



Syrian American Council

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## Young Syrian-Americans Spend Two Weeks in Syria, Turkey

Nine activists visited refugee camps during SAC-sponsored trip from Dec. 25 to Jan. 4 to assess the humanitarian situation, deliver aid.

- The activists went to schools in refugee camps in Turkey to help teach English and visited rehabilitation centers for wounded people. They surveyed four different camps in Syria where refugees are in desperate need of help. “We saw how all people had to eat in one of the camps was one boiled potato per tent. That means families of ten or sometimes more are sharing one potato a day,” said Kenan Rahmani, SAC board member and activist.
- The activists witnessed a horrifying attack in Tel Refaat when a TNT Barrel was dropped 500 meters away from them. Eighteen people were killed in that residential area from the same bomb.
- They met with leaders of the civilian administrative councils that are emerging across liberated areas to build relationships that will help with future aid delivery and management.



SAC Government Relations Assistant Yisser Bittar poses with children at Quh, a refugee camp in Syria, during the activists' two-week trip to Syria and Turkey.

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Founded in 2005 in Burr Ridge, IL, SAC is the largest Syrian-American interest group in the United States. It is a grassroots organization devoted to promoting educational, civic, economic, and human development, as well as advancing civil liberties and human dignity in Syria. It also aspires to build bridges of understanding and cooperation between American and Syrian people and institutions.