



## TURKISH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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"Hayatta en hakiki mürşit ilimdir" Mustafa Kemal Atatürk



### 29 Ekim Cumhuriyet Bayramınız Kutlu Olsun

## Back to School

**Deniz Demiray**  
**TEF Trustee**

As we start a new school year, we share our children's joy and excitement. For many, education is a basic right, but for others there are still barriers to accessing education.

Although public schools are free, school materials and transportation are expensive. Some children are forced to stay at home to keep house while parents work. Others work to contribute to the family's finances. A good quality education can be life-changing for girls, boys, young women and men.



Gündoğdu Students

TEF believes that no child should fall behind because of financial difficulties. With inequality in education, we must take more progressive measures to break this cycle and think about how we can create equal opportunity for all school-age children. TEF's philosophy focuses on helping students develop to their full potential and putting them on a path for success in life.

With this vision, TEF partners with non-profit organizations in Turkey to provide scholarships to children in low-income families. I had the opportunity to talk with a board member of one of these organizations, Gündoğdu, during my visit to Turkey. Gündoğdu was founded to provide low-income children with monetary support. In a short period of time, though, the organization broadened its focus to include the idea of developing the whole person intellectually, socially and ethically. Gündoğdu volunteers think that education is a society-wide effort with society-wide benefits. Volunteers in seven houses in different remote areas in the city of Izmir are committed to creating well-rounded individuals, who will enlighten their social circles.

Gündoğdu is one of the many organizations TEF supports with your donations. Last year TEF provided scholarships to over 450 students through Gündoğdu, Çağdaş Yaşamı Destekleme Derneği, Anadolu Çağdaş Eğitim Vakfı, Kadın Sorunları Araştırma Derneği and Darüşşafaka. This year we are increasing the number of students we serve, help them continue their education and become good citizens.

We invite you to become a part of the TEF family! There is a child waiting for your support. Remember that it only takes \$30 a month to support a child for the entire year!

Please visit us at our new website [www.tef-usa.org](http://www.tef-usa.org) and like us on Facebook.



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- I/We would like to join TEF.
- \$30 Individual       \$50 Family       Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes, I/We support the **Aydın Bir Türkiye için Elele** campaign.
- Bir Mum** (One Candle)      \$400      will support **one student**.  
**A dollar a day covers educational expenses of a student for a year.**
- Yeni Ay** (New Moon)      \$ 2,000      will support **5 students**.
- Ay Yıldız** (Moon and Star)      \$ 4,000      will support **10 students**.
- Dolunay** (Full Moon)      \$ 8,000      will support **20 students**.
- Güneş** (Sun)      \$20,000      will support **50 students**.

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### Number of Scholarships Reached 500

This school year the number of TEF scholarships for middle and high schools students reached 500. This is a record high. The scholarship funds for these students totaled \$160,763.

The Board and officers of TEF are all volunteers. Incidental expenses such as bank transfer fees, postage, and printing charges comprise less than 2% of the total income. Your donations are fully dispensed to needy students in Turkey by our sister organizations without any administrative overhead.

2017-2018	Students
ÇYDD (Çağdaş Yaşamı Destekleme Derneği)	290
ANAÇEV (Anadolu Çağdaş Eğitim Vakfı)	120
Gündoğdu	75
KAD (Kadın Sorunları Araştırma Derneği)	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>500</b>

We extend our deepest gratitude to our generous donors.

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