



# TURKISH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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"Hayatta en hakiki mürşit ilimdir" Mustafa Kemal Atatürk



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## 29 Ekim Cumhuriyet Bayramınız Kutlu Olsun!

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

### Educate a Child: Change the World

**Aytek Çelik**

**TEF Trustee**

#### **The Path to Escaping Poverty**

*Why education is the key*

Since 1970, the generous donations of TEF members like you have empowered thousands of underprivileged, yet talented children in Turkey to continue their education and escape poverty. The United Nations reports that educating children, particularly girls, leads to economic growth, improved health, and longer life expectancy throughout the community. We at the Turkish Educational Foundation know first hand that our members make this promise a reality.

Our team of volunteers at TEF has been working closely with our partner organizations in Turkey to identify and reach potential scholarship students – and provide them the means to continue their education.

#### **It Pays to Stay in School**

*Why TEF scholarships succeed*

Ninety-eight percent of your TEF donations become scholarship funds that go directly to students and their families. These scholarships are awarded to schoolchildren who demonstrate both academic excellence and financial need. Each scholarship provides a strong incentive for a family to keep their son or daughter in school.

With your generous donations, TEF helps families understand both the immediate and long-term value of continuing their children's middle school and high school education.

#### **Donate Today. Change a Child's Life Forever.**

*Why your gift to TEF matters*

Now, more than ever, the Turkish Educational Foundation needs your support. Every donation makes a real difference, especially in these tough economic times.

- Some members donate because of the TEF track record of success in educating children.
- Some sponsor annual scholarships to remember their parents or grandparents.
- Some want to share their good fortune with a poor child as an act of *sadaka*, *zakat* or charity.
- Some want to do their part to continue Atatürk's vision for educating the youth of Turkey.

#### **Whatever your reason, act today and send TEF your gift to sponsor a child's education.**

- A \$25 donation will support one month of a student scholarship.
- A \$300 donation will sponsor one student's entire annual scholarship.

#### **Your donation of \$25, \$300 or the amount you can afford, will change a child's life forever.**

On behalf of all the schoolchildren, we at TEF thank you for your generous continued support.

**Share this newsletter with a friend. Help expand the family of TEF.**



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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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Checks payable to: Turkish Educational Foundation, P.O. Box 391165, Mountain View, CA 94039

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

### 242 students stayed in school, thanks to TEF supporters like you!

TEF's income for the 2007-2008 fiscal year was \$128,358. Our expenses (mainly mailing costs) were limited to \$3,182.15 or only 2.5% of income. \$40,000 of the donation income was allocated by donors to the Endowed Scholarship Fund. The remaining income from the 2007-2008 fiscal year determined the upper limit for the 2008-2009 scholarship funds. With this budget we were able to support a total of 242 students in Turkey with a total of \$66,330 in scholarships.

The number of students TEF supported in 2008-2009 through our partner organizations in Turkey, and the respective scholarship funds, were as follows:

Çağdaş Yaşamı Destekleme Derneği (ÇYDD)	88	\$19,600
ÇYDD (Aylık)	3	\$ 1,500
Türk Eğitim Derneği	52	\$14,040
Anadolu Çağdaş Eğitim Vakfı	40	\$16,640
Kadın Araştırmaları Derneği	18	\$ 5,400
Rize Vakfı	19	\$ 4,750
Ege Üniversitesi	22	\$ 4,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>\$66,330</b>

### A Call for Volunteers

TEF is looking for folks like you to join our team of volunteers. We welcome individuals of all backgrounds, young and old, professionals and homemakers, who want to help support the youth of Turkey. If you live in the San Francisco Bay Area, come join us at our next board meeting. If you live in the greater United States, send us an email and we would be happy to work with you online. Please contact TEF Trustee Kutay Üstüner at [ustuner@pacbell.net](mailto:ustuner@pacbell.net)

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