

Social Responsibility/Charity Report

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In 2016 we decided to rename the Charity program to Social Responsibility. Social responsibility is an ethical framework that suggests an organization has an obligation to act for the benefit of society at large. "Charity" can be perceived as a one-way handout, whereas social responsibility is a concept that more appropriately matches IWI's program to support nonprofit/civil society organizations in Turkey. Our program to give money, time and expertise, allows our members to learn, understand and contribute to the community in which we live. Through these contributions we are sharing our values of equal opportunity for women and girls, caregiving for those in need, economic development, protection of women, prevention of domestic violence, and healthy development of children.

IWI Grantees June 2015-2016

HADD (Hisar Anatolian Support Society)

EUROPA DONNA

KADAV (Kadin Dayanisma - Women's Solidarity Foundation)

MOR ÇATI

SMALL PROJECTS ISTANBUL

BOMONTI FRANSIZ FAKRIHANESI

YORET VAKIF

DLD (Degisim Liderieri Dernegi - Change Leaders Association)

Benefits of Social Responsibility Partnerships with IWI

- Site visits
- Connection to IWI volunteers for project support/pro bono activities
- Support for fundraising and other special projects
- Keeping up with implementation of the project and activities
- Connecting volunteers
- In-depth issue-based features in Lale
- Professional photography of program and staff
- Education for the expat community around key issues and civil society response
- Updating information on the web/Facebook about developments
- IPWIN connections where appropriate
- Connection with @Carma (for those who have the capacity)
- Collection of material for Bomonti Kermes
- Coordination of participation in IWI welcome day and Christmas Bazaar
- Financial contributions

Accomplishments in 2015-2016

- A total of 75,000 TL was donated to nine registered Turkish nonprofit organizations
- We created a structure and process for proposal vetting, new process for grant giving launched last year; recruited another committee for vetting of new proposals for 2016-2017
- Established a Volunteer Coordinator position to work with the Social Responsibility Coordinator on helping manage the program and portfolio
- Created more accountability and closer communication with partner organizations
 - Through in-person communication/meetings/emails with with support of Volunteer Coordinator, results in technical support about their work, advice and connections
 - Increased communication with IW members about their activities through Facebook, at events (a video was produced at the Welcome Day) and online (established a charity section with volunteer information and links to websites on IWI web page)
- Made more in-depth, issue-specific information available through Lale articles
- Increased transparency about funding with members
- Created a Volunteer Database
 - Log of volunteer skills, availability and interests to match with organization needs
 - Matched 10 women to volunteer opportunities with different organizations
 - Used as a database for one off projects including volunteering for IWI events

Additional Support from IWI volunteers

- Creation of a social media platform and newsletter for HADD, other special help.
- Got HADD and DLD invited as partners in the G(irls)20 Summit, and organized discussion groups with members to be fed into a special report on girl's economic empowerment in Turkey
- Professional photos of the charities taken by members of the Photo Club
- Provided translation and editing support for several organizations including DLD, HADD and Europa Donna
- Recruited new international mentors among IWI's network to support DLD's girls mentorship program, and organized a special briefing with members about their activity
- Supported Small Projects Istanbul Women's Craft Collective through product promotion of crafts produced by Syrian women
- Found a volunteer to provide reading assistance for a visually impaired woman in Istanbul
- Additional resources provided to Bomonti Fransiz Fakhirhanesi to support the elderly and Small Projects Istanbul to support refugee families
- Created a Refugee Support resource group to direct relief projects to according organizations around Istanbul

How Donations Were Used by Grantees

Bomonti Fransiz Fakhirhanesi (Elder Care)

5,000 TL Donation

- The Little Sisters of the Poor. They depend entirely on donations. They organize two bazaars, which help their income and there are some entities providing contribution, but it is hard to maintain the home and their services because of their high costs – for the building, heating, electricity, water, hospital bills and employee wages.
- Last year the donation of IWI was 5.000 TL which we used to buy food for the elderly. This amount is very important for them because each and every month they have a “hard time to cover their usual costs and have to rely a lot on our efforts as well as our prayers.”
- Take care of 70 elderly (mostly) women
- 8 sisters from different nationalities and 24 employees



Europa Donna (Breast Cancer Prevention)

12,000 TL Donation

ED Patient Advocates' Training as 'future instructors' TTT - Teach The Teachers Project:

- Funding supported the 2014 –2015 Breast Cancer Awareness Project which was an extended scope of the 2013-2014 Breast Cancer Awareness Project at High Schools in and around Istanbul continued with the TTT- Teach The Teachers type of training of the already educated Breast Cancer advocates who were volunteers in the further training of their relevant neighborhood group of women and/or girls over 14+ years old.
- This project started in Ankara with groups of 20+ and continued through 2015 from January to December with a Summer break between June to September
- Funds were spent on training material, instructor travel and lodging, conference room rentals

DLD- Degisim Liderleri Dernegi (Girl's leadership)

9,500 TL Donation

- DLD organizes a unique and innovative eight-month experiential learning program that develops formalized leadership skills for young women through active participation in self-selected social change projects. It is the first of its kind in Turkey. Groups are conducted in Duzce, Izmit/Golcuk, and Izmir.
- The overall goal of the project was to enhance facilitator training

“DLD is pleased to report that, thanks in large part to the IWI grant, DLD has witnessed outstanding positive results of the enhanced facilitator training. For the first time in the history of the Sparks Program, almost all of the DLD facilitators are motivated to continue in the role next year. What's more, by request from Sparks' students, there will be three groups continuing on to a second year. This is a huge success!”

- Funds were used for professional trainers for the DLD facilitator trainings, new training subjects, on-site visits, and skype trainings
- As a result, DLD saw an overall improvement of the skills and abilities of Sparks Facilitators. The Sparks curriculum was revised, basic coaching skills were taught, and a social media network was created
- There was also an improvement in the overall skills and abilities of Sparks students (confidence, speaking skills, networking, etc)
- At the Girls 2.0 Summit, Marina Ficke and Jale Ergelen volunteered. DLD was also involved with the pro bono brainstorming session organized by Carma

HADD - Hisar Anatolian Support Society (Girl's Economic Development)

8,500 TL Contribution

- The IWI fund was allocated to hire 1 full-time teacher-advisor, Mrs. Rengin ZEBARI, for 1 year in Van. With this grant, HADD could cover a part of her monthly wage, SS premium and the transportation costs
- Altogether, 148 women, young women and children benefited from programs to provide educational assistance to the school girls and those who are carrying on with their scholarship via the open-education program in Turkey
- The teenagers who benefitted from educational support received a strong assistance and encouragement to carry on their education. This program contributed to improve their self- confidence in graduating and pursuing their scholarship. Even two of them were admitted to university, which stimulated the other attendants of the program and generated a dynamic process in the group.
- Thirty women living near two of the Social Centers attended to the literacy trainings. Those who successfully acquired basic literacy skills all received a certificate, which is the very first “diploma” they received in their life.



KADAV (Refugee Women Support Program)

8,700 TL Donation

- Four house visits were made in Gazi and Kanarya neighborhoods to conduct a preliminary study of Syrian women and their needs
- Decision was made to coordinate their work with Hayata Destek Dernegi in their Küçükçekmece Community Centes



- IWI funds were added to Hayata Destek Dernegi's funds to organize workshops and sessions for Syrian women attending the community center (i.e. Turkish language classes, handcrafts workshops, cooking workshops, sewing, dance workshops, etc)
- Success of these workshops were shown in the womens' feelings of a 'sisterhood' between them
- All activities were designed as a platform for sharing, rather than teaching
- Purpose of the project is to pursue communication through the community centre, but also to construct and strengthen a group of women who support each other
- Two IWI volunteers, Anette Fleck and Kristina Delgado were involved in the project. Anette joined with a house visit, and Kristina conducted some interviews

"We, as women in KADAV, would like to thank you for your solidarity. We felt that your support encouraged us at every step of our hard work." - Özgül Kaptan

Mavi Kalem (Women's Storytelling project)

8,000 TL Donation

- 21 stories were collected about the value of education for women and girls, editing is ongoing—the book is to be published in May/June
- IWI funds were used to reach 25 women in different parts of Istanbul
- Women felt encouraged to share their experiences in conversation, but not all agreed to having it being recorded for the purpose of a book
- The women, most of whom lacked a formal education, saw the importance of sharing their stories and struggles
- One IWI member participated in taking photos of the women, however this was not always possible as not all women (or their husbands) gave permission to use their photos in the book
- Photos of the organization and staff were also provided



Mor Cati (Domestic Violence Prevention)

10,050 TL Donation

- IWI funds were used to produce two brochures containing information about violence against women aimed at visually impaired women in Turkey so that women with disabilities can have information about their legal rights when facing violence
- 200 copies of each brochure were sent to the Disabled Women Association, who are now using these brochures as material in their workshops. 100 copies of each brochure will also be sent to organizations working with visually impaired people
- In regards to impact, the Disabled Women Association said they were useful to teach women about their legal rights

YORET (Support to At-risk children)

9,000 TL Donation

- SMART Project—Summer Arts Project has been organized yearly since 2007. The main goal of the project is to promote children's rights to both children and their parents, and to help develop non-violent language and attitudes
- The aim is for YORET to train adults and university students, who then work with children and their parents.
- Funds in 2015 were used to pay for the training of the counsellors and for some materials used during the project
- 20 university students from 8 different universities were accepted to the training program which took place in June 2015. The school selected was Prof. Dr Mustafa Zengin school in Maltepe, as many of the students at the school came from a socially disadvantaged neighborhood, with many families who had moved from eastern Turkey.
- Both parents of children at the school and the imam was informed about the program. The turnout was low at first but this increased daily.

Small Projects Istanbul (Support to Syrian Refugee Families)

4,250 TL Donation

- TL 4250 was provided by IWI—TL 1000 was spent on materials and equipment for the Olive Tree Women's Craft Collective (i.e. sewing machines, fabric, tools, etc).
- The rest of the funds went towards rent and classroom supplies for the Turkish and English language classes
- SPI now supports 200 Syrian refugees in Fatih through the education and livelihood projects. This number is growing weekly.
- IWI funds allowed SPI to continue education programs, as well as skills building and livelihood support initiative
- Point of contact from IWI was Kristina Delgado, and also Kristina Wilfore who helped with fundraising efforts, especially the IWI Christmas Market.

