



# July 2023 Featured Project

Uniting and equipping young women for peace



**TOGETHER WOMEN RISE**

# Introducing Tomorrow's Women

Mission: to train young women from Palestine, Israel, and the United States to be strong, compassionate leaders who partner to resolve conflicts and inspire action that promotes equality, peace, and justice for all.



# About the Palestinian Territories

- Refers to the territories of the West Bank (including East Jerusalem) and the Gaza Strip, occupied or otherwise under the control of Israel since 1967
- Magnitude of regional problems are severe
- Conflict is long and intractable; women are especially impacted
- 40% of unmarried women have been physically abused by a household member



# Life Challenges for Women Served

- Barriers to young Palestinian female activism are many and severe
- Pervasive and discriminatory patriarchal cultural traditions
- Regular threat of violence
- Living under occupation impacts well-being, security, and participation in public and private spheres
- Blockades and restricted travel make connection and relationships difficult



# Beyond Wars and Walls: Palestinian Young Women Activists Unite

- Serves young women ages 15 – 29 from all economic backgrounds
- Builds a community of practice by and for young women peace activists from Gaza, Jerusalem, West Bank, and those living in Israel
- Led by alumnae
- Self-governed and ultimately self-sustained community of practice



# The Project

Primary components:

- **Retreats and workshops** featuring emotional resilience and trauma healing sessions
- **Leadership workshops**, survey taking, and listening sessions for the creation of a baseline of data for the group
- **Creation of a social media campaign** (blogs and podcasts) to promote the circumstances facing young women activists in Gaza

DIRECT IMPACT: 120; INDIRECT IMPACT: 1,200+



# Budget

Item	Description	Cost
Gaza	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff (2 contracted Palestinian facilitators)</li><li>• Internet connectivity</li><li>• Cost for Face-to-Face gathering (listening session and survey; includes location, secure travel for girls, food, supplies)</li><li>• Where I Live Storytelling/Digital Activism (project coordination, podcast production, editing, promotion)</li></ul>	\$6,945
West Bank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• West Bank Palestinian Coordinator</li><li>• Alumnae Coordinator Stipends</li><li>• Weekend Retreats (3) (lodging, secure transportation, food, contracted Palestinian Dialogue Facilitator for 2 listening sessions)</li><li>• Emotional Resiliency training (movement, HeartMath, compassionate listening)</li><li>• Data monitoring and evaluation, assessment design/publication, community presentation</li></ul>	\$31,580
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$38,525</b>

# About Tomorrow's Women

- Founded in 2003 by humanitarian Rachel Kaufman, artist Debra Sugerman, and activist Anael Harpaz
- Proprietary model for Compassionate Dialogue
- Flagship Young Leader Program: year-long, immersive leadership experience for young Israeli and Palestinian women
- Newest initiatives: groundbreaking virtual Gaza Girls for greater inclusivity, and Advanced Leadership Initiative for change-making opportunities for Israeli and Palestinian young women to partner on projects and affect change on the ground





# Discussion: Share Your Thoughts

1. How do you think the participation of alumnae in design and implementation enhances the effectiveness of Tomorrow's Women's projects?
2. Discuss the significance of "Do No Harm" policies (which consider the impact of project activities on this region in conflict and the individual safety and security of participants) to the success of this project.
3. Given the longevity of occupation and the continued volatility in the region, how do you think Tomorrow's Women and its partner organizations keep participants and staff engaged?



