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29 Ekim Cumhuriyet Bayramınız Kutlu Olsun

Aydın Bir Türkiye İçin Elele

Kutay Üstüner

TEF Trustee

We are more than a month into a new school year. But many school-age children in Turkey are not going to school. Some are working to support their families, or helping with child care at home. Some school-age girls are getting married and will all too soon have school-age children of their own. **Among those lucky enough to attend school, countless numbers have to choose between food and school supplies.**

Thanks to TEF supporters like you, Gamze will not have to make that choice. Gamze is a ninth grader. Her father works as a hammad, or porter, at a farmers' market for five to 15 YTL a day. She has four siblings, three of them students. They pay 75 YTL for a gecekondu, or shanty dwelling, that has no electricity or running water.

This is not the Republic that Atatürk and our grandparents envisioned in the 1920s and 30s. With the meager resources that the young Republic had, they mobilized the whole nation to make everyone literate - young and old. They opened institutes all over the country to bring education, art and science into remote villages. The love of learning and teaching burned in the hearts and minds of millions. A torch was lit to end the darkness.

Unfortunately the ideals and principles of the Republic have received heavy blows since then. Back in 1970, idealistic university students from California founded the Turkish Educational Foundation to help carry that torch. Since then, with your generosity, TEF has helped thousands of needy students continue their education.

Hüseyin is another student you supported when you donated to TEF last year. Hüseyin is an eighth grader. His father is unemployed. His mother cleans houses. He has two siblings, both in elementary school. Hüseyin scavenges

recyclable paper from the garbage to help support his family. They pay 175 YTL rent per month.

Enlightened people are the only guarantee for freedom, democracy, independence and economic development. To this end we started a new campaign **Aydın Bir Türkiye İçin Elele -- Hand in Hand for Enlightened Türkiye.** **Our campaign goal is to double the number of students we can support over the next school year.**

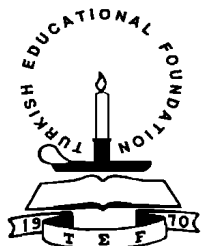
Our goal is ambitious. But we Turkish Americans and friends of Turkey have tremendous untapped potential. Let's join hands, mobilize like our grandparents did, and make a bigger difference. We can do it. And we must.

In order to double the number of students next year, we are asking you to double your donation for the year. Would you please consider joining one of our clubs?

- **Bir Mum** (One Candle) \$300 will support one child. **Yes, it takes less than a dollar a day to cover a student's educational expenses for a year.**
- **Yeni Ay** (New Moon) \$1,500 will support five 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.

Let there be light to reach every needy child.

We sincerely appreciate any amount you give. And we thank you for supporting TEF with your family and friends.



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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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