



The Humanitarian

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You authored Faces of the Middle East detailing your humanitarian work and Founded the NGO Charity House of Rest in Iraq - tell us your plans for this year..

Apart from a new TV show later this year, I'll be focusing on the World of Women Film Fair on International Women's Day and my NGO in Iraq called the House of Rest, which is a non political organisation that cares for women survivors caught in war zones. My main goal this year is to grow that project and create sustainable solutions for women refugees in our region.

What has been the biggest challenge that you have faced?

Unfortunately we still live in a male dominated society, where the system and the way we do business is catered for and created by men. I still face a lot of sexism in the workplace globally.

If you had the power - what is the one thing you would do to change the world?

Create legal infrastructure that ensures the safety and security for all women globally, so they have equal rights and the power over their own bodies, lives, education and financial decisions.

Who is your inspiration?

My faith inspires all I do. Knowing that I am loved eternally has enabled me to overcome hardships, hostile people and situations as well as other obstacles life unexpectedly throws at you.

What advice would you give to young women growing up in today's society?

Love yourself and don't be afraid to live your dreams. The world is such a beautiful place and there has never been a point in time like now, where a woman can really do anything and be anything she wants to be!

Give me three words that sum you up?

Brave, compassionate and free.

What makes you happy?

Hearing my mother laugh and sleeping in the desert.

Tell us your favourite momento?

My watch - I always try to be on time.

What is the one trait that has got you to the top of your career?

Kindness: Some people see it as a weakness, but 8 out of 10 times, it's my secret to why I win.