

**ANKARA ROTARY CLUB  
HEARING-IMPAIRED PROJECT  
FOR KEMAL YURTBİLİR SPECIAL EDUCATION VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENTS**

*Founded in 1954, Ankara Rotary Club carried out various social service projects such as:*

- *1999-2004: Drug Abuse Prevention for Turkish Youth,*
- *2006-2007: Short and Long Term Impacts of Nutrition Education on Children's Health,*
- *1999-2000: Building Primary Health Care Center in Adapazari, and Gazi Orphanage Projects in various periods,*
- *2005-2006: Restoration of Kavak Primary School and Karagedik Ercan Primary School in Haymana,*
- *2009-2012: Building computer class room and library, ophthalmologic and dental examination of students, renewal of toilets and refurbishing of teachers' lounge in Yenimahalle,*
- *Building Computer Class Room for Ürgüp Şahin Efendi Primary School*
- *Water Supply Project for Nallıhan Yeşilyurt Village*
- *Providing "Steripen UV Water Purifier" enabling clean water via ultraviolet sterilizer for 350 primary schools chosen in collaboration with Ministry of National Education, General Directorate of Primary Education in 2012.*

*This year Ankara Rotary Club will carry out a project aiming to meet the needs of students of Kemal Yurtbilir Special Education Vocational High School.*

Kemal Yurtbilir Special Education Vocational High School is a special high school in Ankara, Turkey, dedicated to students with varying levels of hearing impairment. It has boarding option for some students as well. Because all students have some level of hearing impairment, this situation ends up declining in both their academical success and quality of life.

It has been observed that some students can not use their existing hearing aids. Hence, not only those students but also their families need to be educated and informed about the use of hearing aid to overcome various difficulties they face in their daily lives.

**PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT:**

Under the guidance of the school administration and in cooperation with teachers and members Ankara Rotary Club aims to use club funds to accomplish the following:

- Conduct periodic hearing testing of students at no charge,

- Review test results with school administration and families to determine the best course of intervention,
- Raising awareness of students, their families, and school staff on hearing impairment, impacts on learning, and related subjects,
- Facilitate availability, improve class success, increase self confidence, motivate in social life and gain these students as productive members of society.

The needs of these students go beyond determining the level of their hearing impairment. Additionally, supplying the proper equipment, repair, maintenance and calibration of existing ones, molding of ear forms, supply of batteries are also among those these students and families need support. Our ultimate aim, as social responsibility, is to make hearing aids accessible to these students to improve their lives.

Note: The details of our Club's projects and activities can be reviewed in our web page [www.ankararotary.org](http://www.ankararotary.org) under "Activity Reports" section.

DURATION OF THE PROJECT :  
2 years

TARGET GROUP : *The students of Kemal Yurtbilir Special Education Vocational High School.*

PROJECT SHAREHOLDERS: Ankara Rotary Club, Aktif Duyu İşitme Merkezleri, School Administration, Teachers and Families,

PROJECT RESPONSIBLE: Rtn. Kemal Ergün, Rtn. Aykut Çınaroğlu

PROJECT STEPS :

Status:

- *Prior to start of the project, necessary permissions have been obtained from Ministry of Education.*
- *Implementation of hearing tests of students resident in Ankara have been performed by Aktif Duyu Merkezleri Ankara Branch which supports the project. Tests for remaining students will be implemented in coming days.*
- *The tests results have been given to families and the school administration.*
- *On 26th February 2013, the first consciousness raising seminar related with hearing was given by otorhinolaryngologist surgeon Rtn. Gürkan Olguntürk to the students at their school.*
- *The second seminar for the students and their parents will be held in coming days.*
- *The means for providing needed 50 pairs (100 units) of ear moulds, batteries and maintenance of existing equipments are being searched.*

COST :

<b>Number of students 213</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Total (TL)</b>	<b>Total (USD)</b>
Procurement of 25 new equipment	2500.-TL	62.500.-TL	34.822.- \$
Maintenance and repair of 40 existing equipment	70.-TL	2.800.-TL	1.560.-\$
Molding of 50 ear forms	60.-TL	3.000.-TL	1.671.-\$
Procurement of 213 equipment batteries	7.-TL	1.491.-TL	831.-\$
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>69.791.-TL</b>	<b>38.884 .-\$</b>