



CGI 2009 EVENT IN NEW YORK HERALDS THE LAUNCH OF A SECOND TYO COMMITMENT

TYO founder Hani Masri (second from left) on the CGI stage with Cherie Blair Foundation for Women Director Henriette Kolb (third from left) along with other commitment makers including Nobel laureate Mohammad Yunus.

[Check out the short video about TYO, produced by the New York chapter of CGI member organization Students of the World, which debuted at CGI 2009.](#) For a more detailed account of CGI 2009 events, please check out the [personal account](#) on our blog or a play-by-play on our [Twitter feed](#).

As a young but quickly growing organization, [Tomorrow's Youth Organization](#) gains a great deal from our participation in the [Clinton Global Initiative](#). The yearly meeting not only exposes us to the highest caliber work being done around the world, it also allows us to exchange ideas and programmatic resources with other members. Ongoing interaction with CGI staff through the year also facilitates connections with possible partners and funding opportunities. This year's event was no exception, with a timely focus on the importance of investing in girls and women: an important issue that is close to our heart!

Our involvement began in 2007 when Hani Masri, TYO founder and CGI member, made a commitment to offer children and communities in the Middle East educational, cultural, and recreational activities to promote the healthy development of the next generation in the region's most marginalized and disadvantaged areas. The flagship TYO center, housed by the Zafer Masri Foundation in Nablus, is now a vibrant and popular community center: the only one of its kind in the northern West Bank. During its first year of operation, TYO provided holistic early-childhood education programs and an array of summer camps and women's classes to 1,620 community members.

An Exciting New Project for Women

We were so proud to hear both President Bill Clinton and Maria Eitel of the Nike Foundation announced our second CGI commitment on stage at CGI 2009 last week! CGI member Cherie Blair, founder of the [Cherie Blair Foundation for Women](#), and TYO have joined forces to support female entrepreneurs in Nablus. Our shared commitment will increase Palestinian women's participation in the labor force by providing practical training in business, craft, and innovation skills. [This project](#) will directly engage 25 university students or unemployed recent graduates and 10- 20 talented craftswomen. By increasing women's earning power, the project will have a direct positive impact on about 500 family and community members.

Getting into Gear for Fall Program

In short, it is shaping up to be another exciting and productive season at TYO Nablus! Work is under way for the Fall session, which will provide holistic early-childhood education to 190 youngsters, art programs facilitating creative expression to another 100 youth, and aerobics, English, health and computer classes to 70 mothers.

We remain grateful for the part you play in helping us live up to our commitments. Please continue to check our [blog](#) and [Facebook fan page](#) for updates on our work this fall!

Thank you,

Tomorrow's Youth Organization