



A Box for a Friend! Friends to Friends-Çevre College Istanbul

Poverty and education are two global issues and although in Turkey and in many parts of the world people have developed ways to prevent poverty and provide better education, these two subjects together are very dangerous tools against society itself. Safe in the knowledge that our school has already been successfully involved in social projects that focused on helping students with disadvantaged backgrounds, our project this year is built upon 3 goals: “No Poverty”, “Quality education” and “Eliminating the Inequalities.”

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



This year a small group of 5th and 6th graders with the support of our friends from high school decided to try to change the world for the better through social action and personal development. Supported by our school board and all teachers and friends, we started working on a project called “A Box For A Friend”.

Major aims:

We chose the objective of this year’s project to be based on poverty and to try to make a difference in the lives of children from disadvantaged areas of East of Turkey. At the same time, we aimed to raise awareness, create a connection between schools and students, and to improve the quality of life and education of students in these areas and to generate funds which will later be donated to university students who come from a background where one or both parents have passed away.

Our objectives are :

- Breaking the cycle of poverty through education
- Getting our students and school involved in the community
- Increase diversity awareness that foster inclusion and develops non - discriminative learning environments for all students.

1 NO POVERTY



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



What we did:

- We collected boxes with necessary items and then took them to the schools in East of Turkey as New Year presents.
- We sold tickets for the New Year party
- We organized an auction of art work created by our students
- We participated in our school Spring Festival with a stand where we sold home made cakes and pastries and hand made items in order to raise money
- We organized a Sports Day where the highschool

students took the opportunity to sell activity tickets and healthy food

- We organized a Talent Night and we sold tickets and refreshments to the parents in order to raise money.





Our project helped around 200 children in Kahramanmaraş, east of Turkey. Additionally we have committed ourselves to assisting 36 university students in Istanbul for a period of 4 years- as long as they are integrated in the educational system.

We aim to continue our project on a yearly basis and try to increase the number of the children and students helped and focus even more on developing ways to support them.

We know that our project had a huge impact locally and we will try to get support by raising awareness and eventually find sponsors in the extended community as well.

During this project we worked on developing a strong network that can help us take further steps and help us develop strong team skills.

Raising awareness in our school and in the community helped us build up confidence and develop communication and language skills.

We have received very positive feedback and we have been supported by our school representatives, friends and families.

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Funds and donations:

We raised awareness of our project at school and raised 21000 TL. A part of the money has been used to buy food items for disadvantaged families of the students from the school we had already supported in Kahramanmaraş and the highest amount is being used to support 36 university students with difficult family backgrounds.

