

Class of 2014 Toyota Mothers of Invention Honored for Transforming Social Solutions at Fifth Annual Women in the World Summit

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NEW YORK (April 5, 2014) – Creativity, courage and determination in fostering social good reigns supreme among those gathered at the fifth annual Women in the World Summit, and the Toyota Mothers of Invention are no exception. This year, the Toyota Mothers of Invention transform the lives of hundreds of thousands of people by collectively making clean water, healthy food and solar-powered light more accessible to those in need.

Since 2012, the Toyota Mothers of Invention program has celebrated these amazing women, whose organizations' ground-breaking ideas are changing lives, at the Women in the World Summit—and this year was no different. The fifth annual summit, hosted by Tina Brown Live Media at the David H. Koch Theater in Lincoln Center concluded this afternoon after three consecutive days of sessions during which ingenuity, inspiration and the desire to improve the quality of life across the globe took center stage.

During the final day of the summit, Toyota presented leaders of three nascent organizations with Driving Solutions grants of \$50,000 to continue their positive impact on the lives of others, whether in their own communities or in a global footprint. Distinguished members of the Toyota Mothers of Invention Class of 2014 include Anna Stork and Andrea Sreshta, co-founders of [LuminAID](#); Lauren Shweder Biel, executive director and co-founder, [DC Greens](#) and Tricia Compas-Markman, founder of [DayOne Response](#).

They join a remarkable group of women honored at previous summits, including 2013 recipients Kativa M. Shukla, founder and CEO of [Fenugreen](#); Caitria and Morgan O' Neill, co-founders and chief executives of [Recovers.org](#); and Sejal Hathi and Tara Roberts, co-founders of [girltank](#), as well as the 2012 class – Aseneth Andrews, founder of [The Catherine Ferguson Academy for Young Women](#); Talia Leman, founder of [Randomkid.org](#); and Jessica O. Matthews and Julia Silverman, inventors of the sOcket and co-founders of [Uncharted Play](#).

“Toyota is proud to help fuel the innovations of the Mothers of Invention who are recognized here today,” said Flaurel English, vice president, marketing, Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. and summit co-presenter. “The 2014 honorees join an extraordinary group of women who are not only making the world a better place, but also inspiring others to spark positive change in communities around the globe.”

The Summit, hosted by Tina Brown, a long time champion of women's issues, and presented by Toyota, centered on vivid journalistic storytelling, as inspiring leaders shared stories of courage and determination, empowering all in attendance to make a difference in her world. In addition to Brown, a long time champion of women's issues, the event featured appearances by several leaders including President Jimmy Carter, former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, and the leader of the International Monetary Fund Christine Lagarde, alongside fashion and entertainment luminaries Meryl Streep, Diane von Furstenberg, Rashida Jones, Angelique Kidjo and Sarah Silverman, treating attendees to a truly memorable experience.