



TURKISH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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"Hayatta en hakiki mürşit ilimdir." Mustafa Kemal Atatürk



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Back to School

With COVID-19 still afflicting our communities, the health risks of in-person classes are first and foremost on the minds of students, their families, and educators around the world. Economic challenges, unemployment and disparities make matters worse. During this time of urgent need, the Turkish Educational Foundation (TEF) is determined to continue supporting education in Turkey.

Every Fall the Board selects students to qualify for our scholarship program. At the end of the school year we monitor their academic progress, with the help of our partner charities in Turkey. In 2019-2020 TEF supported 1,075 middle school and high school students with scholarships averaging \$250 per student, or a total of \$272,000. In addition, Darüşşafaka received \$88,000 in donations specifically designated by our donors for Darüşşafaka's education programs for orphans, bringing the total scholarship funds to \$360,000. See further details on the 2019-2020 school year in the table below. For the 2020-2021 school year the Board has committed funds to at least maintain last year's level of support. We will report further on this in our next newsletter.

2019-2020 School Year		
Partner Organizations	Students	Total
Çağdaş Yaşamı Destekleme Derneği (ÇYDD)	760	\$189,964
Anadolu Çağdaş Eğitim Vakfı (ANAÇEV)	229	\$59,097
Gündoğdu Çağdaş Toplum Gönüllüleri Derneği	70	\$17,500
Kadın Araştırmaları Derneği (KAD)	16	\$5,735
Darüşşafaka		\$88,095
TOTAL	1,075	\$360,391

The students we support are not just numbers. They are determined spirits striving to continue their education and achieve their dreams despite many difficulties. For example, of the 760 students TEF supported

Our Graduates

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through ÇYDD last year almost all of them are from single income families. One in five rely on their mothers to put food on the table. One in ten rely on their siblings or relatives for their livelihood. A very large fraction of the students come from large families. One in ten have more than five siblings, some have up to ten siblings. These students are geographically spread over fifty different provinces in Turkey, and fewer than one in three live in the vicinity of major cities like Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir, and Adana.

We have started hearing news about some of our graduates who have been accepted to colleges around Turkey. Iclal and Utku are entering Medical School at Akdeniz University and Gülhane Training and Research Hospital, respectively. Buse will study mathematics at Adnan Menderes University. Enver will continue his education at the Ege University Conservatory of Music. And there are many more. They make us proud.

Our primary focus continues to be educating girls from poor families living in rural areas or the disadvantaged districts of big cities in Turkey. Please donate generously to TEF to help assure that Turkey's future mothers are well educated and empowered to raise the next generation of informed, responsible, conscientious, and productive children well-equipped to serve their communities and take up leadership positions. TEF recognizes that education is one of the most critical and effective means for upward social and economic mobility.

These bright students need your help more than ever in order to complete their secondary education, move on to higher education and become productive and informed citizens. Our partner organizations inform us that for every child we support they are receiving at least ten equally qualified applications that are turned down due to lack of funds. Our goal at TEF is to double the number of students we can reach by next year. Please help us achieve this ambitious goal.

TEF's operating expenses are covered by donations from the Board members. Therefore, **a hundred percent of your donations go directly towards scholarships**. And they are tax deductible. Please check with your employer about corporate matching. Some companies can match your contribution dollar for dollar, and some will double or triple your gift.

Ultimately the best way to increase our impact is to increase our reach within our communities. Please share this newsletter with family and friends and spread the word.

Warm Regards,

Your Board of Trustees

Deniz Demiray, Duygu Demirlioğlu, Müge Bakırcuoğlu, Turgut Gür, Sedef Koyuncuoğlu, Dilek Zafer, Kutay Üstüner.

The need is great and urgent

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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.
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bir Mum (One Candle) | \$250 | support one student . |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yeni Ay (New Moon) | \$2,500 | support 10 students . |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dolunay (Full Moon) | \$10,000 | support 40 students . |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Güneş (Sun) | \$25,000 | support 100 students . |

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