WHO ARE WE?

❖ Caddebostan Rotary Club of the District 2420 is one of the young and dynamic clubs that has undertaken many community services since its foundation in 2008.

❖ With 40 members, who are leaders in their respective professions, CBR strives to achieve excellence by developing services to best accommodate its Community’s needs and “Serving Humanity”.

❖ Our members are 100% Paul Harris Society, 100% EREY and 100% Bequest Society, we believe in investing in Rotary Foundation for the benefit of all.
What is Cystic Fibrosis?

- Cystic fibrosis (CF) is an autosomal recessive genetic disorder that affects most critically the lungs, and also the pancreas, liver, and intestine.

- Patients need to be under constant treatment in order to maintain their quality of life and general health.

- In Turkey, this disease is seen 1 in every 2,500 people. As this is considered a rare disease in Turkey, the diagnosis and the treatment of this disease does not receive priority in terms of funding.

- The patients and their families need to rely on their own resources to properly be diagnosed and then to receive treatment, as well as the much needed daily physiotherapy sessions.
WHY DID WE CHOSE CYSTIC FIBROSIS AS A GLOBAL GRANT PROJECT?

- For the last 2 years we have directed our main efforts on the Health arena, focusing on developing sustainable and impactful project.

- We were introduced to this disease by a speaker from Cystic Fibrosis Association (KİFDER) in Turkey, we were all moved by the life-changing aspect of this disease, not just for the patient but for his/her entire family and friends.

- We joined forces with KİFDER, signing a Rotary Community Corps (RCC) agreement with them to enhance our co-operation and our work towards mutual goals.

- We organized 3 group therapy sessions for the families of the patients.

- Our next goal was to establish a diagnosis and therapy center for the patients in a University Hospital, which would create long-lasting impact on the community.
As Caddebostan Rotary Club, with our international partner club München 100, we have successfully executed 2 Global Grant projects, specifically targeting the proper diagnosis and effective care of the cystic fibrosis patients and also their families.

Within the scope of these 2 Global Grant Projects, we have established a Diagnosis & Treatment Center in one of the leading University Hospitals in Turkey, in which we have provided devices and trained care personnel to diagnose patients, track these patients throughout their lifecycle and provide necessary care for them.

The center provides a care system which enable patients to consult with doctors to be directed to the right experts within the hospitals and also give them access to the leading technology devices in this field.
1ST GLOBAL GRANT PROJECT — 2015

With the first project, our initial aim was to increase awareness for the disease as well as for the facility we were developing.

We created the physical space needed in the hospital and provided “vests” to the Center for the daily physiotherapy needs of the patients.

The vests are used to facilitate removal of respiratory tract secretions from the lungs. The main advantage of this type of equipment is that it provides the patient with a continent way to access daily treatment without needing to depend on another person.
The second project was aimed to give patients access to one of the leading technology devices in this field: Exhalyzer D Pulmonary Function Testing.

This device was the first in Turkey to be available in public hospital. It provides testing for neonate, infant, pediatric and adult patients, which will enable to detect disease in its earliest stages, which will enable early treatment and ease patient’s life.
Another crucial equipment for this center now is a Bronchoscopy device that allows the doctors to examine the patient’s airways. The device should provide clear and sharp images throughout the viewing area, enabling confident bronchoscopy for all procedures in the bronchial tree.

The last stage of the project and our 3rd Global Grant Project will be to provide this Bronchoscopy device unit set to the hospital.
MEDIA COVERAGE AND SOCIAL IMPACT

We have organized a concert for funding our global grant projects. Both the concert, its aim and Rotary were covered extensively by many major media outlets.
YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED

We appreciate your support and collaboration in this project and also look forward to you being part of the final stage of an impactful project!