

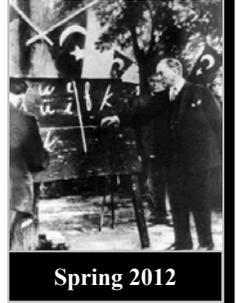


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"Hayatta en hakiki mürşit ilimdir" Mustafa Kemal Atatürk



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## 23 Nisan Çocuk ve Egemenlik Bayramınız Kutlu Olsun

### Your TEF Students: Determined, Hopeful and Inspiring

Kutay Üstüner  
TEF Trustee

This year 63 of our 277 students are receiving their TEF scholarships through Anadolu Çağdaş Eğitim Vakfı (ANAÇEV or Anadolu Contemporary Education Foundation). ANAÇEV is one of the five nonprofits TEF works with in Turkey. They share our passion and dedication for equal opportunity in education.

I visited them in February to meet with our students and their parents. ANAÇEV's modest office is a small apartment in Ankara. It was a cold Saturday morning. Roads were still icy from a recent snow storm. ANAÇEV staff and two volunteers greeted the students with home-made sweets, simit and energy bars.

The students came from near and far to receive their scholarships for the month. Since it was the end of the winter break they also brought their report cards. I was so proud to see that many of our students were on the honor roll. Those who missed the honor roll were genuinely sad, but determined to change that next semester.

Most of them were with a parent, or a relative they live with. One of the mothers I talked to was a single mother with no regular income. She looked in pain. I discovered that she had kidney failure and had to go for dialysis four days a week. Her son is a student at one of the prestigious Anadolu Lisesi in Balgat, 15 miles from his home in Eryamanlar. He could not have afforded the transportation without the TEF scholarship.



6<sup>th</sup> grade Honor student Yağmur is receiving her scholarship.



Nursena, Seda Nur and Zeynep with their Honor certificates.

I was surprised to see how many of these children had lost one or both parents. Without a social safety net these kids do not have the opportunity to develop their full potential. One of them, an 11-year old, walked in with her uncle who took her in after her father was killed while he was doing his military service by the border of Iraq. She was lucky that she had a loving uncle, but her silence was heart breaking. Yes, she too was an honor student.

ANAÇEV (www.anacev.org.tr) runs literacy classes for adults, mostly women, in *gecekondu* districts (shanty towns) of Ankara and gives scholarships to first grade through university students. The students pick up their scholarships monthly. Monthly visits allow the staff to check in with the students regularly, to learn any special needs they might have and offer free clothing and school supplies donated by ANAÇEV's support base. The students also find out about upcoming concerts, plays, seminars and events offered free of charge to the youth.

While my visit to ANAÇEV was a great source of hope, I also encountered teenagers inhaling mineral turpentine (a dangerous addictive substance) openly in the middle of the day on the streets of my childhood neighborhood. This was shocking and sad – what a big loss for the society and humanity. But instead of giving up hope, I am even more determined to help young people escape poverty by volunteering my time and donating what I can to the Turkish Educational Foundation.

**Please join me and send in your most generous donation today so we give each and every child hope and equal opportunity to pursue their dreams.**

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



## TURKISH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

- 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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### The average scholarship for 2011-2012 school year reached almost \$400!

Thanks to your generous donations TEF's income for 2010-2011 was a record \$152,311. Our expenses, mainly mailing costs, were limited to \$3,318 or only 2.2% of income. \$40,000 of the donations were allocated by donors to the Endowed Scholarship Fund. Since income from the year before determines the scholarship budget for that year, we were able to raise both the number and amount of scholarships for the 2011-2012 school year. 277 students from all parts of Turkey received on average almost \$400 to continue their education.

2011-2012 Scholarships		
Organization	Students	Total
<b>ÇYDD (Çağdaş Yaşamı Destekleme Derneği)</b>	152	\$49,540
<b>ÇYDD Ayrılık</b>	5	\$1,960
<b>ANAÇEV</b>	63	\$31,500
<b>Türk Eğitim Derneği</b>	17	\$9,000
<b>Gündoğdu Çağdaş Toplum Gönüllüleri Derneği</b>	22	\$9,000
<b>Kadın Araştırmaları Derneği</b>	18	\$9,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>\$110,000</b>

### TEF wants YOU as a Facebook Friend!

TEF joined Facebook and we need your help spreading the word. Tell your friends and become a fan of TEF!

### A Call for Volunteers

TEF is looking for folks like you to join our team of volunteers. 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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