



*Peace at Home and Peace in the World” – Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, founder of the Turkish Republic*

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ATA-NC-Charlotte has successfully completed its 6<sup>th</sup> **Charlotte Turkish Festival** held at the Oasis Shriners on Saturday, October 19, 2019. More than 1,100 guests attended the festival and celebrated the rich Turkish culture with live music, folk dancing, and enjoyed delicious Turkish cuisine. Children participated in activities, such as **Hacivat & Karagoz** shadow play, an animation video created exclusively for the event, ebru art marbling and other activities. Souvenir items and groceries from Turkey were a big hit for our guests. This year’s raffle item was a 3-day Bahamas cruise for two, courtesy of **I-Cruise**.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our deepest gratitude to sponsors who generously contributed and supported this year’s festival. They are: **Glemco Parts**, a local supplier of parts to the US military, **Turkon Line America**, a transportation company from NJ, **I-Cruise**, a Florida based travel company specializing in cruises and resort vacations, **BTF** a local non-profit involved in helping underserved kids in Turkey, **Susa’s Ice Cream** in Harrisburg that serves many deserts and pastries from Turkey. And finally, our kind sponsors include **Dynapac**, **Ozdil Translations**, **Birra Burger**, all local names, **Kulen Law Firm** from NY, **Grand Bazaar Shopping** form Istanbul and our local shirt designers **AJA Designs**.

Please note that 20% of all proceeds from this Festival will go to **Children’s Hope Alliance**, a local non-profit who help children with mental disorders.

This festival would not have been possible without the tremendous support of our organization’s board members and many volunteers from our community. We also like to extend our appreciation to our guest performers who joined us from ATA-NC-Raleigh.

Thank you again for attending the Turkish Festival and making it a huge success. We hope to see you again at future ATA-NC Charlotte events.

Sincerely,

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