

**Ms. Bedour Saeed Al Raqbani**  
**Director and Founder**  
**Kalimati Speech and Communication Center**  
**Dubai, United Arab Emirates**

Bedour Saeed Al Raqbani has recently been awarded the Arabian Woman Awards UAE 2013 in Education. A Magna Cum Laude graduate in Visual Communication, Bedour's vision of Kalimati Speech & Communication Center started when her two year old daughter, Noora, was diagnosed with profound hearing loss. Not being satisfied with the service of speech therapy centers in the UAE, she decided to establish her own. In 2010 she fulfilled that dream by founding Kalimati with the support of her family and friends.

Kalimati Speech and Communication Center was established to fulfill a growing demand for speech therapy services in the UAE. The center provides quality pediatric speech therapy services in Arabic, English, French and Sign Language.

Bedour Al Raqbani, who is an active supporter of the deaf, and the center work hard to raise awareness on the issue of hearing loss with various conferences and events as well as sign languages courses.

Bedour is an Alumni Council Member, a member of the Parents Advisory Committee at Al Mizhar American Academy, a member of the UAE Sign Language Committee and was chosen by Abu Dhabi Media as an Exceptional Emirati.