



# February

## STAR: Students Together Assisting Refugees

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## TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE

### Brief Overview:

On February 6, 2023, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit southeast Turkey- close to the Syrian border. Not long after, a 7.7 magnitude earthquake hit 95 km from the first. The proximity of the earthquakes caused damage in an area of 140,000 square miles. In perspective, this area is equal to the entire country of Germany. 14 million people were affected and UN estimations state that 1.5 million people lost their homes (UNHCR). The confirmed death toll has hit over 50,000 people-about 45,000 deaths in Turkey and 7,250 deaths in Syria (Relief). The earthquakes have cost an estimated \$104 billion USD in Turkey and an estimated \$5.1 billion in Syria (Relief). More than 850,000 children remain displaced in Turkey and Syria.

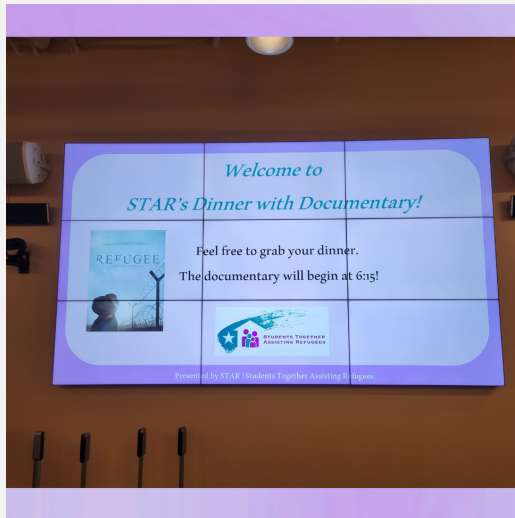
### Background:

The earthquakes were the largest in Turkey since the 1939 Erzincan earthquake. It was also the strongest earthquake ever recorded in the Levant. It has been the deadliest earthquake in present-day Turkey and present-day Syria (UNHCR). Even before the earthquakes, humanitarian aid was needed by more than 6.5 million children in Syria (WorldVision).

### How to Help: [Click name to learn more](#)

1. The White Helmets: A Syrian Civil Defense Agency that are providing humanitarian aid to Syria
2. Syrian American Medical Society: Providing medical relief assistance since 2011 to victims of war in Syria
3. Doctors without Borders: A humanitarian organization dedicated to helping provide medical care, supplies, and support to the people in Syria
4. Global Giving: Helping Turkey and Syrian citizens obtain basic necessities
5. Project Hope: Providing medicine, supplies, and aid to Turkey and Syrian people in need
6. Save the Children: Providing essential humanitarian aid such as food, blankets, and masks
7. UNICEF USA: Providing on-ground assistance to Turkey and Syria and providing water, health care, nutrition, and protection
8. World Help: Providing food, water, and other necessities.

# Dinner with Documentary Event



Thank you to everyone who made this event possible!

On February 28, 2023, STAR (Students Together Assisting Refugees) hosted their first Dinner with Documentary event. The event's purpose was to raise awareness about the Global Refugee Crisis through watching "Refugee" by Alexander J Farrell. The documentary followed a Syrian family who were separated by the borders of Europe. The event featured invited experts from local refugee organizations such as Refugee Hope Partners and CWS Durham. Experts also included immigration lawyers from Duke and a brief message from Congresswoman Ross and Senator Tillis. The event was a success with over 65 attendees and also featured authentic Mediterranean food. The free event allowed for the community to be authentically engaged in learning about the Global Refugee Crisis.

## VIDEO & AUDIO



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