

The American Turkish Society Earthquake Fund: Relief, Rebuilding, and Preparedness in Van and Beyond

The American Turkish Society expresses its gratitude to all of its individual and corporate supporters for their generous donations to the Earthquake Fund, started in the aftermath of the October 23rd earthquake in Van, Turkey, which caused significant destruction and claimed the lives of well over 600. The Fund has raised a total of \$39,965, with \$25,790 coming from direct donations and \$14,175 from ticket proceeds of the [benefit concert](#) presented by Moon and Stars Project, The Society's arts & culture outfit, on November 13th. We would like to extend special thanks to:

- *Corporate Member Chadbourne & Parke LLP* for their \$10,000 contribution.
- *Corporate Member Herrick, Feinstein LLP* for making a donation and encouraging employees to make additional contributions to the campaign.
- Our long-time supporter **Dr. Mehmet Oz** for his personal contribution and [video appeal](#) to his viewers.
- All supporters of the November 13 [benefit concert](#), especially our sponsors **Turkish Cultural Foundation, The Marmara Manhattan, and Ramerica International**, whose contributions enabled ticket revenues to be donated to the Earthquake Fund.

The Earthquake Fund will support the following efforts in Turkey through [Turkish Philanthropy Funds](#):



KIZILAY (Turkish Red Crescent Society) is a humanitarian organization that provides relief to the vulnerable and those in need by mobilizing the power and resources of the community to protect human dignity anytime, anywhere, and support the enhancement of the community's capacity to cope with disasters. The first KIZILAY Teams started their works in the earthquake area almost two hours after the quake. The relief items have been deployed from the logistics centers of the KIZILAY spread all over Turkey. 121 KIZILAY staff and dozens of Volunteers are working uninterruptedly in the disaster area in order to meet the needs of the victims.

Project to be supported: Container houses for victims of the earthquake.



AKUT Search and Rescue Association, initially designed for mountaineering search and rescue, became well-known for its rapid, organized response to the Marmara quake in 1999, an effort that saved many hundreds of lives and showed that AKUT's disciplined approach to citizen volunteering was effective across a broad range of terrains. AKUT's response to the October 2011 Van earthquake has also been remarkable.

Project to be supported: Equipment to be used during search and rescue efforts.

If you wish to make a tax-deductible contribution to these and other earthquake relief efforts, you may continue to do so through the [Van Earthquake Relief Fund](#) of Turkish Philanthropy Funds.

Thank you

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