

Dear Fellows,

My name is Semiha Unal. I was born in Turkey and raised in the Netherlands.

I experienced being at school as having great time with my classmates, a place where I felt like home because this was the place which should contribute to create my future. The things I had been learning at school, the creative activities and sports made school more attractive to me. This entire process, the key factor adding value to the development of each country, to receive training made me what I am now...A global minded and proactive business woman being a role model for many young girls.

The individual sport we can benefit at school forms the basis of our self confidence of being able to stand alone in life and group sports are teaching us the importance of team work which is of incredible importance in a business environment.

Learning a foreign language triggers your personalization. It provides you an opportunity to communicate and exchange information with people from other countries and is developing intercultural awareness.

Unfortunately, there are children in some places of Turkey who still are not able to go to a secondary school since their parents cannot afford the expenses for the education of their children. They are not able to take up a profession. Especially the girls who become mother at a very young age need to benefit from a secondary education to change their situation.

The following story is summarizing what you can mean for these girls.

A man, walking along the coast of the ocean meets a person who is throwing something away into the sea in a hasty manner. When he comes near to this man, he realizes that the man is throwing the starfishes into the sea and asks him: Why are you launching these starfishes into the sea? While continuing throwing the starfishes he gathers into the sea this man answers: "To keep them alive". According to this answer, the man being in a puzzle says: "That's good. But there are thousands of starfishes here. It is impossible to throw all of them into the sea. What will change if you throw them into the sea? The man takes one starfish and throws it into the sea and answers: "Look, for this one there is something changed".

You can also make a life of one girl change by supporting a child to accomplish its vocational school through annefonds.