



# 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

### EDITORIAL

#### Çelik Güracar Trustee

We are celebrating TEF's 36th year of existence. TEF is a charitable, educational foundation that grants scholarships to poor but promising secondary school students in Türkiye so that they can continue their education. As a public foundation, TEF is exempt from Federal and State taxes and contributions to it are tax deductible. TEF receives all its funding from its members and contributors. TEF is also a purely voluntary organization that has no salaried positions.

A few years back TEF instituted an **Endowment program** for members who would like to honor a relative, friend or a teacher in their life with \$5,000-donation to set up a scholarship in perpetuity. To date the endowment program has reached \$140,000. The endowment program gives TEF a stable and predictable income to insure continuous financial help to students. We invite your contributions to the program. Please indicate the intent of your contributions.

TEF's regular income is derived from membership fees, contributions and fund raising activities as well as income from investments. TEF uses the previous year's income to determine the number of scholarships it grants in Türkiye. Currently we are partnering with six charitable educational organizations to administer these scholarships. Each year a member of the board of trustees goes to Türkiye and contacts these organizations and meets students and school officials. From these contacts TEF originates new programs or determines the feasibility of old programs.

We urge you to support TEF's goals and include TEF in your Fitre and Zekat giving. As the end of the tax year approaches remember that contributions to TEF are tax deductible.

### IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness and deep sorrow that we acknowledge the untimely loss of **Dr. Sevig Ayter**, beloved husband of Güner and loving father of Baġak and Yavuz, in the prime of his life and after a courageous battle with illness.

A much valued and respected member of the Bay Area Turkish community, Sevig was truly one of the pillars of TEF. As an active member for more than two decades and as a Trustee and Vice President for nearly a decade, Sevig selflessly served TEF with great devotion and dedication. He greatly valued the role of education in empowering people, especially female students from rural areas in Turkey, and for years coordinated TEF's scholarship activities for female students supported through Kadın Sorunları Araġtırma Derneđi in İstanbul.

Born in Ankara in 1952, Sevig graduated from Ankara Fen Lisesi and O.D.T.Ü. (Middle East Technical University). He received his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University. After graduation, the Ayters lived in Turkey for a while, and then moved back to the East Coast where Sevig was employed by Schlumberger. The family eventually returned to the Bay Area in the late 1980s, to the delight of his many friends and colleagues here.

Sevig is leaving behind a prestigious trail of achievements and inventions in his scientific specialty of acoustical imaging. His pioneering contributions are widely employed in medicine for diagnostic ultrasound imaging.

Sevig left us a legacy of strength and stoicism in the face of adversity. He will continue to give us inspiration to help young minds that are our hope and our future.

TEF has established an endowment fund for Sevig. If you wish to contribute to this fund, please mark your donations for the "**Dr. Sevig Ayter Endowment Fund.**"

## TEF NEWS

### Income Increased 43%

TEF's income for the fiscal year 2005-2006 reached **\$103,115**, a 43% over last year. We received \$74,782 in memberships and donations, \$25,000 for our Endowed Scholarship Fund and \$3,333 as interest.

For the 2005-2006 school year, TEF transferred \$65,106 to 6 organizations in Türkiye to sponsor a total of 240 students ranging from 6<sup>th</sup> grade to 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

Türk Eğitim Derneđi	98	\$26,166
Anadolu Çađdaş Eğitim Vakfı	42	\$14,826
Çađdaş Yaşamı Destekleme Derneđi	47	\$10,714
Kadın Arařtırmaları Derneđi	18	\$ 5,400
Rize Vakfı	20	\$ 5,000
Ege Üniversitesi	15	\$ 3,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>\$65,106</b>

### Volunteers Raised Funds for TEF at Turkish Festival

Volunteers Nilgün Özer and Gülhan Moel sold Turkish handicrafts at the annual Monterey Turkish Festival. They raised \$1210 from the sales and collected \$560 in donations. Thank you Nilgün and Gülhan.

### Expenses; 3.7 % of Income

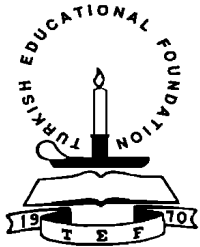
TEF's expenses totaled \$3,775 or 3.7% of our total income. Of this amount, \$1,283 was for a special mailing that we did this year to reach 623 new households. This mailing brought in 17 new members and \$2,280 in donations. We welcome our new members and ask for their continued support. Other expenses were: \$943 for the benefit concert, \$721 for two newsletters, \$115 for election mailing, \$160 for bulk mail permit, \$310 for bank fees and \$300 for tax prep fees.

### Board Elections

The General Membership Meeting was held on Aug 27 2006 at Çelik and Genny Güracar's residence. Four members of the Board of Trustees, Asena Gençel, Müge Bakırcıođlu, Kutay Üstüner and Erdem Esengil were reelected, each for another 2-year term. Erdem Esengil was elected as president by the Board. We thank our outgoing president Duygu Demirođlu.

### Birth

Ela Hazel Lubinski's was born on Oct 20 2006. Congratulations Müge Bakırcıođlu and Mark Lubinski.



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I/We would like to join TEF and have enclosed annual membership dues.

- Individual \$30
- Family \$50
- Sustaining \$120

- Sponsor \$250**
- Donor \$500
- Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

**This is all we need for one child's entire year of education. Please become a sponsor.**

I do not want to become a member but I am interested in helping children in Turkey. Enclosed is my contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

I am already a member. Enclosed is my additional contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to: Turkish Educational Foundation, P.O. Box 391165, Mountain View, CA 94039  
All donations and membership dues are tax deductible.

## Guitar Recital Helped T.E.F. Reach a Record \$100,000 Income

The guitar recital by Emre Sabuncuoğlu co-organized with the Friends of Anatolia was a great success. It took place on April 30, 2006 at the 200-seat Sunnyvale Theater located at the Sunnyvale Community Center, CA. The event brought together the Bay Area Turkish-American community and friends of Turkey to celebrate 23<sup>rd</sup> of April Children's Day.

A social hour preceded the event. Guests met with Board members, and learned more about education programs of both organizations. After the social hour, Emre played works inspired by Turkish, Hungarian, Romanian, Slovakian and Latin American folk and children's music composed for classical

guitar by Bartok, Cardoso and Sabuncuoğlu. His own compositions were among the most appreciated.

Your donations in response to our concert mailing, ticket sales, and donations at the event brought in more than \$15,000. As a result, TEF's total income for 2005-2006 fiscal year reached \$103,115. **We made our 2005-2006 fundraising goal.** Therefore, the funds available for scholarships increased to \$80,000. With this amount we will be able to support 60 more students this year. We would like to thank Emre, you and all our volunteers for helping us achieve our goal.

### **P.O. Box Address; Moved to Mountain View**

Please take note: TEF moved its P.O. Box from Berkeley to Mountain View because most Trustees live in the South Bay.



Emre Sabuncuoğlu, with the organizers of the event.

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