



Aziz & Gwen Sancar Foundation

Aid to Earthquake Devastated Turkiye

The Aziz and Gwen Sancar Foundation a non-governmental organization headquartered in Chapel Hill, NC has announced its participation in a major fund raising effort to convey aid to the many in need following devastating earthquakes in southeastern Anatolia. The morning of February 6 saw two enormous seismic events bring death and destruction to a vast area near the Turkish-Syrian border. A temblor registering 7.8 on the Richter scale was followed nine hours later by one of 7.5 magnitude. As of Thursday afternoon thousands of buildings in southeastern Turkish cities had collapsed and the death toll on both sides of the border stood at more than 20,000 people. Thousands of seriously injured individuals have been pulled from the rubble. Hundreds of thousands are homeless amidst cold winter temperatures. The earthquake was said to be one of the strongest ever recorded in Turkiye.

The Aziz and Gwen Sancar Foundation, established in 2007 to further understanding of Turkiye and the Turkic peoples, has its offices in Chapel Hill, North Carolina at the Sancar Turkish Cultural and Community Center. The center also is the home base of the Bridge to Turkiye Fund (BTF), a charity that has mounted a major earthquake relief fund to which Sancar Foundation supporters are encouraged to contribute. BTF has been in existence for almost twenty-five years and is dedicated to bettering the lives of impoverished children and young adults throughout the country of Turkiye. To respond to this great tragedy individuals and organizations wishing to support earthquake relief efforts can do so by going to <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/bridge-to-turkiye/kahramanmaras-earthquake-relief-fund> or by contacting one of the individuals below.

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