



CBE Community Initiatives Fall 2022 and Spring 2023

Introduction

This document outlines our initiatives for the 2022-23 academic year. We started many new initiatives during the past two semesters, and we are excited to continue giving back to the Cambridge/Boston community and beyond during our Fall 2023 cycle. All of these initiatives build upon our past semesters' philanthropic work to address some of the most pressing needs of our communities. All in all, we are proud to say that our commitments this year are valued at over \$200,000.

Fall 2022

In Fall 2022 alone, we started three new initiatives:

1. We created a \$30,000 annual CBE College Scholarship Program, which is a need-based scholarship in partnership with the Boston Public Schools System to award 10 local Boston high school students with college scholarships.
2. We donated a combined total of \$44,000 to The Jimmy Fund and the Mass General Cancer Center, as well as donated \$20,000 to various nonprofit organizations, listed below, through our Arda Cataltepe Award. Given out every semester (both fall and spring), the Arda Cataltepe Award honors our late former President.
3. We donated 25 Kaplan MCAT Packages valued at over \$10,000 to pre-medical students in the Harvard community.

We also expanded on our CBE Ventures program, which gave away over \$25,000 in equity-free funding for Harvard-affiliated startups and nonprofits as part of the largest equity-free startup competition on campus.

Spring 2023

During the spring, we continued our traditional spring initiatives as well as pioneered new ones:

1. We gave out ~\$120,000 of scholarships yearly (split over 2 semesters) to CBE students from low-income backgrounds, allowing our members to remain committed to CBE without needing to have a job on campus; these were awarded by our Alumni Board to ensure anonymity.
2. Outside of the Cambridge/Boston community, we also contributed \$40,000 to the earthquake relief efforts in Syria and Turkey after the magnitude 7.8 earthquake this past February.
3. This past semester, we donated \$15,000 in sustainability grants to students seeking to make sustainable change in their communities.



Nonprofit Donations

Here is a list of nonprofit organizations that we have made donations to as part of the Arda Cataltepe Award and other community initiatives:

- National Alliance on Mental Illness
- Doctors without Borders
- Charity: Water
- Youth Enrichment Services for Boston Kids
- Action Against Hunger
- Doug Flutie Center for Autism Foundation
- Scholarship America
- Partners in Health
- Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital
- American Red Cross

Operational Costs

Additionally, we spend part of our budget on team bonding activities, helping us create a family-like atmosphere within our organization. Teams have their own budget for engagement activities and there are also club-wide engagement and professional development opportunities throughout the semester.