

# **CAGDAS YASAMI DESTEKLEME DERNEGI (ASSOCIATION FOR THE SUPPORT OF CONTEMPORARY LIVING) 2012-2013 ACTIVITY REPORT**

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## 1. ACTIVITIES OF CYDD FOR THE PERIOD 2012-2013

### 2nd Türkan Saylan Art and Science Awards

In 2011 we have started to give on the anniversary of her passing away "Türkan Saylan Art and Science Awards" to people who will create art and science projects that will carry her perception of life to the future.

The topics for the **2. Türkan Saylan Art and Science Competition** announced in 2011 were "Education and Child" in the field of caricature and "Teaching Literature in Elementary Schools" in the science field. The awards were given on May 18th 2012 during the Türkan Saylan commemoration activities that took place in Fulya Cultural Center. The award for caricature went to Asuman Küçükkantarçılar and Ergül Aktaş. There was no science project that was worthy of the award.

The topics for the **3. Türkan Saylan Art and Science Competition** to be awarded in 2013 is "Short story" in the field of art and in the field of scientific research is "The importance and function of Non-Profit organizations in Democracies".

### Conferences and Fairs

-We took part in **TUYAP Book Fair**

-We organized the "Fight for violence against women Panel" on World Women Day.

-"**Çağdaş Yaşam Discusses the New Constitution**" symposium on Saturday Feb 25th, 2012 in Kadir Has University was realized with a big audience.

Topics of the symposium: Definition of citizenship, Secularism and freedom of religion, Educational rights in the light of contemporary human rights, Balance and brake mechanisms in the constitution.

Participating Law Professors: **Prof. Dr. Metin Feyzioğlu** (Ankara University teaching professor and president of the Ankara Bar), **Prof. Dr. Oktay Uygun** (Maltepe University Dean of Law Faculty), **Prof. Dr. Bahadır Erdem** (İstanbul University teacher of Law Faculty) **Prof. Dr. Burhan Şenatalar** (Bilgi University) **Prof. Dr. Sultan Uzeltürk** (Yeditepe University Professor of Constitutional Law), **Prof. Dr. İştah Gözaydın** (Doğuş University faculty of Law), **Prof. Dr. Nuray Ekşi** (Kültür University), **Yrd. Doç. Dr. Selda Çağlar** (Trakya University Assistant professor of Constitutional Law), **Yrd. Doç. Dr. Olgun Akbulut** (Kadir Has University Assistant professor of Constitutional Law), **Prof. Dr. İbrahim Kaboğlu** (Marmara University professor of Constitutional Law), **Prof. Dr. Bertil Emrah Oder** (Koç University Dean of Law faculty), **Prof. Dr. Ersin Kalaycıoğlu** (Sabancı University).

A **Declaration of Conclusion** covering the subjects of all the participants was published at the end of the symposium.

## Publications:

### “Thanks to my mother”

With the support of a sponsor publishing company, ÇYDD is preparing for publication the book “Thanks to My mother” drawn up with the photographs and letters of Ms Delizia Flaccavento. Letters of girls from Anatolia who are sent to school by the support and trust of their families and photographs showing the hardships thus encountered will be the subject of the book. The revenues from the book fully sponsored by volunteers will be used to fund scholarships for girls.

### Türkan Saylan Art and Science Awards – Caricature competition

#### “Child and Education ” 2012

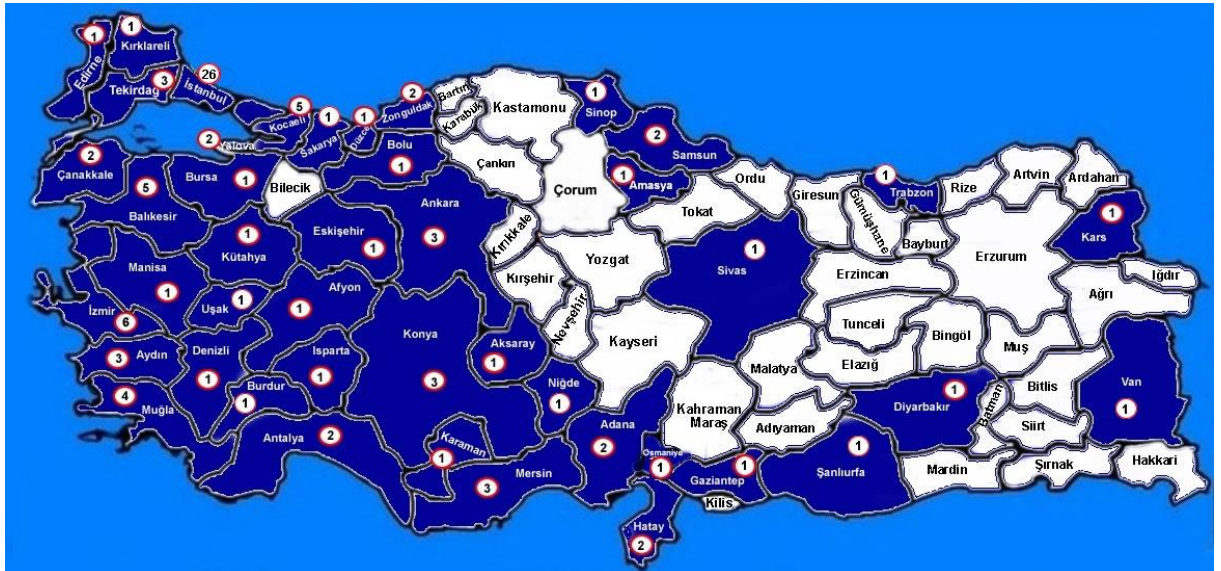
The book is made up of selected caricatures which have participated the 2nd Türkan Saylan Art and Science Awards – Caricature competition in 2012.

### Infrastructure Development for ÇYDD

- The new “scholarship software” installed with the donations of one of our corporate sponsors was activated.
- ÇYDD general website is renewed. The English version of the new website is in operation thanks to employees of one of our corporate sponsors who have greatly helped with its translation and ÇYDD volunteers from the headquarters.
- During 2012-2013, within the scope of institutional development project, 66 trainings in different fields were realized; 1460 people profited from same. Two internal training teams started to work in the field with different ÇYDD branches..

## 2. OUR BRANCHES AND MEMBERS

Our Association has 102 branches, 26 of which are in İstanbul and 14 626 members.



### 3. OUR PROJECTS

#### “You Can Light a Candle Too” University Scholarship Project

Since 1995, we have given scholarships to university students who have been accepted to universities but lack the financial means to continue their education. These scholarships help cover their schooling fees, accommodation costs, book and food expenses. The scholarships are financed by individual and corporate donors. The Association also organizes various socio-cultural events and various trainings to contribute to the personal and career development of those students who receive scholarships and various full time or part time job opportunities are announced when available.

**With this project a total of 62,497 university students have received scholarships.**

**During the 2012– 2013 period, the Headquarters and the Branches have provided 8,837 university students with scholarships**





During the 2012 – 2013 period, our Headquarters and Branches have given a total of 12,804 scholarships in the elementary and intermediate education systems .

We have also given scholarships to 2,472 girls who had received scholarships from the “Snowdrops” project and moved on to university.



Number of girls receiving scholarship for elementary and secondary education; distributed according to cities.

- “**Mentorship**” project (2012-2015) sponsored by a private Foundation for 3 years and aiming to bring together prior CYDD scholarship graduates with a minimum of 3 years work experience with CYDD scholarship (sophomore /junior /senior years) university students was initiated with 6 CYDD branches and 20 mentor and mentii pairs and completed its first year.The program was devised specially for CYDD and trainings were given to both parties.  
Program will continue with increasing number of students and branches and will eventually evolve into e-mentoring which will benefit all CYDD university scholarship students.
- ICF Turkey (Association for International Professional Coaching) continued to give “life coach”ing support to scholarship university students.

## Schools and Dormitories Projects

Realised during 2012-2013 school year

- Construction of **Daddy Send me to School Trabzon Dormitory for Girls** in Trabzon was completed. Dormitory housed its first girls during 2012-2013 school year.
- **Çağdaş Yaşam Üşümüş Village Elementary School**, a two-classroom village school was constructed in Üşümüş village of Manisa With contributions of Bell Holding to the **Daddy Send me to School Project**. School was opened on October 1,2012 with the participation of representatives Bell Holding, Doğan Gazetecilik and ÇYDD.

- **Çağdaş Yaşam Leyla Akçağlılar Dormitory for Girls** was opened in Bursa on May 11,2012.The dorm will be run by ÇYDD bursa Branch and will accommodate 105 girls.
- Construction of a new girls' dormitory to accomodate 100 girls in Ordu-Fatsa continued and it is targeted to be operational for the 2013-2014 school year.
- Şanlıurfa-Siverek Çağdaş Yaşam Türkan Saylan Anadolu Girls Highschool, the construction of which began in 2010 commenced education in September 2012.

### **Preschooler Classrooms and Playgrounds Project**

The aim for our "Preschooler Classrooms and Playgrounds Project" continuing since the year 1997 is to have at least one preschooler classroom opened in all of elementary schools in Turkey.

**During the period 2012-2013, 11 preschooler classrooms and 1 playground have been furnished. Until today, 5 preschools were constructed,762 preschooler classrooms have been furnished and 557 playgrounds have been made with the support of many individuals and companies.**

#### **Preschooler classrooms furnished in 2012 – 2013:**

1	Van	Center	Toki Kevenli Elementary School
2	Kocaeli	Gebze	Cumhuriyet Elementary School
3	İstanbul	Beyoğlu	Cemal Artüz Elementary School
4	Şanlıurfa	Siverek	Faydalı Village Elementary School
5	Balıkesir		Gaziosmanpaşa Elementary School
6	Van	Center	Dibekli Village Elementary School
7	Van	Erciş	Gözütok Banu Girls' Elementary School
8	Van	Erciş	Çelebibağı ÇPL Application classroom
9	Van	Erciş	Çetintaş Elementary School
10	Van	Center	Pirgarip Elementary School
11	Van	Center	Erek Toki Elementary School

We have also sent equipment and toys to 4 preschools during 2012-2013

We also supplied equipment to the schools below:

1	Van	Center	Toki Kevenli Elementary School (playground)
2	Muş	Bulanık	Bulanık Preschool (Toys)
3	Kocaeli	Gebze	Cumhuriyet Elementary School (projector)
4	Şanlıurfa	Siverek	Faydalı Köy Elementary School (printer)
5	İstanbul	Beyoğlu	Cemal Artüz Elementary School (special education classroom equipment)

### **YİBO (Boarding Elementary Schools) Refurbishing Project**

This project in operation since 2001 aims to refurbish the Boarding Elementary Schools where children coming from villages and rural areas far away from the city attend school in order to complete their compulsory elementary education. Under the scope of this project, various requirements of a total of **117 YİBO** have been met.

#### **YİBO's supported during 2012-2013 school year**

Stationery and school supplies were sent to 100 students of Van – Çaldıran Fatih Sultan Mehmet Boarding School for Girls by Hilton employees.

Hilton employees organized a cultural city and museum tour for the students of İstanbul – Arnavutköy Şehit Gürdal Çavuş Boarding School.

### **Project for Establishing Libraries**

**Under the scope of the project “May a Thousand Flowers Bloom, a Thousand Ideas Sprout” books were sent to 18 schools, 4 fully equipped libraries were set up and 14 schools also received 14 bookshelves with books during the period 2012-2013.**

**Since the beginning of the project, a total of 1234 village schools, elementary schools, high schools, boarding elementary schools, public libraries, prison etc. have been provided with books, book shelves and other related furnishing material and 24 fully equipped libraries were set up.**

#### **Schools supported during 2012-2013 under the scope of the project.**

1	Van	Center	Toki Kevenli Elementary School (fully equipped library)
2	İstanbul	Bahçelievler	Yayla Elementary School (fully equipped library)
3	İzmit	Yenidoğan	Ziya Gökalp Elementary School (fully equipped library)
4	Balıkesir	Ayvalık	Mehmet Akif Ersoy Secondary School (fully equipped library)
5	Batman	Beşiri	Tekağaç Elementary School (books, bookshelf)
6	Ordu	Fatsa	Toki Elementary School (books, bookshelf)

7	Şanlıurfa	Birecik	Ayran Kasabası Atatürk Elementary School (books, bookshelf)
8	Bursa	Nilüfer	ÇY Ayşe Leyla Akçağlılar Girls' dormitory (books, bookshelf)
9	Kastamonu	Küre	Mehmet Akif Ersoy Elementary School (books, bookshelf)
10	Bursa	Yıldırım	Karapınar Elementary School (books, bookshelf)
11	Nevşehir	Derinkuyu	Fatih Elementary School (books, bookshelf)
12	Ağrı	Patnos	Vali Yusuf Yavaşcan Elementary School (books, bookshelf)
13	Erzurum	Hınıs	Ovakozlu Elementary School (books, bookshelf)
14	Diyarbakır	Dicle	Dicle Fatih Elementary School (books, bookshelf)

15	Elazığ	Kovancılar	Şehit Raşit Ercan Elementary School (books, bookshelf)
16	Sivas	Suşehri	Toki Köseadağ Elementary School (books, bookshelf)
17	Mardin	Kızıltepe	Dicle Elementary School (books, bookshelf)
18	İstanbul	Maltepe	İsmet Kuralkan Elementary School (books, bookshelf)

### **There is a School Out There Project**

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With the "There is a School out There Project", the requirements such as building, maintenance, repairs, additional classrooms, computers, and clothing, shoes and stationary for the students are being provided to schools especially in the rural areas.

Since 2005, this project is being run with the help of the CYDD web site [www.oradabirokulvar.org](http://www.oradabirokulvar.org).

**During the 2012-2013 activity period, various requirements of 27 schools such as boots, coats, stationery, projectors, computers, printers have been supplied.**



### Schools supported during 2012-2013 school Year

	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>EQUIPMENT</b>
1	Kayaboğaz Elementary School	Van - Çatak	2 laptops boots and socks for 100 students
2	Mermer Bucağı Elementary School	Sur - Diyarbakır	60 school bags
3	Ekmekçiler Elementary School	Center- Siirt	100 school bags
4	Sıla Elementary School	Nusaybin-Mardin	300 school bags
5	Uluşar Zincirli Elementary School	Muradiye - Van	1 photocopy machine
6	Düzköy Elementary School	Borçka - Artvin	1 photocopy machine
7	Mollaahmet Elementary School	Horasan-Erzurum	1 photocopy machine
8	Yıldırım Kemalbey Elementary School	Konak - İzmir	250 school bags
9	Bağrıbutün Elementary School	Kızıltepe - Mardin	Atatürk corner
10	Şehit Çavuş Selçuk Gural Boarding Secondary School	Arnavutköy - İstanbul	sports equipment
11	Dargeçit Sümer Secondary School	Dargeçit - Mardin	Painting equipment,10 bağlama,5 guitars
12	Boyunlu Secondary School	Silvan - Diyarbakır	stationery
13	Karagöl Secondary School	Pazarcık - Kahramanmaraş	stationery
14	Değirmenköy Köşk Village Elementary school	Güroymak - Bitlis	50 boots
15	Değirmendere Atatürk Secondary school	Gölcük - Kocaeli	Second hand laptop wc cleaning supplies
16	Çermik Girls Technical and vocational School	Çermik - Diyarbakır	320 boots
17	Oğuz Yavuz Elementary School	Beşiri - Batman	35 boots 5 packages of stationery
18	Kırkmağara Elementary School	Center -Şanlıurfa	100 boots
19	Yenimahalle Elementary School	İzmit - Kocaeli	Flooring for gym
20	Dedeli Sebahattin Yıldız Elementary School	Patnos - Ağrı	4 packages of stationery
21	Kepir Elementary School	Saray - Van	5 packages of stationery
22	Ceylan Elementary School	Silopi - Şırnak	3 packages of notebooks
23	Mehmet Akif Ersoy Elementary School	Büyükçekmece - İstanbul	WC cleaning supplies
24	Ekmekçiler Elementary School	Center - Siirt	12 training suits and gym shoes
25	Keçeli ve Kilimli Village schools	Hizan - Bitlis	28 boots
26	Yumruklu Elementary School	Özalp-Van	Stationery,toys and photocopy machine toner
27	Saime Özçürümez Elementary School	Tarsus - Mersin	Atatürk center

## **4.CHILDREN'S CLUB**

Our Association has established since 1992 "Children's Clubs" with the help of our branches. These clubs are mainly designed to help improve children's cultural and social abilities, creating an environment where they can develop their individual talents, and improve their skills, while helping them grow up to be the sensitive and aware people of the future.

### **Türkan Saylan Children's Festival**

4th Türkan Saylan Children's Festival took place on 3-4 May 2012 at Ataköy Yunus Emre Cultural Center. During the festivities, children attended origami, music, costume, masks workshops. Ballet and theater shows, music concerts, talks with writers were part of the program. All activities were free and at the end of the festivities, children given books as presents.

### **Childrens' Books Week and Childrens' Rights Day Activities**

This year children exchanged the books they have read and were informed about children's rights.

### **World Theater Day Activity**

Our Kadıköy and Küçükçekmece branches had short plays performed for the children on March 24. Valuable players Şebnem Sönmez and Tarık Şerbetcioğlu talked with the children about theater.

## **5. Contemporary Youth Unit Activities**

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Our aim is to use the youth potential to take part in the activities of the association both actively and intellectually.

Our principles:

1. Volunteerism
2. Leadership
3. Productivity
4. Being role models as humans
5. to be a part of the solution and not the problem
6. to be "us" and not "me"
7. to implement the saying "cannot have ideas without knowledge"
8. to stand up with dedication and effort against all hardships in life
9. to overcome the impossible
10. to show respect to art and artists

The youth unit is a group with 3500 active members working in 65 branches.

Two major activities held under the scope of youth activities are Youth Assemblies and Youth Camps:

1. **CYDD Youth Assembly:** This Assembly program continuing for 14 years is held every May

-**16th Youth assembly** referred to as Turkan Saylan Youth Assembly was held on May 11-12-13 in Yalova, with attendance of 178 members from 69 branches. The subject was "Direction of Turkey and ÇYDD youth"

2. **CYDD Youth Summer Camp:** The CYDD Youth Summer Camp held this year in Alanya in September was attended by 100 youth. During the summer camp activities were held, the presentations and the projects prepared were discussed and made ready for implementation. Along with the training sessions, participants prepared and performed plays and concerts.

#### **Our Projects:**

- Starfish project
- Youth that questions Project
- Fun in the village
- Hi the new one in the campus project
- Mentorship project
- Education units
- Communication