaziantep. Thanks to our cooperation with TPF donors and TEGV, we are proud to be a part of gifting bicycles to 500 children in the earthquake region, providing safe cycling education and putting smiles on children's faces. We are very happy for our partnership with TEGV that has been going on for more than 10 years. TEGV identified the needs in the earthquake region, and the academic and psychological needs of children very well with the experience of being in the field for many years. Thus, it produced effective and fast projects to meet the basic needs of earthquake victim children.

**Turkish Philanthropy Funds**



On February 6, I was in Elbistan, my hometown, when the earthquake struck. Although it has been a year since then, I still deeply feel what I felt those days. I sincerely wish that such a catastrophe will never happen again. When I took office, our priority was to explain our existing activities to the residents of the container cities as well as the employees of the MoNE without interrupting them. We had a great time with the children in our activities. We did a lot of activities together, but still the children could not get enough. Of course, we also had difficulties due to the weather conditions of the region and other human factors. From time to time we had water, electricity and Internet outages. In the container city, we solved the technical problems sometimes by ourselves, sometimes together with the container city management, and sometimes together with the locals, brothers, sisters and volunteers who were affected by

the earthquake. I believe that we took over the duty from our predecessors and fulfilled in the best way possible, representing our Foundation. We left behind a sparkle in the eyes of children, teachers and administrators who felt happy to work in coordination with TEGV. Hundreds of mothers and fathers witnessed their children having joy in our evening activities, and volunteers were pleased to share their joy with the children. To us, the greatest achievement is hearing all of them say "We are grateful to have you!"

To summarize this journey in a single sentence, as an earthquake victim, what I see is TEGV reviving the extinguished sparkle in the eyes of children in this cold region.

**Rıdvan Bulut**  
Firefly Manager



## Media Markt

### MEDIA MARKT-1 and MEDIA MARKT- 2 DESIGN INVENTORS, MEDIA MARKT DREAM TRAVELER FIREFLY

Media Markt is again the operating sponsor of Media Markt-1, Media Markt-2 Design Inventors and Media Markt Dream Traveler Firefly, which joined our fleet in 2023 under the production sponsorship of Media Markt.

We met TEGV after the earthquake on February 6, when we mobilized all the means at our disposal to see the situation in the region and help as soon as possible. To contribute to the education of the children in that region in a way that will also benefit the future of Türkiye, we completed our negotiations with our Headquarters in Germany and received approval for the educational aid to the region. On this occasion, we started our efforts to send 4 Fireflies to the region and launched this project together. Then, we met TEGV and witnessed their outstanding work in the region. We were proud to see such a foundation investing so much in the future of Türkiye. Looking forward to cooperating in many more projects in the future.

**Hulusi Acar, CEO**  
Media Markt Türkiye



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When we started the activity with the children, I asked them to draw pictures to observe their mental and psychological state. In general, they drew destroyed buildings and sad people. Then, I gave the children play dough and straws and asked them to make a 3-dimensional object. They were all trying to make strong and durable houses using lots of straws, which made me ponder. To distract the children from the earthquake, we watched a movie with them in the evening. While watching the movie, their laughter lifted the spirits of the other people in the tent city and they said they really missed laughter. We continued our activities until the tent city was dispersed. It was really fascinating to create a train with the children who knocked on the door of Firefly every morning at 9 a.m. and to travel around the tent city with this train, to see the wagons of the train getting longer and longer, to see 2-3 children jumping out of each tent and joining the train when they heard the music.

At first, we were trying to get around on foot or by hitchhiking because there were no open markets or places to eat in the immediate vicinity, and those that were open were far away. Transportation was almost impossible in the city. We were listening to a different story from every person we met in the region. They were telling us about their losses. No matter how psychologically difficult it was for us, we endured the difficulties by remembering our purpose.

It was an unforgettable experience for me really changing my perspective on life. If I were to describe this process in a single sentence, I would say it was "a children's train that took me away from pain and chaos".

**Emre Duran**  
Firefly Manager



### MERCEDES BENZ TRAFFIC FIREFLY

Shell Türkiye is the operating sponsor of our Mercedes Benz Traffic Firefly, which joined our fleet in 20013 under the construction sponsorship of Mercedes Benz Türk Inc.

I came to the region knowing all the possible difficulties. It was extraordinary: sometimes I walked for kilometers to meet my basic needs, sometimes I postponed meeting some of my needs. I was mentally worn down to see disabled people or trauma caused by the earthquake. The children were aware of the chaos, and even the smallest activities with them in the region distracted them from the trauma for a moment. It was touching to be able to help children via our Firefly at such times. In the activity, I came across many children who did not speak at all. The reason they did not speak was not because they were shy, it was because they were in shock.

When the people in the region learned that we had come to help them and the



children, they were very pleased and embraced us. Although they were affected by the earthquake, they were trying to help us as much as they could. A child named Fahriye, who participated in our activities, was very quiet and shy at first. I will never be able to forget her. As she got to know us, she started to smile and her pessimism began to disappear. One day Fahriye told us: "Until you came, I used to think that life was over for us, that there was no hope."

When the time came for me to leave the school, the family who had been my neighbors for months got very upset. All the children spilled out into the playground and the street when I was leaving that Firefly school. They were asking me if I was coming back. I deeply felt that I had

touched the hearts of the children with interest and care. And we formed a bond between us. One year has passed since the earthquake. I don't know how it has passed... I have met as many people as I could in 10 years and gained 10 years of life experience in just a year. When I question what I have experienced and done and ask myself if it was worth it, the only thing I can say is: It was worth all the difficulties I went through. I am glad I visited the region. I am glad I got to know these beautiful people, and I made beautiful friendships. For better or worse, this visit is an unforgettable memory in my life.

**Remzi Emre Elvan**  
Firefly Manager



## MIGROS

### MIGROS SCIENCE FIREFLY

*Migros is the operating sponsor of our Migros Science Firefly, which joined our fleet in 2023 under the production sponsorship of Migros.*

*In cooperation with TEGV, Migros established the Science Firefly Education Program in Kahramanmaraş with the income generated from the products in the "Goodness Catalog" project that aimed to support the education of earthquake victim children. The program served to develop children's creative, analytical and critical thinking, problem solving and experimentation skills, and to help them think scientifically.*

### MIGROS



I met TEGV as a child in Hakkari. It became a light of hope for us, and while I was studying at university, I started to volunteer for TEGV and I became both a volunteer and an educator. On the night of February 6, the earthquake disaster deeply saddened us, all our colleagues wanted to go to the region as soon as possible and do something for children. I was in the region at the end of a difficult journey on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the earthquake. I can say that the scenes I saw became the most difficult and painful days of my life.

When we started our activities, our heroic volunteers from all over the country were both doing very nice activities with children and enabling us to take action faster. At the end of the day, all the children wanted to come to our Firefly, and this was an indication

of how much we were doing the right things and very good activities. We were indescribably happy when we saw that the children we did activities with during the school year immediately ran to our Firefly as we arrived. They thanked us for coming and not leaving them alone.

During that year in the earthquake zone, I witnessed despair and hopelessness, but at TEGV, we continued to be a light of hope and to make the dreams of every child come true without compromising our determination to work since the first day of the earthquake.

A Child Changes, Türkiye Flourishes!

**Süleyman Karga**  
Firefly Manager



### NİRUN ŞAHİNGİRAY-1, NİRUN ŞAHİNGİRAY-2 INFORMATICS FIREFLY

*The Nirun Şahingiray Fund sponsors our Nirun Şahingiray-1 and Nirun Şahingiray-2 Informatics Fireflies, which were built and added to our fleet in 2012 with the support of the legacy of our donor Nirun Şahingiray.*

In a sentence, I'd describe this journey as follows: "We are glad to have TEGV here." I enjoyed every minute of my TEGV adventure that started in Antalya Activity Center when I was a child. It was a unique experience for me to be a child under this roof, and a volunteer working in the earthquake zone as a

female Firefly. Every moment, I said to myself: "I am glad I am here". As a child, I went to the sand sculptures festival for the first time in my life thanks to TEGV. I said the same thing to myself when I was walking around, resting in a corner after the April 23 celebrations in village schools, and when I went to the region as a volunteer in the first months of the earthquake: "We are glad to have TEGV..." When I first heard about Fireflies 6 years ago, I thought to myself, "I want to be a Firefly, this is a beautiful thing", and now I am very proud to be in the earthquake zone as one of the female Firefly manager. I would meet the children who came to the Firefly while walking on the street, and be surrounded by their

sincere love. I would receive feedback from parents saying, "He talked about you so much that I feel like I know you." All this reminds me how right and good I am doing. That is why every time I hear children say, "Ceylan, when I grow up I will be a volunteer like you", I keep saying "It is great to have TEGV and help these children".

**Ceylan Yaşar**  
Firefly Manager



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### PINAR DESIGN INVENTORS FIREFLY

*Pınar Milk is the operating sponsor of our Pınar Design Inventors Firefly, which joined our fleet in 2023 again under the production sponsorship of Pınar.*

*On February 6, we came together with TEGV, one of Türkiye's most valuable foundations, to stand by earthquake victim children. Today, we are meeting with children in Adıyaman with our Design Inventors Firefly and trying to be a light in the darkness caused by the earthquake. We would like to extend our endless thanks to TEGV project managers and the entire TEGV family for giving us this opportunity and for their unwavering support throughout our journey. We hope to celebrate many more years enlightened by TEGV.*

**Özgün Özgüler**  
**PINAR MILK**  
**Marketing Manager/Corporate Projects**



Firefly commercial movie



I do not know where to start. How do you explain that everything just fell apart? It has been exactly one year since the disaster. Yet, I remember everything like it was yesterday. Everyone and everything I lost is still in my heart. I lost my home, my friends, the neighbor I greeted, even my city. But I had to stand up! I had to stand up first to get the city back on its feet. Leaving was not the solution. For this, I worked hard as a volunteer in container cities, tent cities and villages to heal the wounds and alleviate the pain. I slept on the floor with 10-15 people in the same room, I was left hungry, I stayed in the cold and darkness, but I never gave up. One of the days I was in the darkness, I was enlightened by the light of the Firefly. And I opened my eyes as a member of the TEGV family. I lost my home, but they gave me both a home and a job. As a teacher, I always wake up in the school garden where I belong.

My goal now is to light the way for children affected by the earthquake with the Firefly. The children gathering around the Firefly with curiosity and excitedly waiting to go inside was enough to tell me what a sacred service this Foundation provides. The happiness and light in the eyes of the children is the best gift TEGV has given me. I realized that the best way to heal the wounds is to give them a happy future and help them build beautiful and hopeful dreams. I owe this to TEGV. My wounds healed by helping children making their dreams come true. "We have hope, because we have TEGV."

**Selvi Kızıl**  
**Firefly Manager**



### TEGV DESIGN INVENTORS FIREFLY

*Under the sponsorship of Lloyd's Register Foundation, in 2019, we completed the thematic transformation of our TEGV Design Inventors Firefly, which joined our fleet in 2001 with JP Morgan sponsoring its construction. The operating sponsor of our Firefly is also Lloyd's Register Foundation.*

*Following a series of earthquakes that struck parts of Türkiye and Syria in early February, Lloyd's Register Foundation increased our existing funding to TEGV by £200,000. This donation was used to ensure that children in the earthquake disaster zone receive continuous quality education and psychological support. In particular, the Foundation contributed to the establishment of a new Activity Center in Gaziantep, one of the 11 cities hit by the earthquake, where nearly 400,000 people migrated from other disaster zones. Our support for TEGV enabled us to maintain our commitment to protect the next generation of engineers. We worked hard with our project to alleviate suffering and build resilience in such troubled times.*

**Lloyd's Register Foundation**



Since I started my work in the field, I have had many experiences and overcome many challenges. When I started working as a Firefly, I was proud to undertake the responsibility of being the first woman to take action. We made an effort to do activities with children in earthquake zones and to raise their hopes. We faced many challenges such as difficult weather conditions, terrain and time pressure. However, working together with other Fireflies and volunteers, we overcame these obstacles with determination.

At every step, we realized once again that children were in need. So, the support and hope we provide at our Fireflies is vital for children in the earthquake zone. They need not only education, but also mental and emotional support. They need a light to help them overcome

their traumas and look to the future with hope. This is why, as a Firefly, our presence in this area is even more important.

I work with all my strength to contribute to the education of children and to give them hope. Each experience motivates us even more and increases our determination to reach even greater goals for the future. We will do our best to reach and support more children in the future.

My journey of becoming a Firefly gives children hope and makes my heart shine despite the difficulties I face.

**Gülşen Balık**  
**Firefly Manager**





### TIRSAN-1, TIRSAN-2, TIRSAN-3 INFORMATICS FIREFLY

*In 2022, we completed the thematic transformation of our Tirsan -1 Informatics Firefly, which joined our fleet in 2001 under the construction sponsorship of Tirsan Inc. In 2023, Tirsan Inc. increased the number of Fireflies to 3 with the addition of Tirsan -2 and Tirsan-3 Informatics to our fleet and is also the operating sponsor of our 3 Fireflies.*

I made a new start in my life by starting to work in the TEGV family. I set out to support children and heal their wounds in a tent city in Kahramanmaraş, where the earthquake disaster took place. When I arrived here, I knew that I would encounter ghost streets, streets full of piles of rubble, abandoned houses and I knew what their mental state would be like in tents. Having lived through the 2011 Van earthquake, I knew what kind of an environment awaited me. First I

saw an area with 450 tents and families inside. After looking around, I went to the Firefly where I was going to stay. Speaking of the Firefly, I remember that when I was asked as a child "What do you want to be when you grow up?" I always said police, doctor, engineer, etc. But I never thought I would be a Firefly manager. I am very happy where I am now. Just like a firefly, I believe that I can shed light on the dark city. Good people joined hands on this path for the same purpose, and this increases my love for this profession even more. I witness that some of my colleagues leave their spouses, fiancées, children and families in their cities and strive to put a smile on the faces of children in the disaster zone. The one I find most interesting is the self-sacrificing brother who left his newborn baby and wife with his mother and returned to the Firefly. All the people I have met are loving and compassionate. From the outside, the Firefly is thought to be just a caravan, but the inside is a different world. As in every job, there are certain difficulties here too. But these difficulties are forgotten and replaced with smiles and happiness, as soon as children and our loving volunteers run to the truck. I am very happy to be under the same roof with such beautiful people. We are glad to have TEGV and their employees who are full of love.

**Serhat Öрге**  
Firefly Manager





## COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES

*Our 2023 Media Coverage: A Year Full of Challenges and Successes!!*

2023 was a more challenging year than 2022. Sad events such as the earthquake disaster disrupted some of our work. Despite the cancellations and postponements of activities between February and April, we continued our work and achieved significant success in media coverage, especially by becoming more visible on online platforms. We maintained our news value compared to last year. We will work harder together to maintain this success and continue to strive for a better future.

2023 Communication Status Analysis:

- \* We covered more space on online platforms.
- \* We maintained our news value compared to last year.
- \* We achieved an increase in total access rate.
- \* Our number of reach and followers on digital channels increased.
- \* The rate of visiting our 'Good News from TEGV' e-newsletter increased.
- \* Our total advertising rate remained close to last year.



### Shane Larkin's visit to FAP

*Children from TEGV met with Basketball Player Shane Larkin!*

Children at the Ferit Aysan Activity Center met Shane Larkin. They chatted with Larkin and played basketball, coloring the atmosphere with their cheerful laughter and curious questions.

The Shane Larkin Foundation supported children's access to quality education by providing operational sponsorship to our FFs in the earthquake zone. During his visit, Shane Larkin had a colorful day with children and said, "The energy of the children is very impressive. I am happy to spend time with them and support them. Seeing their smiles is indescribable happiness."

We would like to thank the Shane Larkin Foundation and Shane Larkin, our education volunteer, for his valuable visit and support for quality education.



### Kaan Sekban's Birthday and Book Launch

*Kaan Sekban Celebrated his Birthday and New Book with Education Mobilization!*

Kaan Sekban celebrated his new age and the launch of his new book "Küçük Ünlü Uyumu/ Flatness Harmony" by joining the education mobilization for TEGV's children. Our donors not only supported the future of children as a partner in this mobilization, but also had a pleasant day by attending Kaan Sekban's birthday party and book launch through a lottery.

### Visit to our FFs from our Education Volunteers

*A Meaningful Visit from Our Valuable Volunteers to Our Fireflies After the Earthquake!*

After the February 6 earthquake, our valuable volunteers Berfu and Eser Yenenler, Beyazıt Öztürk and BKM Mutfak actors visited our FFs in order to heal the wounds of adults and children. They came together with earthquake victim people and children, and cheered them up.

Celebrities volunteering showed great sensitivity and support, contributing to the morale of citizens and children affected by the earthquake. We would like to thank them for their meaningful visit.



### Alaeddin Yavaşca Concert

*Prof. Dr. Alaeddin Yavaşca's 97<sup>th</sup> Birthday Concert was held at Pera Museum!*

Pera Museum Turkish Music Concerts continued. In March, the concert "Alaeddin Yavaşca on his 97<sup>th</sup> Birthday" for Alaeddin Yavaşca, the material and moral supporter of TEGV.

In the concert organized under the coordination of Sinan Sipahi, the participants had a pleasant time with presentations and conversations on the historical, cultural, traditional, sociological, anthropological, philosophical and literary aspects of Turkish music.

As the TEGV family, we commemorate Prof. Dr. Alaeddin Yavaşca with respect and longing on the second anniversary of his passing, with his valuable contributions to the Turkish medical world, the lasting works he left behind and his knowledge that will shape our future.



Please visit our Golden Spider award-winning website to take a journey through unforgettable memories of our 29-year history of education and success.

### Change of Chairman of the Board of Directors

*New Era at TEGV: M. Özalp Birol Becomes Chairman of the Board of Directors!*

Serving as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of TEGV since 2019, Oktay Özinci handed over his position to M. Özalp Birol, a member of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors of TEGV, as well as a member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the Suna and İnan Kırac Foundation, at the 29<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Assembly. In his speech, R. Oktay Özinci thanked the support he had received as Chairman of the Board of Directors. M. Özalp Birol thanked Özinci and said, "I will carry the flag I received from Mr. R. Oktay Özinci even further together with TEGV's excellent team. It is a great honor to be elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Educational Volunteers Foundation of Türkiye, which has been successfully continuing its journey for 28 years with precious children, volunteers, professional management, board of directors and trustees. It is of particular importance for me to take over this flag in the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Republic."

### 29<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Assembly

*We held our 29<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Assembly!*

On April 27, we held our Ordinary General Assembly at the Pera Museum Auditorium with the participation of esteemed Board of Trustees and Board Members, the Foundation's corporate and individual donors and volunteers.

Our 29<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Assembly started with an energetic stage performance by TEGV Children's Choir. The choir sang the song "Hand in Hand with TEGV", and brought joy to the audience. Following the performance, detailed information was provided about the activities of the Foundation in the past year. In addition, the participants were also informed about the activities carried out after the earthquake on February 6 and the plans for 2023.



## INSPIRATIONS

# Children are Our Future.



As someone who believes in the importance of education for the country, I wanted to donate a house to a voluntary educational organization. In my long career as an author, I had tried to teach children self-confidence, courage, love, tolerance, seeing their mistakes, success resulting from plans, environmental awareness and the importance of protecting nature. Therefore, I wanted the organization I would donate to care about these values.

While I was doing my research, I thought of a well-educated and idealistic friend of mine living on one of the islands in Istanbul. This friend of mine was someone perfect, working for TEGV by teaching math and even astronomy children coming to the island from various corners of the country with low income level. Although he was a well-equipped person, I had even seen him cleaning toilets for children. He carried out his activities almost like a one-man army. When I remembered what he did with faith, I went and knocked on TEGV's door and became a donor. When I read the Foundation's 2022 annual report, I realized that I had made the right decision. Thank you TEGV, Godspeed!

**Melek Güngör**  
TEGV Donor



Our acquaintance with TEGV started with my visit to the Foundation on November 23, 2023.

First, I would like to introduce myself briefly. I am Fatma Tülin GEDİKTAŞ, and I was born in Istanbul in 1953. I completed my secondary and high school education at FMV Işık High School. After the sudden death of my father the year I graduated, I had to start working at ITU Faculty of Mechanical Engineering due to financial constraints. The following year, I graduated from Marmara University, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Faculty of Public Administration (Night) and worked at the same time, graduating in 1976 and was appointed as the Faculty Secretary General at ITU Faculty of Mechanical Engineering. In 1997, I retired and started working as the Head of Department at FMV Işık University, where I worked until the end of 2002.

My husband, Prof. Dr. Mustafa GEDİKTAŞ, served as a faculty member at ITU Faculty of Mechanical Engineering as well as Dean of the Faculties of Mechanical Engineering and Business Administration.

During the time I worked at ITU Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, I worked closely with TEV to provide scholarships to students. In those years, I had the opportunity to get to know TEV closely as TEV Secretary General Güsel BİLAL was a family friend of ours.

After my husband passed away on September 21, 2005, I made my will to TEV in 2008 with the idea of using the assets of two education volunteers for the education of students in need of financial support.

Over time, I changed my will and decided to share it with other educational institutions and foundations that contribute not only to the education of university students, but also to the education of primary, middle and high school students.

I witnessed family atmosphere at TEGV, and saw that they work with a professional attitude as well as with a sincere sense of benevolence.

I found their work very valuable and important, so I decided to give a part of my estate to TEGV and I drew up a new will.

From now on, as a donor of TEGV, I will follow your work with pleasure and will endeavor to support you to the extent of my means.

I would like to express my gratitude to the entire TEGV Family and wish you continued success.

**Fatma Tülin Gediktaş**  
TEGV Donor



# COLLABORATIONS



## Izmir Metropolitan Municipality

The cooperation between Izmir Metropolitan Municipality and our Foundation started in 1996 with the Balçova-1 AC, and it has been continuing effectively for many years. Under our cooperation protocol, thousands of children benefit from our educational activities in Çiğli AC, Eşrefpaşa AC, Gümüşpala AC and Egekent AC every year, and children, who are the guarantee of our bright future, are introduced to modern educational technologies.

Attaching great importance to social responsibility with its projects, Izmir Metropolitan Municipality called for a new cooperation with our Foundation with the container city it established in Adıyaman after the February 6 Kahramanmaraş earthquake. They provided space and containers for the transfer of our successful practices and TEGV impact in Izmir to the container city. This created the opportunity to establish an activity center with 2 activity rooms to support the well-being of children.

Established on July 13, 2023, our activity center has the capacity to teach 750 children per year.



## Sanko Holding

The contribution of our sponsors and local partners made our container city activity centers project possible in the earthquake zone. Sanko Holding is one of the important examples of these collaborations. They provided container and infrastructure support for the establishment of an activity center with 4 activity rooms in the area allocated for TEGV activities in Adıyaman, where there were nearly 1,000 containers.



## AFAD/Disaster and Emergency

Management Presidency AFAD provided technical support and short-term staff support during the establishment of our Container city Activity Centers. They also contributed to the supply, placement and completion of the infrastructure of the containers allocated by local governments.



## Allianz MoveNow Festival

MoveNow Sports Festival was organized in cooperation with Allianz Türkiye on December 2 at Şanlıurfa Sevgi-Erdoğan Gönül Activity Center. More than 250 children participated in 10 different sports activities. Children had fun and learned while moving in activities that help develop teamwork, cooperation, taking responsibility and communication skills. In addition, paralympic and world swimming champion national athlete Sümeyye Boyacı interviewed children and shared the secrets of her inspiring success.



## SİKA Türkiye

We enthusiastically celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> Year of the Republic under the sponsorship of Sika Türkiye. All around our country, our children, who receive qualified education support in the light of the fundamental principles and values of the Republic, exhibited their Republic and Atatürk-themed works in drama and art workshops in October. All the activity centers were decorated with balloons and flags. Face painting, magician shows and kite festivals added color to the day. Hundreds of children from all our locations from Hatay to Van, Istanbul to Izmir participated in the events.



## Özyeğin University

We were delighted that Özyeğin University hosted the 23<sup>rd</sup> edition of our annual 'Looking to the Future Meeting' on August 7-9, 2023 with the participation of our employees from all over Türkiye.

Following our meeting, we opened the doors once again for the training of volunteers, our superheroes, and held wonderful and successful trainings on August 26 and 27. We would like to thank Özyeğin University for allowing us to use the university's facilities to organize these valuable events.



## Ministry of National Education

The Directorates of National Education and Primary Schools are two of our most important stakeholders in meeting children. For many years, the cooperation protocol signed between the Ministry of National Education General Directorate of Basic Education and the Educational Volunteers Foundation of Türkiye has been the basis of our cooperation with schools.

Our new protocol was signed on January 28, 2022, and will cover the next 3.5 years. It makes it possible for children to benefit from our effective education programs during schools' social activity hours.

We would like to thank the Ministry of National Education, the Provincial and District Directorates of National Education, school administrators, and teachers for their interest and support. With contributions from all our stakeholders, we continue to work with all our strength to support the development of our children and prepare them to be well-equipped individuals in the future.



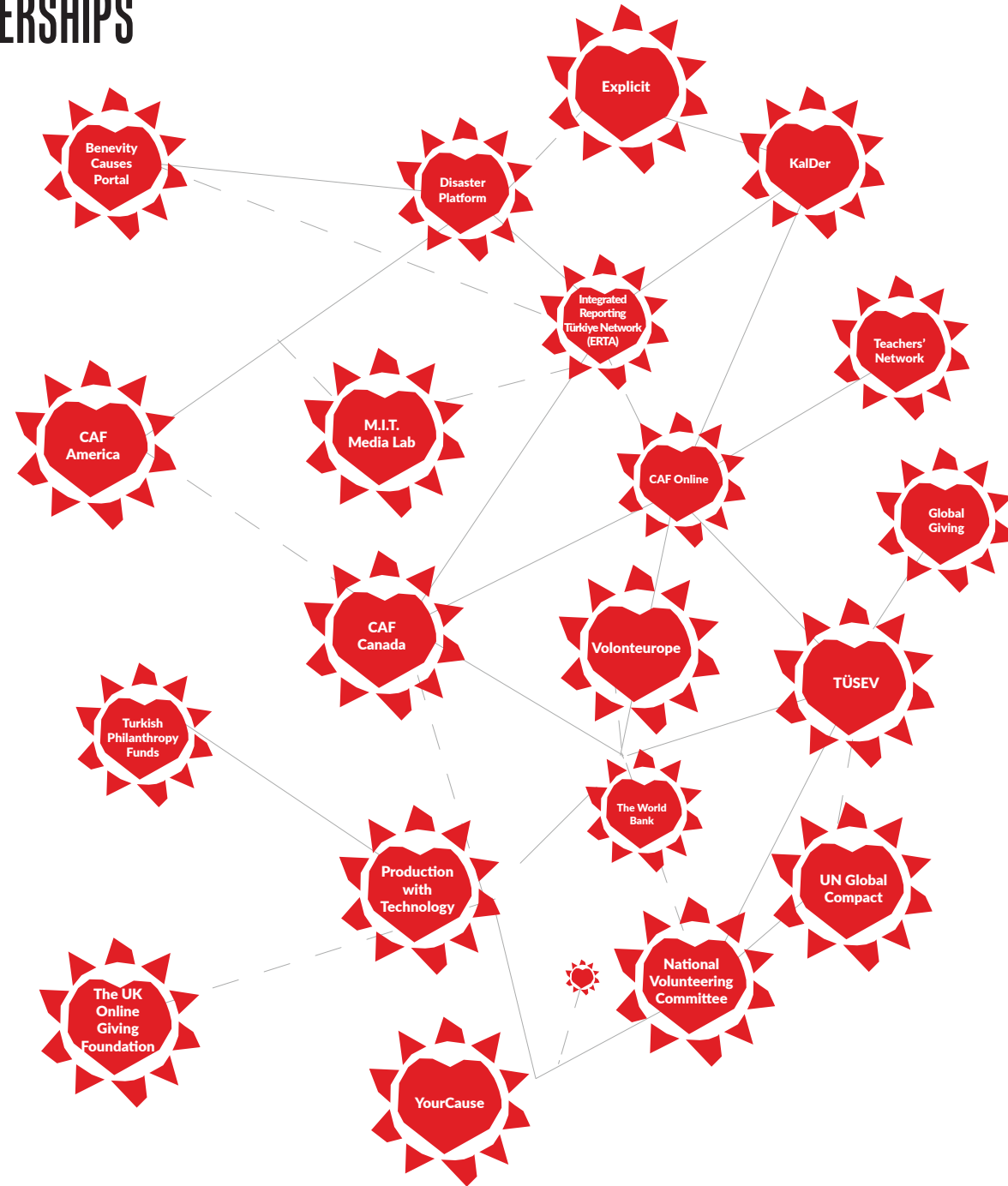
## Güler Legacy

3 children from Cizre, Şırnak who are interested and talented in basketball and 2 coach volunteers who accompanied them applied to the "Güler Legacy" founded by the Güler family and were selected for the basketball summer camp. Our children had fun participating at the camp at Özyeğin University between July 3-7, 2022. This camp paved the way for the passion for basketball grow stronger. One of our children, Muhammed was inspired by Sinan Güler, and now he continues his professional basketball life in Ankara Şekerspor Team. He said:

"I have been interested in playing basketball since I was little. After learning basic basketball for a few years, I had the chance to participate in the Güler Legacy camp with the advantage of growing up at TEGV. In this camp, I improved my basketball skills by doing unique trainings. Next, I was transferred to Ankara Şekerspor team with the experience I gained from Güler Legacy camp. My main goal is to play basketball at the highest level in the future."



## MEMBERSHIPS



## AUDIT REPORT

28/02/2024

### TÜRKİYE EĞİTİM GÖNÜLLÜLERİ VAKFI

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The financial statements of the Educational Volunteers Foundation of Türkiye for the year 2023 were examined, it was revealed that the accounting records were kept in accordance with the chart of accounts and accounting principles published by the General Directorate of Foundations, and it was understood that they reflected the truth, that the accounting records were duly documented and the financial statements were consistent with the records.

We present to your appreciation the acquittal of the Board of Directors for its activities in 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Kemal UZUN

Füsun AKKAL BOZOK

Mustafa DANDİK



**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS  
OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND  
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the General Assembly of Türkiye Eğitim Gönüllüleri Vakfı

**Report on the Audit of Financial Statements**

**Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Türkiye Eğitim Gönüllüleri Vakfı (the “Foundation”), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, and the statement of profit or loss, in all material respects, in accordance with the Uniform Chart of Accounts and we have audited the accounting policies and footnotes set out in Note 2.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as at 31 December 2023, and its financial performance in accordance with the accounting policies summarized in Note 2 “Significant Accounting Policies”.

**Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Foundation in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (IESBA Code), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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## Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Foundation management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the accounting policies summarized in Note 2 “Significant Accounting Policies” and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Foundation’s ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Foundation or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Foundation’s financial reporting process.

## Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor’s report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation’s internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management’s use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Foundation’s ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor’s report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor’s report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Foundation to cease to continue as a going concern.

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## Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (cont’d)

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Cem Tovil  
Partner

İstanbul, 27 March 2024



## TÜRKİYE EĞİTİM GÖNÜLLÜLERİ VAKFI

### BALANCE SHEETS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

(Amounts are expressed in Turkish Lira (“TL”) unless otherwise indicated.)

ASSETS	Notes	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	3d	42,511,010	69,372,990
Marketable securities	3h	358,740,418	142,070,323
Other receivables		-	50,000
Advances given		9,902,947	598
Prepaid expenses and income accruals		4,246,475	1,320,885
Other current assets		34,918	19,876
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>415,435,768</b>	<b>212,834,672</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Deposits and guarantees given	3f	198,574	159,402
Subsidiaries	3i	50,000	50,000
Property, plant and equipment	3j	59,742,005	20,507,318
Intangible assets	3k	36,897,818	38,199,291
Prepaid expenses		460	9,732
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>96,888,857</b>	<b>58,925,743</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>512,324,625</b>	<b>271,760,415</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## TÜRKİYE EĞİTİM GÖNÜLLÜLERİ VAKFI

### BALANCE SHEETS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

(Amounts are expressed in Turkish Lira (“TL”) unless otherwise indicated.)

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	Notes	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Trade payables		9,214,054	3,966,198
<i>Trade payables to third parties</i>		<i>9,214,054</i>	<i>3,966,198</i>
Other payables	3m	192,864	838,876
<i>Other payables to related parties</i>		<i>147,803</i>	<i>811,583</i>
<i>Other payables to third parties</i>		<i>45,061</i>	<i>27,293</i>
Current period tax liabilities and other liabilities	3n	5,168,398	2,404,147
Other liabilities and expense provisions	3o, 3p	9,649,695	6,369,454
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>24,225,011</b>	<b>13,578,675</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Provision for employment termination benefits	3y	21,216,859	15,204,993
Deposits and guarantees taken		407,034	278,360
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>21,623,893</b>	<b>15,483,353</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Net worth		5,000	5,000
Increase in net worth		100,933,065	87,352,089
Profit reserves		365,479,907	155,269,621
<i>Special funds</i>	5	<i>240,833,919</i>	<i>82,910,960</i>
<i>Extraordinary reserves</i>		<i>216,122</i>	<i>216,123</i>
<i>Fixed asset fund</i>		<i>82,029,866</i>	<i>43,242,538</i>
<i>Special reserves</i>		<i>42,400,000</i>	<i>28,900,000</i>
Net current year income surplus		57,749	71,677
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>466,475,721</b>	<b>242,698,387</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		<b>512,324,625</b>	<b>271,760,415</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.



**TÜRKİYE EĞİTİM GÖNÜLLÜLERİ VAKFI****STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS  
FOR THE YEAR 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 2023**

(Amounts are expressed in Turkish Lira ("TL") unless otherwise indicated.)

STATEMENT OF INCOME	Notes	1 January - 31 December 2023	1 January - 31 December 2022
<b>Prior years income surplus</b>		<b>71,677</b>	<b>3,296</b>
<b>Donations</b>		<b>146,379,651</b>	<b>66,883,849</b>
Conditional donations	4a	120,352,545	52,650,762
Unconditional donations	4a	26,027,106	14,233,087
<b>Other operating income</b>		<b>100,384,168</b>	<b>69,069,589</b>
Interest income	4e	5,404,319	1,879,194
Gain on sale of marketable securities	4e	80,280,112	59,860,488
Foreign currency exchange gains		3,153,764	3,164,220
Dividend income from subsidiaries	2	148,912	281,753
Other income and gains	4f	11,397,061	3,883,934
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>246,835,496</b>	<b>135,956,734</b>
<b>Operating expenses (-)</b>		<b>(221,264,963)</b>	<b>(114,604,387)</b>
General administrative expenses (-)	4c	(21,581,860)	(10,660,506)
Expenses related to Foundation's mission (-)	4d	(188,245,782)	(95,715,422)
Provision for employment termination benefits (-)		(11,437,321)	(8,228,459)
<b>Other operational expenses (-)</b>		<b>(11,979,970)</b>	<b>(3,580,670)</b>
Loss on sale of marketable securities (-)	4e	(7,244,165)	(1,393,105)
Foreign currency exchange losses (-)		(3,519,067)	(1,832,413)
Other expenses and losses (-)		(1,216,738)	(355,152)
<b>Extraordinary expense and losses (-)</b>		<b>(32,814)</b>	<b>-</b>
Extraordinary expense and losses (-)		(32,814)	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>(233,277,747)</b>	<b>(118,185,057)</b>
<b>NET CURRENT YEAR INCOME SURPLUS</b>		<b>13,557,749</b>	<b>17,771,677</b>
Transfer to special reserves	4a	(13,500,000)	-
Transfer of purpose-built construction fund		-	(17,700,000)
<b>NET CURRENT YEAR INCOME SURPLUS AFTER TRANSFER TO SPECIAL RESERVES</b>		<b>57,749</b>	<b>71,677</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

On behalf of TEGV, we would like to extend our endless gratitude to FİNAR for designing our Integrated Annual Report for the past six years.

On behalf of TEGV, we would like to express our endless gratitude to Fethi Karaduman, who voluntarily took the photographs of the earthquake region in our Integrated Annual Report.

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