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Sayın Müttevelli Heyet Üyelerimiz,
Sevgili Bord Okulları Mezunlarımız...

Bu mesajımı sizlere uçaktan, SEV'in Özel Gaziantep Hemşirelik Okulu'nun açılışını yaptıktan sonra İstanbul'a dönerken yazıyorum. Vakıf Yönetim Kurulu'ndaki arkadaşlarım ile birlikte ufak çapta bir mucizeyi, yeni bir eğitim kurumunu hayata geçirmeyi, gerçekleştirmiş olmanın mutluluğunu yaşıyoruz. Bu mutluluğumuzu sizlerle de bir iki cümle ile paylaşmak istedim.

Bundan yaklaşık bir yıl ewel Gaziantep Amerikan Hastanesi ile ilişkili bir hemşirelik okulu açmak fikri SEV Yönetim Kurulu'nda ilk kez ortaya atıldığında tatlı bir hayal idi. Bir yıldan kısa bir sürede bunu gerçekleştirmiş olmamız, kararlılık ve inanç ile hareket edildiğinde neler yapılabileceğini ispatlamıştır.

Metruk durumdaki lojman binasının restorasyon projelerini hazırlatmak, Adana Anıtlar Kurulu'ndan onay almak, "okul açma" izni ile "eğitime başlama" izinlerini elde etmek önemli gayretler ve mücadeleler gerektirdi. İnşaatin maliyeti ve okulun tefrişi için SEV'in öz kaynaklarının yanında Gaziantep Amerikan Hastanesi'nde görev yapmış ve ABD'de emekli olmuş dostların, Amerikan Bord Heyeti'nin, İzmir ile Üsküdar ve Tarsus okullarımızın ve özellikle SEV-Sağlık Merkez Kurulu'nda görev yapan Sayın Sevim Öztahtacı (ÜAA '59), Sayın Hasan Ersoy ile Sayın Cahit Koyuncugil'in önderliğindeki Gaziantepli dostlarımızdan önemli katkılar aldık. Hepsine buradan bir kez daha teşekkür ederim.

Başarımız bizlere yeni atılımlar yapmak cesareti vermektedir. Bu atılımlar özellikle kurmayı düşündüğümüz ilkokullar, Ankara'da yeni bir okul kampüsü ve SEV Üniversitesi fikridir. Sizleri de bu atılımlara destek vermeye çağırıyorum.

Saygılarımla,

Yaşar Yaşer (TAC '51)
Sağlık ve Eğitim Vakfı
Yönetim Kurulu Başkanı

Our Dear Trustees,
and the Board Schools Graduates...

I am writing to you this message from the airplane, on the way to İstanbul following the opening of the SEV's Gaziantep Nursing School. With my colleagues at the Sev Board of Directors, we have realized a small scale miracle and we are delighted with the thought of having brought to life a new educational institution. I wanted to share our happiness with you, as well.

When the idea to open a nursing school in conjunction with the Gaziantep American Hospital was first suggested at the SEV Board of Directors, it was a nice dream. To have realized this within less than a year indicates what can be possible if there is resoluteness and faith.



The preparation of the restoration projects, their approval at the Adana Historic Buildings Council, to obtain the permission "to open school" and permission "to start education" required major efforts and struggle. In addition to SEV's financial resources, we have received important donations from the friends and former employees of the Gaziantep American Hospital who have now retired in the USA, from the American Board, from our İzmir and Üsküdar and Tarsus Schools, and especially from our friends at Gaziantep led by the SEV-Health Management Council members Mrs. Sevim Öztahtacı (ÜAA '59), Mr. Hasan Ersoy and Mr. Cahit Koyuncugil. I would like to thank them all once again from here.

Our success encourages us to take new steps forward. Among these initiatives are our primary schools project, a new campus for Ankara, and the idea of SEV University. I appeal to you to give support to SEV's new initiatives.

Respectfully ,

Yaşar Yaşer (TAC '51)
Health and Education Foundation
Chairman of the Board of Directors

Gaziantep Hemşirelik Okulu Açılırken

Amerikan Board Heyetinin Türkiye'de eğitim ve sağlık alanında 1800'li yıllardan bu yana verdiği hizmetler her zaman övgüye değer nitelikte olmuştur. Amerikan Board'a bağlı okullardan yetişen demokrat, yurtsever, laik ve Mustafa Kemal Atatürk'ün kurduğu Cumhuriyetin tüm ilkelerine sadık yüzlerce mezun bugün özel sektörde ve kamu kuruluşlarında, büyük bir inançla, ülkelerine hizmet etmektedirler.

Sağlık hizmeti alanında özellikle Gaziantep Amerikan Hastanesinin I. Dünya Savaşı sırasında Dr. Shepard'ın öncülüğünde yaralı Türk askerlerine verdiği hizmetler, yöre halkının ve köylerinin ayağına götürülen sağlık çalışmaları İmparatorluğun ve genç Cumhuriyetin tarihinde çok önemli bir yer tutar. Toplumsal gelişmeler, yönetim tekniğindeki yenilikler ve kurumsal gereksinimler okulların ve sağlık hizmetlerinin yeniden ele alınmasını ve yeni bir model kurulmasını zorunlu kıldı. Eğitim ve sağlık hizmetlerinin daha çağdaş bir biçimde verilmesi ve bu kurumların üzerinde bulunduğu arsaların mülkiyet sorunlarını çözmek üzere bir vakıf kurulması gündeme geldi ve 1968 yılında Anna Edmonds ile birlikte Sağlık ve Eğitim Vakfının (SEV) kuruluşunu gerçekleştirdik. Bu bağlamda tüm kurumlarının taşınmaz mülkiyetini SEV olarak devir aldık, kurumlar üzerinde belli bir disiplin sağlayarak verilen hizmetlerin sürekli denetimini ve yenilenmesini sağladık. Bugün öğrenerek şunu söyleyebiliriz ki Türkiye'de eğitim ve sağlık hizmetlerini, birlikte ve başarı ile, yürüten en önemli vakıfların başında SEV gelmektedir.

1968 yılında SEV'i kurarken, bir gün Türkiye'nin sağlık sorunlarına katkıda bulunmak için, Gaziantep'de bir Hemşirelik Okulu açabileceğimiz hiç aklıma gelmemiştir.

Vakıf Yönetim Kurulunun ve Vakıf çalışanlarının azimleri sonunda bunun gerçekleştiğini görmek gerçekten büyük bir mutluluktu.

25 Eylül 1995 sabahı güneşli bir Gaziantep sabahında, tüm yerel yöneticilerin hazır bulunduğu bir törende pırıl pırıl genç kızlarımızın, yeni bir dünyanın kapısını aralarken, duydukları heyecan bu vakfa katkıda bulunanların tümünün heyecanını yansıtıyordu.

Mutluyduk, çünkü Türkiye'nin doğu ve güneydoğudaki hemşire ihtiyacını karşılayacak önemli bir okulu açıyorduk. Gaziantep Hemşirelik Okulu'nun önemi sadece doğunun ve güneydoğunun genç kızlarına bir eğitim hizmeti verecek olmasında değildi. Bu okulda Orta Asya'nın Türk Cumhuriyetlerinden gelen genç kızlar da eğitim görecekti. Bu yıl iki Kırgız kızımız bu önemli süreci başlattı. Seneye diğer Cumhuriyetlerden gelen öğrencilerle birlikte Gaziantep Hemşirelik Okulumuz uluslararası bir nitelik kazanacak. Bu okul aracılığı ile Gaziantep'in Orta Asya Türk Cumhuriyetleri ile ekonomik ve sosyal bağlar kurabileceğine yürekten inanıyorum.

Bu okulun açılışı SEV'in neler yapacak güçte bir vakıf olduğunun kanıtıdır. Mezunlarımızın, bu amaçlara yönelik hizmetler vermek isteyen dostlarımızın yardımlarına ihtiyacımız açık. Gelin dostlarımız bir olalım. Yeni ve güçlü bir Türkiye'nin yaratılmasına katkıda bulunmak için omuz omuza soluklu ve kalıcı bir çalışmayı başlatalım ve Türkiye halkına yeni okullar, yeni hizmetler götürelim.

Talas, Tarsus, Üsküdar ve İzmir mezunlarımızın bunu ve daha fazlasını yapacak güçte olduğuna yürekten inanıyorum.

Dr. Engin Ünsal (TAC '55)
Sağlık ve Eğitim Vakfı
Yönetim Kurulu Başkan Vekili

The Gaziantep Nursing School Opens

The American Board's educational and health services in Turkey since 1800's have always been worth praising. The hundreds of American Board School graduates, democratic, patriotic, secular and loyal to the principles of Atatürk's Republic, are serving their country with great belief and confidence in private or public institutions.

During the I. World War, especially at the Gaziantep American Hospital under the management of Dr. Shepard health services were given to the wounded soldiers, to the community and to the village people. This had an important image in the history of the Empire and the new Republic.

The social developments, the changes in the management technics and the institutional needs made it compulsory for the schools to go over their health programs and set up a new model. In order to have more contemporary education and health services and to solve the ownership problems of the school lands the idea to establish a Foundation came up. Mrs. Anna Edmonds and I established the Health and Education Foundation (SEV) in 1968. The ownership of the properties was transferred to SEV, and we continuously supervised and renewed the institutions' programs. Today, we can be proud of ourselves and can say that among the foundations providing successful education and health services in Turkey, SEV comes the first.

As we established SEV in 1968 I never thought of opening a Nursing School in Gaziantep in order to solve the health problems in Turkey.

It was a great pleasure to see it come true with the determination of Board of Directors and members of the Foundation.

On a sunny Gaziantep morning on Sept. 25th 1995 in the ceremony where all the local administrators were present, the enthusiasm of our bright girls as they opened the door to a new world, reflected the excitement of all people who contributed to this Foundation.

We were happy, because it was the opening of an important school to meet the nursing needs of the East and Southeast of Turkey. The importance of the Gaziantep Nursing School is that it provides educational service not only for the young girls from Eastern and Southeastern Turkey but also for students from the Turkic Republics in Central Asia. Two Kirghiz girls started this important program this year. Next year when new students come from other Republics, the Gaziantep Nursing School will become international. I sincerely believe that Gaziantep will set up economical and social relations with Central Asia Turkish Republics by way of this school.

The opening of this school is an evidence of what SEV can do as a Foundation. We are open to our graduates' and friends' help who want to contribute for this goal. Friends' lets all come together, work hand in hand and start a lasting service, open new schools, give new services to create a new and strong Turkey.

I sincerely believe that Talas, Tarsus, Üsküdar and İzmir graduates have the power and strength to accomplish this and the others.

Dr. Engin Ünsal (TAC '55)
Health and Education Foundation
Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors



On September 25, 1995 the private Nursing School affiliated with the Gaziantep American Hospital was officially opened. Dr. Hüseyin Ali Turgay, the Medical Director of the Hospital, Yaşar Yaşar, the Chairman of the SEV Board of Directors, Dr. Mehmet Özden, the General Director of Health Education of the Ministry of Health, Mr. Ahmet İnce, the General Director of Private Schools of Ministry of Education, Mr. Muammer Gülen, the Governor of Gaziantep, Mr. Celal Doğan, the Mayor of Gaziantep the Great City Municipality, and Mrs. Gülsevim Çeviker, the Director of the Amiral Bristol Nursing School gave speeches to a garden full of guests before the ribbon was cut and the building was opened for tours. The opening concluded with an inspiring lesson for the students by our "sister" school director, Mrs. Çeviker. The first term began the following day and there are now 24 nursing students attending classes. We also have 2 Kirgiz girls attending Turkish classes before they will be able to begin nursing education next fall. They are learning quickly and enjoying getting to know the other students.

The school garden was given a quick clean up as the construction neared completion and we are enjoying lovely fall days in the shady, green garden. In the first semester required courses such as Biochemistry, Anatomy, Microbiology and Nursing Techniques and Principles are taught and we have added 3 hours a week of English. We are making preparations now for the clinical practice sites in the American Hospital and other local hospitals to begin in the spring semester.

We have begun a collection of available Turkish nursing and medical textbooks and reference books for the library. In the future we hope to also build a video computer assisted instruction library.

Sheryl Jackson
Director of Gaziantep Nursing School



A Nostalgic Reunion at Talas

There have been many words written about the reunion at Talas in June. For many of us it was a most heartwarming event, and the singing of old songs -something few of us do at all any more- was very special for me. Only a few weeks later, many of us gathered at Tesvikiye Camii for the funeral of Orhan Bakkaloğlu, whose presence with us at Talas was among the last efforts of his brief life. I was reminded of that song we sang together, "I Would Be True", because so many of the alumni who attended the reunion were touched by it, and because it is a fitting way to remember Orhan, and other friends from years ago.

"I Would Be True" was written by Howard Walter, a young man whose life experience parallels mine in many ways. He was sent out by the American Board right after he finished college. His work was with Moslem students in what is now Pakistan, and he wrote the song (which he titled "My Creed") out of his experience working with those boys. And his is one of the few statements I know which holds laughter to be a high virtue, a sentiment which I wholeheartedly share.

I would be true, for there are those
who trust me.
I would be pure, for there are those
who care.
I would be strong, for there is much
to suffer.
I would be brave, for there is much to
dare.

I would be friend of all-the foe, the
friendless.
I would be giving, and forget the gift.
I would be humble, for I know my
weakness.
I would look up, and laugh, and love,
and lift.

May that spirit, which we knew at Talas,
enable us all to look up, and laugh,
and love, and lift.

Alan McCain
General Secretary of American Board



A Message from the SEV Educational Adviser

Although 'good' schools (and by definition, 'good' teachers) quite dislike the present overwhelming concentration on successful university placements, by both parents and students, it has to be recognized that this is their Number One priority and that we must do what we can to bring this 'happy ending' about.

We must also come to terms with the new realities of our Schools as regards their boy and girl relationships, their discipline patterns and behavioral expectations, and their occasionally awkward efforts to match international and local educational standards. Any interested party - graduate, parent, teacher, student, staff member, trustee, et al - can easily add a few other areas of general interest and/or concern to the abovementioned. It is a time of moral, ethical, and cultural confusion, and schools can do no more than reflect the realities of those societies in which they exist. Still, unlike the larger, more intimidating and more public arenas, we can -in our schools- offer a forum for discussion and debate that might help us learn from our own policies and efforts. We want, of course, what is best for our students, and so does every other member of 'the family', but this good intention may not always be understood, accepted, or approved by and or all of the concerned groups.

The answer, therefore, lies in our sharing a basic trust and in our sticking together to achieve our goals. To do so, we need to listen to and 'hear' each other, with open minds, so that we can work out what is best for those currently in our charge in a spirit of cooperation and compromise. Education, these days, is far too important to be left to the schools alone; the parents, graduates, and friends must also pitch in -in whatever ways they can- to bring about the happiest of endings.

It shapes up as a challenging year. May we be up to it.

John Chalfant

Dear Graduates,

I am delighted to be able to write to you by way of this excellent newsletter which is being published a new by SEV for School Board graduates. This publication is positive proof of the determination of SEV to maintain good communication with their most treasured asset, you, the graduates.

You are our best public relations agents, our finest advertisement. You embody all that is best about our schools and the education that you received there. You are, moreover, individuals all of great integrity, status and reputation in Turkey. Every time you exhibit your own talents, every time you achieve, every success you enjoy redounds to your schools and teachers as well. We are the grateful beneficiaries of the fruit of your labor.

Thank you for being who you are and for your ongoing support of Tarsus American College and the other Board Schools.

With every best wish,

Richard C. Conrath
Director of Tarsus American College

On the occasion of the publication of the first SEV Newsletter, I'm pleased to extend greetings to the Alumnae of the American Board Schools in Turkey. During my first two years at Üsküdar, I have been most impressed with the affection and love shown by the graduates to their school. Many alumnae have said that their education at ÜAA has been the most significant event in their lives. As we approach a new century, it is extremely important that alumnae give full support to the schools so that more generations of Turkish youth receive the same quality of education as offered to you.

Best Wishes,

John Heard
Director of Üsküdar American Academy

ACI's faculty, staff, and students continue to bask in the glow of at least four recent, positive developments in the life of our school. 1) Last May the newspaper Yeni Yüzyıl published the results of research conducted in 68 schools in Turkey, a study which attempted to measure quality in those schools. Overall, ACI was assessed as different indices of such quality, ACI was first when students in the schools studied were asked about teachers, responsiveness to their questions, and first when they were asked about guidance in preparation for universities. "Parents' evaluations" of ACI also placed ACI as =1. 2) The percentage of Class of '95 students (ACI's third co-ed graduating class) now in universities in Turkey or abroad is 95%. 3) The new Faculty members joining us in 1994 and 1995 are a particularly able and experienced group. The fact that we have had fewer openings than in recent years is a measure of ACI's return to stability in its teaching corps. 4) Finally, ACI is now completely debt-free, with a balanced budget last year and one projected for the current year. Our school has also developed a modest endowment, which we expect to increase threefold by the year 2000.

This year's Hazırlık class is significantly stronger in measured aptitude than the Prep groups of the two previous years. The ACI curriculum in English is now taught with an increasingly coherent pedagogy: "whole language" as the focus of the Orta program, and "writing process" the prevailing approach in the Lise years.

Visitors to the ACI campus now see a modern new library, with contemporary media resources actively used by teachers and students. The library and major academic buildings are part of a newly installed campus computer network. ACI has just acquired its own E-mail/Internet line, having enjoyed for the past two years the valued support (and shared E-mail line) of Ege University. ACI's beautifully green campus now has handsome new walks, making daily cleaning of our buildings much easier than could be the case with the earlier paths made of gravel and dirt. Groundbreaking will soon take place for a new Foreign Faculty Residence Building.

We encourage ACI graduates (and all other SEV-institutions friends) to visit us. You will always be welcome.

T. Douglas Stenberg
Director of Izmir American Collegiate Institute