



# TURKISH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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"Hayatta en hakiki mürşit ilimdir" Mustafa Kemal Atatürk



Spring 2008

## 23 Nisan Ulusal Egemenlik ve Çocuk Bayramınız Kutlu Olsun!

**Bu anlamlı bayramı TEF'in Ay Yıldız üyeliğine katılarak kutlayın.**

### Aydın Bir Türkiye İçin Elele

Campaign Update

Kutay Üstüner

TEF Trustee

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April we celebrate **Turkish National Sovereignty and Children's Day**. This year is the 88<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first convening of the Grand National Assembly in Ankara. On that day in 1920, people's representatives reached Ankara after arduous journeys through military occupied territories. These representatives declared the will of the people, and proclaimed the right to freedom and democratic self-government. This day effectively marked the end of the Sultanate and Caliphate. At the same time, it was the seed for the Turkish Republic and its major reforms – including massive public education campaigns to eradicate illiteracy and to transform society.

Unfortunately, the transformation started by our great grandfathers and grandmothers has been halted, and even to some extent reversed, by the political developments and economic policies of recent decades. However, the heroic victories of our ancestors against the super powers of the time and the ideals that guided them in building a proud and independent Republic from the ashes of the Ottoman Empire, continue to inspire us.

The Turkish Educational Foundation was founded in 1970 by university students and Turkish Americans inspired by those ideals. TEF's mission is to provide a helping hand to bright students in Türkiye who are eager to get an education but cannot continue their studies because of poverty. In the 38 years since then, TEF has made a huge difference in the lives of many thousands of children, thanks to your generous support and volunteer efforts.

Now more than ever, a massive educational campaign is urgently needed to bring enlightenment and hope to the millions of children living in dire poverty.

Therefore last fall we started a new TEF campaign – **Aydın Bir Türkiye İçin Elele**, or Hand in Hand for an Enlightened Türkiye – to step up our contributions and help educate these children. We are asking you to join hands with us and invest in these children for a brighter future.

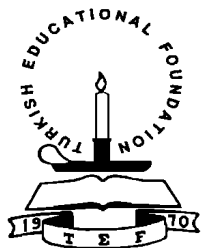
Our first objective is to double the number of students TEF supports next year. To achieve this goal we need your generous help to raise \$130,000 by May 15, the end of our fiscal year. The donations for the general fund have so far reached \$72,000. This is far short of our goal. But, together with your help, we believe we can do it.

**Aydın Bir Türkiye İçin Elele**  
as of 4/4/08



**What better way to celebrate the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April than by educating a child?** We invite you to join one of our member clubs and provide scholarships to 1, 5, or 10 students. Become a proud member of our Ay Yıldız (Moon and Star) club and provide 10 children the best gift of all time, an education.

We sincerely thank you for any amount you can give. Let there be light to reach every needy child.



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- I/We would like to join TEF.
- \$30 Individual       \$50 Family       Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes, I/We support the **Aydın Bir Türkiye İçin Elele** campaign.
- Bir Mum** (One Candle)      \$300      will support **one student**.  
**Less than a \$ a day covers educational expenses of a student for a year.**
- Yeni Ay** (New Moon)      \$ 1,500      will support **5 students**.
- Ay Yıldız** (Moon and Star)      \$ 3,000      will support **10 students**.
- Dolunay** (Full Moon)      \$ 6,000      will support **20 students**.
- Güneş** (Sun)      \$15,000      will support **50 students**.

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All donations & membership dues are tax deductible. *IRS TIN: 23-7050060; CA Franchise Tax Board ID: D 0595318*

### TEF NEWS

#### Expenses Were Only 2% of Income

TEF's income for the 2006-2007 fiscal year was \$85,784. Expenses were \$1,791 or 2% of the income. These were mainly mailing expenses. \$16,075 of the income was donations for the Endowed Scholarship Fund. The remaining income determined the budget for the 2007-2008 scholarships. Due to devaluation of the USD against the Turkish Lira, we were able to support 245 students in this academic year, less than last year's 278.

#### 2007-2008 School Year Scholarships

The organizations, the number of students and funds transferred to each organization were as follows:

Çağdaş Yaşamı Destekleme Derneği	88	\$19,604
Türk Eğitim Derneği	63	\$15,120
Anadolu Çağdaş Eğitim Vakfı	40	\$16,666
Kadın Araştırmaları Derneği	18	\$ 5,400
Rize Vakfı	19	\$ 4,750
Ege Üniversitesi	15	\$ 3,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>\$64,540</b>

#### Thanks to Ms. Bakırcioğlu and Ms. Aral

We would like to express our deepest appreciation to Müge Bakırcioğlu for her many years of volunteer work as TEF treasurer. She did not let us down even when she was caring for her newborn baby. We also would like to thank Sumru Aral for accepting our invitation to serve as the new TEF treasurer and wish her a warm welcome.

If you too can spare a few hours a month serving TEF, and live in the Bay Area, we would be delighted to hear from you. Send us email at [ustuner@pacbell.net](mailto:ustuner@pacbell.net).

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