

## **Bio of Sonia Maayeh**

Sonia Maayeh was born in Jerusalem in 1972 and raised in Ramallah. She finished her high school diploma at the Friends school in Ramallah in 1990 and moved to Arlington, TX to continue her studies in Business Administration at the University of Arlington in Texas (UTA). When she returned to Palestine, she found a job at an Insurance company. During her first job, she took an executive secretary course for one year at the Ramallah Women Training Center, to increase her knowledge in business administration. She has been working for several Arab and foreign organizations since 1991. In 2009, Sonia joined FICR as a part time administrative assistant.

She is married to Luay Radad, who is working as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and instructor at the Emergency Medical Institute at the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) in Ramallah. She met Luay while taking a training course at the PRCS. Luay was her training instructor in April 2001 (during the second intifada). After passing the First Aid exam, she was able to join the field hospital in Al-Balou area in El-Bireh, where demonstrators were throwing stones at the Israeli jeeps and the medical teams in the ambulances were helping the injured.

Sonia and Luay have one daughter. Her name is Jenna. Jenna is one year and half. For Sonia and her husband, Jenna is the joy of their life.

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