



Young Artists Forum celebrates Finalizing 5 summer camps in 2008

Between mid-June and the mid-August, a total of **5** summer camps were provided by Young Artists Forum (YAF): 2 summer camps conducted in "Qatannah" and "Beit Surik" villages supported by **WCH**. These summer camps provided young female children ages 10-15 the opportunity to improve their education, build self-esteem and have fun at a time when the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is depriving them of part of their childhood.

In cooperation with WCH – Holland, Young Artists Forum (YAF) has organized celebrations for finalizing the two-week summer camp in "Qatannah" & "Beit Surik" villages (north east Jerusalem) in association with the cooperation of "Qatannah" association for Development and strengthening that included the attendance of a number of important people, some local councils presidents, school principles, member of the legislative Council Dr Bernard Sabela, Chairman of the Qatannah association for Development and strengthening Mr. Saleh Hosha, Young Artists Forum's General Director Mr. Mohamed Saleh, and WCH representative in the middle east and west bank.

The celebration combined among other performances Fine art exhibition of the girl's achievements, poetry, theatrical play, folklore dancing, and singing.

Mr. Mohamed Saleh has expressed YAF's joy in being able to offer this great summer camp to "Qatannah" children & citizens; he also expressed his gratitude to Mr. Andres Gonzalez Representative of War Child Holland for their participation in improving the psychosocial health for the children of Palestine.



Dr. Bernard Sabela, the PA council member expressed his gratitude to WCH and YAF for implementing such fruitful projects and requested their continuous support in the marginalized villages in general, and the villages facing the wall in specific.



The "Qatannah" association expressed its gratitude to WCH and YAF for giving them the opportunity to conduct such activity and hoped that next year they will be able to support more activities as such.

The third summer camp was with the cooperation of **AMIDEAST**, in which YAF provided fine art trainers to train children from 4 different cities in the West Bank (Khalil, Nablus, Jenin, and Ramallah). And YAF gave some teachers a Training of Trainers (TOT), with Ms Munira Zuriqi as the instructor.

But the other 2 summer camps were under the name "MUKHAYAM MEN LA MUKHAYAM LAHO" (a summer camp for those who never participated in one) had a variety of programs that included drama, fine art, folklore dancing, moving games, and storytelling. The first summer camp included 57 children aged 7-14 for 12 days in "IS'AED AL-TOFOLAH" center in Al-Bireh city, sponsored by **the National Commission for summer camps**.

Ms Wesal Al-Aydi the summer camp supervisor from YAF that the purpose of conducting such summer camps is to creating a joyful environment for the children, and giving the children some skills and creative methods. And Mr. Alaa' Albaba, Ms Nabela Adeeb, Ms. Lara Sal'oos, and Ms. Mai Alqab were the trainers in the summer camp.



And Ms Al-Aydi confirmed that the second summer camp carried the same name of the first one, but it was in YAF's premises for 10 days in the morning and evening for 30 children aged 8-14, sponsored by **Bank of Palestine LTD.** and **TRUST international insurance co. PLC.**, and other partial contribution from national organizations, and the activities were the same as above (drama, fine art, folklore dancing, moving games, and storytelling). And some volunteers from Al-Quds University attended some medical examination. Ms Sahar Al-Khateeb and Mr. Abdullah Awad were the trainers in the summer camp.

Finally, the celebration was conducted for the children in "IS'AED AL-TOFOLAH" center to present all the children's art and outputs.