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Letter from the President



When I moved to Vancouver and became involved with BC TEAL, I also became aware of the TEAL Charitable Foundation, mostly via the student presentations of the David C Lam scholarship recipients at the annual conference. I always looked forward to the TCF Awards on Saturday afternoon. I felt reignited in my teaching (even though I wasn't teaching school kids anymore), to see EAL learners succeed in their high school studies and to hear their dreams for future studies. Imagine my surprise one year, I think it was 2004, that I recognized an award recipient on the stage—a young man from Korea who had sadly lost his leg to cancer. I knew without a doubt that I had taught him in Gwang-Ju, South Korea when he was a young boy and went by the English name of “Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious.” While I was surprised to see him on a different continent, I was not surprised to hear of his academic success and his perseverance through a cancer diagnosis and treatment. The moment made me so proud to be part of BC TEAL and the TCF.

Since then, I have had many other reasons to be proud of the work the TCF does. Indeed, it is important to remember that the TCF was set up to support professional development of ESL teachers in BC. I love reading about the teachers and TESL students who receive the various awards. It's happened several times where I've later encountered these people in my professional life and remembered reading about their experiences attending conferences and on research trips...their names are too numerous to mention (you can find out who by scrolling through archived editions of the newsletter). Every year it is always exciting to see who the award recipients are and what their plans are for using the funding. It's inspiration for my own professional development plans. Alas, I'm not eligible for TCF awards. If ever I can pull myself away from the BC TEAL board, I might finally apply for one!

What might be most memorable is when Arman Zamani, an Afghani refugee, gave his acceptance speech for

the David C. Lam award at the 2010 conference at BCIT. There was not a dry eye in the crowd. This young man was amazing! (You can read his story here: http://www.bcteal.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/BCTEALNews_Spring_2010.pdf) He was so inspiring, that the TCF Chair at that time, Jean Hayley arranged for the first TCF Silent Auction as she was impassioned to ensure the TCF could have a separate award for refugees. She lit the spark, and the idea spread like wildfire. Rather than raising funds for awards year to year, the TCF decided it wanted to raise enough money for an endowment fund to have a sustainable award. There has been no bigger advocate than our past-president, Michael Galli. It certainly helps to have the added enthusiasm of Jennifer Pearson Terrell, the current TCF chair. Indeed, the entire TCF board is a passionate group of people.

In 2012, BC TEAL passed a motion agreeing to match TCF donations up to \$50,000 to create a \$100,000 fund for a new, sustainable refugee award. It took us a bit longer than the year we'd anticipated, but along the way had great fun observing the fundraising in its various guises: silent auctions, a dance revue, the initial “Climb for the Cause”. We finally matched all the funds by the end of 2014, but the TCF felt strongly that one refugee award isn't sufficient to cover the potential need, and so they created the Taiga Galli Memorial Award. The BC TEAL board has agreed once again to match TCF funds up to \$50,000. It should be another exciting ride as we see what the TCF has in store for its continued fundraising.

I'd like to express my thanks to the individual TEAL members who have contributed in some way to the TCF's fundraising efforts. I'd also like to say thank you to the entire BC TEAL community, for it is through your membership and engagement in our activities that we are in a position where we can match funds. Finally, I'd like to express my sincere congratulations to the winners of this year's TCF awards. I hear it was stiff competition and never easy to decide amongst a pool of dedicated EAL professionals. I look forward to reading your stories...

Sincerely,

Shawna Williams

President, BC TEAL

Letter from the Editor

Welcome to the special Issue of the TEAL News. This issue is all about the TEAL Charitable Foundation (TCF). A special thanks to Jennifer Pearson Terrell, TEAL Charitable Foundation Chair. You will note her name on most of the articles; without her, this issue would not have been possible.

As a country, Canada's multi-cultural make-up has been, is, and always will be determined by the immigrants and refugees who choose Canada to be their new home. While immigrants come for a variety of reasons, refugees share a common reason: life in their home country is no longer sustainable due to displacement from war, or fear of persecution. Refugees face barriers other newcomers do not. The TCF refugee awards seek to remove these barriers.

As EAL professionals we have been, are, and always will be invested in developing professionally so we can best help the immigrants and refugees with whom we work. As professionals, though, we face barriers to needed development or research. The various TCF awards, scholarships, and bursaries seek to remove some of these barriers.

In this issue, you will read about the different TCF awards, scholarships, and bursaries. The profiles of past and current refugee award winners show the impact and necessity of the awards. The plans of the current scholarship and bursary winners illustrate the myriad of ways the awards assist in our professional development. Also included are poems from two refugees and a report about one volunteer who raised funds by climbing the Grouse Grind 5 times in one day. Finally, make a point to read about the upcoming fundraising events and the 2015 TEAL conference; the keynote speaker is one you will not want to miss.

I hope the stories of everything the TCF does inspire you to become even more involved. As BCTEAL members we should be proud of the investment we are making in the development of our profession and the lives of those who most need assistance. I look forward to seeing you at future fundraising events.

Chris-Anne Stumpf
Editor, TEAL News



What is the TEAL Charitable Foundation?

by Jennifer Pearson Terell



The First TCF Climb for the Cause—Grouse Grind

The members of BC TEAL established the TEAL Charitable Foundation in 1986 as a registered charitable foundation with Revenue Canada in order to financially support English language educators and learners. The following TCF awards are currently available to English language educators and learners.

TCF Awards	Amounts	Deadline
Nan Poliakoff Memorial Award	Up to \$750	November 1st
BC TEAL/TESOL Bursary	Up to \$1000	November 1st
Mary Ashworth Scholarship	Up to \$1000	November 1st
AIDS & Health Education Fund	Up to \$3000	November 1st
TCF Refugee Award	Up to \$2500	January 31st
Pat Wakefield Scholarship	Up to \$2500	November 1st
Project Funding Award	Up to \$2000	November 1st
David Lam ESL Scholarship	Up to \$2500	January 31st

The TEAL Charitable Foundation's charitable status enables it to not only organise fundraising activities but also provide tax receipts for all donations. The TCF endowment is managed by the Vancouver Foundation. The annual interest from the endowment funds the awards, scholarships, and the bursaries as well as professional development events that benefit of English language educators and learners.

The primary mandate of the TEAL Charitable Foundation is “... **to promote and facilitate the learning of English as an additional language or dialect and an understanding of the impact of the learner's cultural environment on the ability to learn additional languages:**” from the 1986 TEAL Charitable Foundation Certificate of Corporation.

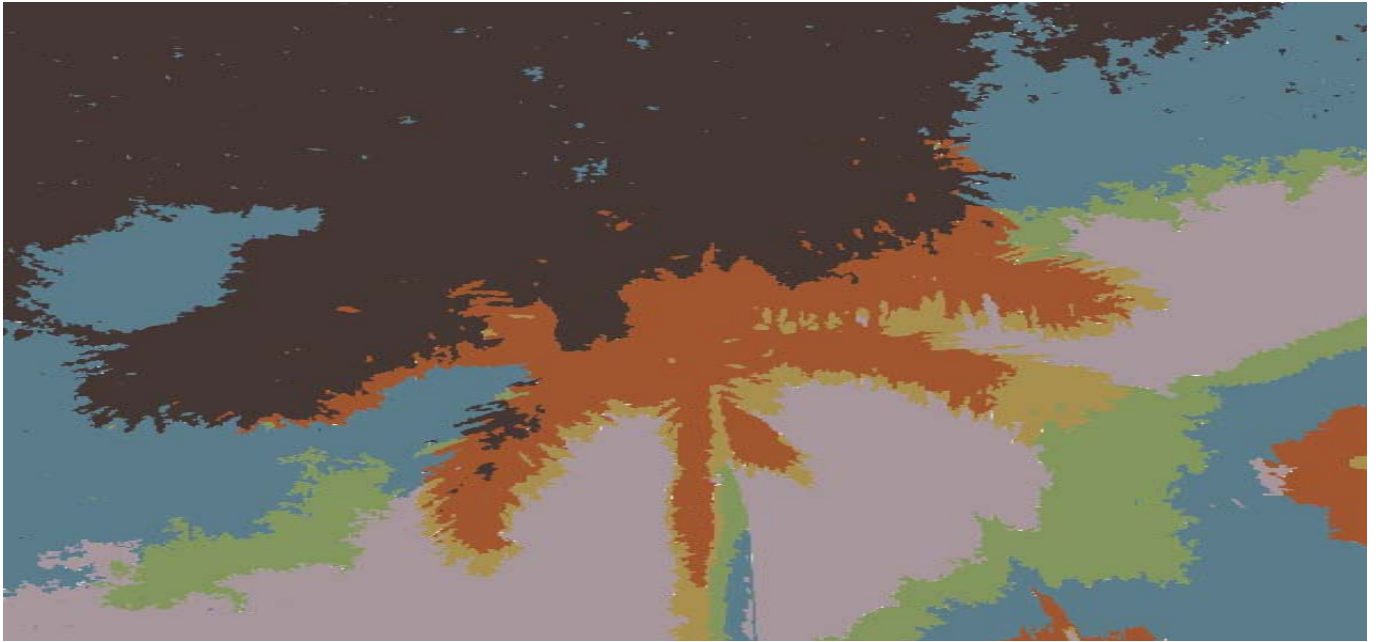
TCF Refugee Award Becomes a Reality Forever



In 2012 the TEAL Charitable Foundation decided to fundraise to make the TCF Refugee Award a sustainable award. A fundraising goal of \$100,000 was set to make it possible to offer a TCF Refugee Award valued at between \$2500 to \$3000 each and every year. The TEAL Charitable Foundation committed to raising \$50,000 and members of BC TEAL agreed to match the funds raised by the TCF. With the success of the 2014 'Climb for the Cause' as well as other fundraising events, the goal of \$100,000 was achieved in October 2014 making the TCF Refugee Award a reality forever.

The TCF Refugee Award was inspired by the courageous lives of young refugees who have come to Canada seeking shelter from the dangerous and often life-threatening conditions in their homelands. The award ***"is for an adult or secondary student whose additional language is English and who entered Canada as a refugee. The award is for a refugee who has shown courage and determination while adapting to a new language and a new culture in Canada and wishes to study in vocational or academic program at an educational institution in British Columbia"***.

The TCF Refugee Award became a sustainable award Fall 2014—the goal was reached in only two years. This was the direct result of not only the fundraising efforts of the TEAL Charitable Foundation, but also the financial support received from all the members of BC TEAL.



Lost

By Navie Neang, a young refugee from Cambodia

Lost this way or that
Lost in the jungle
Lost in Cambodia
Heard Mother's voice
Followed the voice
Turned and saw my Mom

Come with me, come this way Navie
We walk to Thailand
Uncle comes and gives us food

The call comes to go to Canada.
But to Panatnikhom first where we live for four months
Panatnikhom, a camp in Thailand

Then one afternoon
One hot afternoon
Over the speaker

Come our names
That is our call.
Those are our names,
We get to go to Canada and safe

Life Stories of Past TCF Refugee Award Winners

by Jennifer Pearson Terell

“Money is scarce for a family of five kids and a single mother. My mother has given all she has for her kids. She works really hard to provide a home for us. The TCF Refugee Award will help me achieve my goal of becoming a nurse.” Moo Ler Pwei

At past BC TEAL Conferences, many of us have listened and been moved to tears by the life stories of those receiving the TCF Refugee Award. Past winners have been outstanding and truly amazing human beings. Please take time and read about their lives and celebrate their achievements. By being a member of BC TEAL and supporting this award—you have made a real difference in the lives of these young refugees.

The 2014 TCF Refugee Award Winners



2014 TCF Refugee Award Winner, Lanh Rahlan, on the left, and Yu Cen Gao, the David C. Lam Scholarship Winner, on the right, at the 2014 BC TEAL Conference

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Lanh Rahlan and Gokarna Baniya Win the 2014 TCF Refugee Awards

Lanh Rahlan came to Canada as a refugee from Viet Nam. His culture is known as Montagnard or more commonly Hill Tribes and is indigenous to Viet Nam. His family became refugees because of the current Vietnamese government persecution of the Montagnard people. Before fleeing from Viet Nam, Lanh at age six was searching for food and mistakenly picked up a land mine which exploded and destroyed his left hand. When Lanh got out of hospital, his family decided to escape and spent the next months walking through jungle and mountains and narrowly escaped capture by soldiers. Lanh's family spent the next eighteen months in a Cambodian refugee camp before coming to Canada. In Lanh's words, *"I started school when I came to Canada and I worked hours and hours on my academic and I got better and better on my English."* In the spring of 2014, Lanh graduated on the Honour Roll from Sir Charles Tupper Secondary in Vancouver. At school, he was active as a facilitator for Restorative Justice, a mentor, role model and translator for his community and a member of the school wrestling team. A classmate once remarked, *"Lanh Rahlan is Tupper's very own Terry Fox."* Lanh plans to use his TCF Refugee Award to enroll in Peace and Conflict, Studies and Recreation Leadership at Langara College. As Lanh Rahlan writes, *"For me, growing up in a new society and giving back is my dream."*

Gokarna Baniya spent the first fifteen years of his life in a refugee camp in the eastern region of Nepal. Life in the camp was very hard for his family. Gokarna still has painful memories of the night the camp caught fire, *"The large fire burned 1200 homes including the Health Care Centre leaving 3,790 people homeless."* The resulting poverty and lack of health care led to the tragic death of Gokarna's youngest brother from Hepatitis B. Leaving all the pains and past behind, Gokarna's family moved to Canada in July 2010. Gokarna didn't speak English when he arrived as a refugee but enrolled in English classes as soon as the family settled in Port Moody. In 2014, Gokarna graduated from Port Moody Secondary and was awarded the Honour Roll Achievement in all three years of high school as well as an Excellence Award in Electronics. Gokarna has not only excelled academically but also has volunteered as a member of 'Students Leading Others' and as English-Nepali interpreter in hospitals, clinics, and pharmacies for the Bhutanese community. Gokarna plans to use his TCF Refugee Award to study electrical engineering. Gokarna writes, *"My goal is to be a successful electric engineer and uplift the living standards of my family, but more importantly I want to be a role model for many immigrants like me. I want to show them that a new immigrant can learn a new language and have a successful career."*



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The 2013 TCF Refugee Award Winners



Moo Ler Pwei and Wonderful Wonderful at the 2013 BC TEAL Conference

Moo Ler Pwei and Wonderful Wonderful Win 2013 TCF Refugee Awards

Moo Ler Pwei and Wonderful Wonderful were both very young when their families were forced to flee their villages in Burma. In Moo Ler's words, *"Our farms and houses were burned and destroyed by Burmese soldiers. We couldn't stay any longer because there was no food and we had to go into the jungle to hide to save our lives."* Both families escaped to Thailand and lived for twelve years in UNHR refugee camps. Moo Ler describes their lives, *"We lived in crowded conditions and food supplies were scarce. Finally after twelve years, we were given a chance to apply to move to Canada. When we were accepted, we were full of excitement and hope for our new lives in Canada."* The early years in Canada was very difficult for Moo Ler and Wonderful because they spoke no English when they arrived in Canada as refugees. Their first English classes were with Susan Ellis at Queen Elizabeth Secondary School. Wonderful describes his first day at school in September 2007, *"I felt scared because I knew that I could not talk to anyone and if anyone talked to me I could not answer them. I was very lonely."* For the next five years Moo Ler and Wonderful persevered and with the help of their teachers and friends graduated from Queen Elizabeth Secondary in 2013.

For Moo Ler Pwei winning the 2013 TCF Refugee Award means that she can realize her dream of becoming a nurse and begin her studies at Douglas College in the fall of 2013. For Wonderful Wonderful, winning the 2013 TCF Refugee Award is very important because it means he can attend Douglas College and study to be a fire fighter. Wonderful describes why the award is important for him, *"The problem is my family is poor. My parents can't afford to help me, even though they know education is important. No one in my family finished high school, so the jobs they have do not pay well. My parents work really hard and they give up everything for us."*



The 2012 TCF Refugee Award Winner Kue Bway



Kue Bway with her English teacher Susan Ellis at the 2012 TEAL Conference

Kue Bway Wins the 2012 TCF Refugee Award

Kue Bway's journey as a refugee began in 1993 with her birth in the UNHCR Refugee Camp at Mae Ra Moe in Thailand. Kue's family were Karen refugees from Burma who had fled to Thailand in 1986 to escape government oppression. In 1993 when Kue was only seven months old, her father passed away from tuberculosis leaving her mother and his four children to face life alone in the UNHCR refugee camp. Life in the refugee camp was harsh; food was scarce, living conditions were crowded and inadequate, and there was no formal education. In 2007 after spending fourteen years in the same refugee camp, Kue traveled as a refugee to Canada with her mother, her aunt, two sisters, and one brother. As a refugee new to Canada, Kue Bway spoke no English when she started English classes at Queen Elizabeth Secondary in January 2008. Her ESL teacher Susan Ellis describes Kue as a very special ESL student in the following words, *"Teaching Kue Bway has been a real privilege. My time working with Kue has been like no other in all my experience as an ESL teacher. I first met Kue in January 2008 when she came to Queen Elizabeth Secondary as a Grade 9 ESL student. At that time, Kue had been in Canada for just one month. Kue and her family had difficult lives in*

Burma and Thailand and even now her single parent family struggles to make a life in Canada. However I can honestly say that I have never met a student who worked as hard as Kue to master the English language."

At school, Kue was known as a leader because of her intelligence and personable nature. She helped students in lower grades at lunch or after school. She instilled the idea that academics are very important and that newcomers must try twice as hard to complete school. She also found time to join school groups and teams: Green Team, Badminton, Roots and Rhythms, and the Student Council as well as volunteering in the community at her church, the Surrey Food Bank, and the Immigrant Services Society. Academically Kue graduated from Queen Elizabeth Secondary on the Honour Roll. Kue Bway has faced with grace and perseverance the very real challenges presented by life in a new country, a new culture, and a new language. Kue Bway plans to use her TCF Refugee Award to realize her life long dream of becoming a teacher. As Kue expresses in her own words, *"My top goal is to become a teacher and help those less fortunate than myself. I know the positive difference a teacher can make to the lives of students and society in general."*



War V.S. Peace

By Bishal Thapa, a young refugee from Iraq

In Iraq there is war / In Canada there is peace

In Iraq I see blood on streets / In Canada I see blood on Halloween costumes

In Iraq I see and hear guns / In Canada I see and hear guns in movies

In Iraq I see rockets blasting / In Canada I see toy rockets blasting

In Iraq I sleep on the floor / In Canada I sleep on a cozy bed

In Iraq my dream, to stay alive / In Canada my dream, become a scientist

In Iraq there's lots of hating / In Canada there's lot of loving

In Iraq I hear scream of torture / In Canada I hear scream of happiness

In Iraq I have a broken shelter / In Canada I have a hard and a safe shelter

In Iraq I walk / In Canada I ride my bike

In Iraq I go to dirty places like streets with blood / In Canada I go to clean places like Niagara Falls

In Iraq they call me enemy / In Canada they call me friend

In Iraq they call me terrorist / In Canada they call me Bishal

In Iraq I see soldiers trying to kill me / In Canada I see soldiers trying to protect me



Kim Phuc

Keynote Speaker at the 2015 TEAL Conference



BC TEAL is proud to welcome Kim Phuc to this years BC TEAL Conference as as a keynote speaker.

Kim is a refugee of the Vietnam War and the girl in the unforgettable Pulitzer Prize winning photo. At age nine, she was photographed, running naked up a road screaming in agony. She was fleeing the horrors of the Vietnam War and, luckily, escaped death and became a refugee willing to tell her story around the world. Each time, she paints an unforgettable image of a life of overcoming pain, fear and death, and being a refugee. Kim is able to talk about an incredible life path that many will never experience. After surviving the trauma and physical pain of war, Kim is still full of strength, compassion, and forgiveness. Her ability to survive one of the most inhumane wars in history and her desire to give back to the community is both uplifting and inspiring.

Kim Phuc lives in Toronto with her husband and two sons. She is the founder and inspiration for the Kim Foundation International which focuses on world peace, healing and helping children who have been victimized by war. In 1997 UNESCO named her a Goodwill Ambassador for Peace. She is also an *Honorary Member of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, a Member of the Advisory Board of Free Children's Foundation in Canada and the World Children's Center in Atlanta, USA. Kim was also a recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal and the 2004 Order of Ontario.*

The Taiga Galli Memorial Refugee Award



The **Taiga Galli Memorial Refugee Award**, established in 2014, is an endowment in memory of Taiga Antonio Arakawa Galli, who passed away on October 13, 2013. When this \$100,000 endowment goal is reached, it will provide an annual award of \$2500 to \$3000, and will be granted to a refugee wishing to pursue vocational or academic studies at an educational institution in BC.

The award was inspired by the courageous lives of young refugees who have come to Canada seeking shelter from the dangerous and often life-threatening conditions in their homelands. Taiga's life was short, but it is the wish of his parents, Michael Galli and Yuka Arakawa that he be remembered through this award for young refugees.

BC TEAL Past-President, Michael Galli has been a strong advocate for the TCF Refugee Award, organizing the various fundraisers and reaching their goal in just over 2 years. Michael and Yuka's rationale for raising this new endowment is that recent recipients of the TCF Refugee Award have been unable to complete their post-secondary studies, mainly due to lack of funding. **The Taiga Galli Memorial Refugee Award** is supported by the

Board of Directors and Membership of BC TEAL and builds upon the recent success of the TEAL Charitable Foundation in reaching its \$100,000 endowment for the **TCF Refugee Award**.

For refugees in Canada, resources are exceedingly limited; several of the TCF Refugee Award recipients have lost parents or loved ones and spent years in refugee camps. Their academic education is delayed and their personal struggles are far more than what most Canadians experience. In the case of our 2014 TCF Refugee Award, Lanh Rahlan, who at the age of six lost his right hand to a land mine, the mental, physical, and social challenges are far beyond what most Canadians can imagine. To have gone through so much BEFORE even facing the challenges of performing in one's post-secondary studies is inconceivable.

The **Taiga Galli Memorial Refugee Award** is greatly needed and as an Association of Teachers, this is an important endowment that will allow us to give back to several EAL learners every year. All BC TEAL Members should be very proud of the tradition of educational scholarships, bursaries, and awards that the TCF disburses each year.



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Crazy about Climbing for the Cause

by Chris-Anne Stumpf / Michael Galli

All members of the TEAL Charitable Foundation (TCF) have at least one character trait in common:

determination. Each member is determined to

develop sustainable financial

awards that will enable

refugees to pursue their

educational goals. Currently

there are two awards: The

TCF Refugee Award and the

new **Taiga Galli Memorial**

Refugee Award. Michael Galli,

TCF member, past president

of BC TEAL and father of

Taiga Galli explains, “These

funds are critical to these

young men and women who

otherwise have nothing and nobody to fall back on.

They came to Canada with few possessions and theirs

is an ongoing struggle just to get by. Education should

not be impossible for them to access, and yet, without

these awards, there is no way they would be able to

afford to get a post-secondary education.”



A major fundraiser for the TCF Awards is the “Climb

for the Cause.” BC TEAL members raise funds from

sponsors by climbing Grouse Mountain. For those

who do not know—the nickname for this climb is The

Grind, and it is aptly named. A steep hiking trail of 2.9

kilometres, it has an elevation gain of 853 metres, and

is not for the faint of heart, or weak of leg.

Here are some excerpts from the report of one

exceptionally dedicated TCF member: Michael Galli.

Some might say Michael is “Crazy about Climbing for

the Cause” as in 2013 he climbed up and down The

Grind 2 times. In 2014, however, he outdid himself as

he committed to climbing Grouse Mountain 5 times

in the one day; once for every \$1,000 donated. Yes, 5

times ...



Michael's Report

Climb #1 & #2

I have to admit, I didn't realize how painful it would be to climb so many times. The first ascent was a bit deceiving because as usual, it was a piece of cake, and I managed it in under an hour. Number two was a bit slower but easily manageable. I slowed down a bit but never needed to stop.

Climb #3

For the 3rd ascent I was joined by Sandra from the BC TEAL office, and a colleague from school, Peter.

I made a mistake here and this is where the pain started. I tried to keep pace with them. Not wise. They weren't going fast, but I was not in any shape to try to move that fast. The result was that I needed to stop multiple times because I reached the stage where I



could NOT even lift my foot up to the next step. I have honestly NEVER had that experience before... Not being able to take a step because your muscles have nothing left in them. That was a very odd sensation.

Climb #4

This is where the real pain started and if it were not for the hundred plus emails, texts and Facebook posts I received, (and on-going ingestion of Advil), I might not have been able to hang in there. On my 4th ascent I walked at an excessively slow pace. Imagine a snail, or a turtle's rate of movement. I never stopped once,

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but kept up that plodding rate and somehow made it... I must have been a funny sight though because I really exaggerated each step, often placing a foot on the next step

and waiting 1-2 seconds before my body followed. I am not ashamed to admit that I was passed several times by a group of elderly ladies. They would walk past me and stop every so often, then I would catch up and pass them, and they'd get going again and pass me, etc. I lived the old turtle and the hare story but I think they ended up beating me to the top after all. Whatever! Show-offs!!!

The Final Leg: Climb #5 or what could also be titled, OMG!

If Climb #4 was slow and painful, Number 5 almost killed me. Fortunately, my dear wife Yuka made a snap decision to come and cheer me on, taking a 90 minute bus ride to the Mountain to see me off on my final ascent, and probably to be there to pick up what was left of me at the end....

I approached this last ascent with some anxiety and, for lack of a better word, terror. Nevertheless, off I went, at my turtle's pace. The first quarter usually seems the longest, but I somehow managed to make it to this point at my sloth-like pace, and I honestly

thought I was completely spent at that point. I sat down and was not sure I'd make it back up.

After a prolonged break, I started off again and the breaks became more and more frequent. Muscles aching and heart pounding, I stumbled along... Somehow I managed to make it to the $\frac{3}{4}$ point and then the end was near (although which "end", I was not entirely sure). At this point it was essentially mind over matter. I was on auto-pilot and I had no choice but to finish it.

If I looked strange going up the fourth time, I'm sure I was hilarious the final $\frac{1}{4}$ of the climb. Hands and feet most of the way, and not because it was steep but because I couldn't stand upright. I crawled the last leg and thankfully by that time, there were very few others on the trail. That last ascent took 2.5 hours, but after 11 hours total, it was

Mission Accomplished!

Michael Galli

Remember, you don't have to climb the mountain 5x to help. One time is enough. As Michael says, "Life is filled with many challenges and tragedies, but if we can do something positive to make a difference in others' lives, I believe we help to bring balance and light to the world."

Making a difference... It turns out being "Crazy about Climbing for the Cause" is not so crazy after all.



The 2015 Climb for the Cause

Sunday September 20th 2015



Plan to take part in the 2015 Climb for the Cause
Climb - Cycle - Walk the Grouse Grind on September 20th
In support of the Taiga Galli Memorial Refugee Award
Plan to make a difference – you can do it!



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Winners of the 2015 TCF Awards

by Jennifer Pearson Terell

The following outstanding English language educators received TCF Awards in 2015.



Emma Hatfield and John-Paul Baker

Win the Project Funding Award

Emma Hatfield and John-Paul Baker, well recognized in the area of professional development, curriculum consultation, and resource development, have been awarded this year's Project Funding Award. Emma and John-Paul will use the award to research and distribute information regarding the Masters programs in the field of English language training that are available to Canadian English language educators. The aim is to not evaluate, review, or rank programs but to provide basic information from the institutions as well as from those English language educators who have graduated from the programs.

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Eilidh Singh Wins the 2015 Pat Wakefield Scholarship

Eilidh Singh, a well-known English language educator, program coordinator, and long-term member of BC TEAL and the TCF Board, has been awarded the 2015 Pat Wakefield Scholarship. Eilidh will use the scholarship to attend the 2015 IATEFL Conference in Manchester, England. Her special area of interest is leveraging technology in language learning. As a result, Eilidh will be attending sessions organized by the IATEFL Technology SIG at the 2015 IATEFL Conference.

Jas Gill Wins the 2015 Nan Poliakoff Memorial Award

Jas Gill, well known English language teacher, administrator, and curriculum, resource, and materials developer, has won this year's Nan Poliakoff Memorial Award. Jas will use the award to attend the 2015 TESOL Conference in Toronto and present her paper titled, "Bridging the Gap: Curriculum Renewal and Realignment."





Liz Tin-Let Chiang Wins the 2015 BC TEAL/TESOL Bursary

Liz Tin-Let Chiang, a TESL PhD candidate at the Department of Language and Literacy Education at the University of British Columbia, has been awarded the BC TEAL/TESOL Bursary. Liz will use her award to attend and present at the 2015 TESOL Conference in Toronto.

Beth Maschmann Wins the Mary Ashworth Scholarship

Beth Maschmann, well-respected English language educator, shop steward in the English Language and Culture Program at Simon Fraser University, and graduate student in Educational Studies at UBC, has won this year's Mary Ashworth Scholarship. Beth will use the scholarship to attend and present at the 2015 TESOL Conference in Toronto.

