

## EPISCOPAL TECHNOLOGICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER, RAMALLAH, WEST BANK

Even in the bustling West Bank city of Ramallah, opportunities for economic success after finishing secondary school are elusive. For the students who have not succeeded in traditional academic programs, ETVTC is a godsend.

ETVTC as founded in 2000 by its current director Giovanni Anbar. Students spend two years of hands-on learning in one of two tracks: hospitality and culinary arts or information technology. Upon graduation 94 percent of students move to full-time employment, additional vocational training, or university studies. AFEDJ supporters offer hope and opportunity for success by funding scholarships, equipment purchases, and on-the-job training.

### SERVICES PROVIDED

- Two-year vocational programs in hospitality/culinary arts and information technology
- Technology summer camp for children 6 to 13
- Ballet summer camp for girls 6 to 16
- One-year professional culinary arts certificate for adults
- A 12-week culinary arts program is offered to non-violent offenders in the Ramallah prison.



*Palestinian students struggle to succeed under the pressure of occupation. Many students will not pass the official high school exam, and nearly half of young Palestinians face rising unemployment rates.*

— Giovanni Anbar, Director



#### AT A GLANCE Episcopal Technological and Vocational Training Center

- + Giovanni Anbar, Director
- + 94% of graduates go directly to employment, additional training, or university
- + Founded in 2000 to fill a need for high-quality vocational training in the West Bank
- + A guest house allows students in the hospitality program to gain hands-on experience and generate revenue for the school

### YOUR IMPACT AS AN AFEDJ DONOR

Your support helps young Palestinians achieve economic stability.

- + Since 2011, The Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem has provided scholarships for low-income students who otherwise would be unable to enroll.
- + The organization's partnership with ETVTC has had a transformative impact on the school's ability to reach and serve some of the most vulnerable young men and women in the West Bank.



Each year, the school conducts a cooking competition that attracts people from across Ramallah.



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