



Summer is heating up and so are some new developments at TYO!

In May, we launched the [Child Friendly Schools](#) program in Lebanon with support from the Mohammad S. Farsi Foundation. This pilot program provides training in non-formal early childhood education to teachers and [university students](#). Interactive non-formal learning not only sets the stage for [healthy development](#) as a child grows, but also has strong positive effects on society as a whole. With the CFS initiative, TYO hopes to set a healthy stage for children's growth for years to come!



Learning through organized play



The needs assessment is discussed with the community

TYO recently released its [Community Needs Assessment](#), a yearlong study to assess the needs of the underprivileged communities TYO serves. The results give TYO administrators valuable [insight](#) to improve its programming, but more importantly, it illustrates the impact we are already having. The findings also emphasize the link between mothers and children, reinforcing the power of TYO's multigenerational strategy and the effect that its programs have on families throughout Nablus.

[Yalla](#), our youth-led civic engagement program, is in its final stages! The program, coordinated with support from the State Department's Middle East Progress Initiative (MEPI), required participants to identify local problems and devise initiatives to tackle them. The students then attended several workshops, where they developed action plans and skills such as communication and leadership. Track their progress, from their [first steps](#) to [honing their skills and proposals](#), and meet the three [winners](#) whose projects will be implemented!



Yalla participants in a workshop



Summer 2012 interns in Nablus

This summer, TYO welcomed [six new interns](#) who are committed to improving the lives of women and children in Palestine's most disadvantaged areas. After just a few short weeks, they've been adjusting to [life in Palestine](#), studying and integrating our [Community Needs Assessment](#), and realizing first-hand the value of the resources TYO provides. We also recently welcomed [three new interns](#) at our administrative headquarters in Washington, DC. Welcome everyone!

Finally, TYO would like to thank Karen and Clare, our two departing Princeton fellows. Their [contributions](#) have been invaluable to our ongoing success, and we wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors!

TYO is looking for volunteers with cloud computing and web development expertise. Want to learn more about how you can help? Email: rachel@tomorrowsyouth.org



Karen and Clare in Nablus