

## TOG - Community Volunteers Foundation

Community Volunteers Foundation (CVF) is established in December 2002. Since its foundation CVF has reached 12.000 young volunteers and 500+ adult volunteers. CVF has realized more than 800 local and national projects, has provided 595 trainings to its volunteers, opened 4 Youth Service Centers and 3 Local Coordination Centers, and provides 397 university students with scholarships with the active participation of young volunteers and assistance of adult volunteers.

WEBSITE: <http://www.tog.org.tr>

PDF (English): <http://www.tog.org.tr/communityvolunteers.pdf>

### Vision:

Realization of social peace, solidarity and change through the participation and leadership of the youth.

### Reason:

In Turkey, civil society is not as active as in western countries. The alternative voice raised by civil society is not yet fully accepted as legitimate in Turkey. Youth is evaluated as "irresponsible and untrustworthy". CVF aims to change this inaccurate prejudice and pave the way to young volunteers. CVF believes that given the opportunity, the youth is capable of taking responsibilities. According to the State Institute of Statistics (SIS), the population of young people aged 17-24 years is almost 20% of the total population of Turkey.

### Purpose:

To mobilize young people towards social responsibility projects and enhance democratic participation.

To contribute in the formation of a youth with social awareness and self-esteem.

To develop and realize various social service projects and to transform the energy of youth toward social benefit.