



TURKISH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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"Hayatta en hakiki mürşit ilimdir" Mustafa Kemal Atatürk



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Celebrating 40 Years of Educating Children

Aytek Çelik
TEF Trustee

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

— Margaret Mead

Forty years ago a small group of volunteers dreamed of making a difference in the lives of children by founding the Turkish Educational Foundation. Every year since 1970, the generous donations of TEF members like you have kept that dream alive – and enabled thousands of impoverished, yet talented children to continue their education and escape poverty.

Your donations to TEF become scholarships for schoolchildren who demonstrate both academic excellence and financial need. And yes, every year we check on each of our students -- *your students* -- to review report cards and scholarship eligibility. With the help of partner organizations in Turkey, our volunteers at TEF make sure that 98% of your donations go directly to the children and help them on their path to future success.

Three Cups of Tea – Education is the Key

Why TEF scholarships succeed

Our TEF volunteers are inspired by stories of our own students, and by stories of kids like them around the world – just as in *Three Cups of Tea*. At TEF we know first-hand that educating children, especially girls, leads not only to individual success stories, but also to improved health and economic growth throughout the community.

TEF scholarships provide a strong incentive for a family to keep their daughter or son in school.

Donate Today. Join us in celebrating our 40th anniversary!

Why your gift to TEF matters

As we enter our 41st year, the Turkish Educational Foundation needs your help more than ever. Every donation makes a real difference in the life of a child, their family and the community.

- Donate today to celebrate TEF's 40 years of educating children.
- Sponsor a scholarship in honor of a beloved parent, grandparent or teacher.
- Share your good fortune with a poor child as an act of *sadaka*, *zakat* or charity.
- Direct your gift to TEF to continue Atatürk's vision for educating the youth of Turkey.

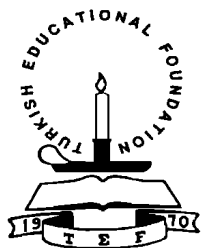
Act today and send TEF your gift to sponsor a child's education.

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

Thank you, TEF supporters, for helping 308 students stay in school in 2009-2010!

TEF's income for the 2008-2009 fiscal year was \$114,942. Our expenses (mainly mailing costs) were limited to \$2,725.23 or only 2.4% of income. \$30,000 of the donations were allocated by donors to the Endowed Scholarship Fund. The remaining income from the 2008-2009 fiscal year, plus \$20k carry over from the previous year determined the upper limit for the 2009-2010 scholarship funds. With this budget we were able to support a total of 308 students in Turkey with a total of \$103,510 in scholarships.

The number of students TEF supported in 2009-2010 through our partner organizations in Turkey, and the respective scholarship funds, were as follows:

Çağdaş Yaşamı Destekleme Derneği (ÇYDD)	131	\$41,920
ÇYDD Ayvalık	3	\$ 1,500
Türk Eğitim Derneği	52	\$14,040
Anadolu Çağdaş Eğitim Vakfı	63	\$31,500
Kadın Araştırmaları Derneği	18	\$ 5,400
Rize Vakfı	19	\$ 4,750
Ege Üniversitesi	22	\$ 4,400
Total	308	\$103,510

TEF wants YOU as a Facebook Friend!

TEF just joined Facebook and we need your help spreading the word. Come give TEF a thumbs up!

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

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