

TCF 'Climb for the Cause'

Help us Raise Funds for
Refugee Scholarships



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Please read the article and complete the following exercises.

What is the TCF? These initials stand for the BC Teachers of English as an Additional Language (BC TEAL). TCF is an acronym for TEAL Charitable Foundation. The TCF was set up in 1986 to raise funds for several awards for teachers who work with students learning English in BC. Several years ago, the TCF started its Refugee Awards to raise money for scholarships for refugee students to attend post-secondary programs.

The TCF raises funds in several ways. One of the most important ways is through the 'Climb for the Cause'. For this Sunday event, people join an energetic team of volunteers to hike up the famous Grouse Grind. The 'Grind', as it is known in Vancouver, is a lovely but challenging 2.9 km hiking trail from the base of Grouse Mountain to the top. This year, the Grind will be closed for repairs on June 3rd, so hikers will be going up the BCMC trail. The fresh air and natural environment is very invigorating, though people often need to take a few rests along the way. Getting to the top of the mountain is very satisfying. Hikers often feel tired but exhilarated when they reach the top, knowing they have met a personal challenge as well as helped refugees continue their studies.

Here is an interesting story by Kue K'nyawmupoe, who received a TCF refugee scholarship. She is now helping other refugees by volunteering her time and energy with the TCF.

*"You have a choice to make a positive
impact on someone's life - even a small
act of kindness counts."*

Kue



"I came to Canada as a Karen refugee from Thailand when I was 15 years old. I didn't speak English and I faced many challenges including financial difficulties to attend a post-secondary program. I discovered the TCF Refugee Award through an administrative assistant at my high school's career centre. With this amazing lady's support, I won the 2012 TCF Refugee Award. Being the winner of TCF Refugee Award meant so much to me – I believed in my dreams again. Prior to winning the award, I never thought I could continue my education in Canada, although I wanted to so badly. The TCF Refugee Award inspired and motivated me to pursue my goal in becoming a helper and give back to the community."

"I joined a couple of TCF fundraising events including the Tears to Smiles Wine and Cheese event and the Climb for the Cause, and I enjoyed the wonderful moments with these amazing individuals at the TCF. I personally think that raising money for an important cause is meaningful because even a small act of support will be beneficial to people who need financial support to be able to attend a post-secondary program and achieve their career goals."

You can see that Kue is very thankful that the TCF helped her along the road to success as a new Canadian. The TCF is also very pleased that the scholarship has helped her, and that she has been such an active volunteer. Would you like to join Kue and help others? Kue has an important message for you.

"Please consider participating in this positive cause to help support refugee students who wish to pursue their education in Canada. They will forever be grateful for your kindness and generosity. I promise that you will not regret the moments and the cause you are contributing to. I invite you to join me and participate in this exciting experience."

So, let's get a group together and 'Climb for the Cause'! Organize your family, friends, classmates and teachers for a fun day of healthy exercise as you challenge yourself and help new refugees.

How Can you Participate?

- What:** TCF 'Climb for the Cause'
When: 10:00 AM, Sunday, June 3, 2018. Rain or Shine
Where: The start of the Grouse Grind near the Grouse Mountain Gondola station
Clothing: Layers of clothing, socks and a good pair of running shoes or hiking boots. No open shoes or sandals! If it is raining, wear a jacket with a hood.
Cost: \$10 to go down on the gondola after the climb. Climbers should try to raise as much money through donations from everyone they know. Even if you don't climb, you can still contribute!

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A. Reading Comprehension (18)

1. What is the TCF **and** why was it first set up? (2)

2. Why does the TCF hold the Climb for the Cause event? (1)

3. What is the 'Grind' **and** why do people sometimes take breaks along the way? (2)

4. Why do hikers feel satisfied when they have finished the Climb for the Cause? (2)

5. How did Kue find out about the TCF refugee awards? (1)

6. What 2 things did winning the TCF refugee award do for Kue? (2)

7. Why does Kue think that raising money for an important cause is meaningful? (1)

8. What is Kue inviting the people who read the article to do? (1)

9. Why should people who go on the Climb for the Cause not wear open shoes or sandals? (2)

10. If people cannot climb the Grind, how can they contribute? (2)

11. What is the author's purpose in writing the article? (2)

B. Vocabulary: Use the correct words in the box in the sentences below. (9)

acronym	invigorating	exhilarated	prior to
grateful	pursue	grind	regret
			inspire

1. The runners felt _____ when they reached the finish line of the 10K run.
2. Abdul was truly _____ for the help he got when he arrived as a refugee.
3. The _____ for the TEAL Charitable Foundation is TCF.
4. The walk I took through the forest was so _____; I felt full of energy for hours.
5. _____ going on the Grouse Grind, I will search for my running shoes.
6. The college counsellor helped her decide which career she would _____.
7. We should never _____ our mistakes, but we should always learn from them.
8. Many immigrants _____ other new Canadians with their success stories.
9. Sam is tired of the daily _____ of work, eat, sleep; he needs a holiday.

C. Writing Sentences: Write your own sentences with the following vocabulary words. Each sentence must be 10 words long, and must show the meaning of the word. (10)

1. motivate

2. raise funds

3. energetic

4. challenging

5. hike

D. What do You Think? (8)

1. Why do you think the author of the article included Kue’s story? Was it effective? Explain. (4)

2. What does Kue mean when she says, “You have a choice to make a positive impact on someone’s life – even a small act of kindness counts.” (4)

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