

## Dr. Samia Al-Amoudi

Dr. Samia Al-Amoudi is an Associate Professor at King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah (KAU) and a Consultant Obstetrician Gynecologist. She is head of Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Al-Amoudi Center of Excellence in breast cancer and scientific chair for breast cancer at KAU, Jeddah Saudi Arabia. Previously she has worked as Vice Dean of the College of Medicine and Allied Sciences at King Abdulaziz University; a Temporary Advisor for a 1995 Inter-country workshop on Reproductive Health and Research Methodology at the World Health Organization; and Director of the Dr. Samia Al-Amoudi Medical Center. In 1981, she was among the first group of female medical graduate from King Abdulaziz University.



She is a single parent and mother of one son, Abdullah, 17 years of age, and one daughter, Esraa, 13 years of age. In April 2006 she was diagnosed with breast cancer **and is still on treatment. She was the first Saudi to share her personal battle with the disease, breaking the silence to speak out about its impact.**

Dr. Samia Al-Amoudi is the author of 13 books. Her publications include *Break the Silence*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (in English) and *My Journey with Breast Cancer* (in Arabic) and Breast cancer survivors in Saudi Arabia in English. Her children wrote 2 books about breast cancer.

She has participated in several print, radio, and television programs, including CNN in Jan 2009 in vital signs and ABC's Good Morning America and USA Ch 9.

### **Dr. Al-Amoudi has received a number of awards.**

In March 2007, **the U.S Department of State awarded her the first International Women of Courage Award** in recognition of her breast cancer awareness campaign and for sharing her personal battle with breast cancer to raise awareness across the Kingdom and throughout the Middle East.

In October 24 she was the facilitator of the **former first lady of USA** Laura Bush during her meeting with breast cancer survivors in Jeddah during her visit to Saudi Arabia.

On 15<sup>th</sup> January 2008 she had been invited to Riyadh to meet the **former President of USA** during his visit to Saudi Arabia where he showed his and his wife appreciation and support to her work.

She was honored by **Susan G. Komen for the Cure** in March 2008 in Washington DC.

On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 she was honored and received award ALMIFTAHA from Prince Faisal bin Khaled of Asir region in recognition of her work and efforts to raise public awareness in breast cancer.

Her story is included in the **secondary schools English curriculum** in 2008 (people who made a difference).

**A Doc film** about her story with breast cancer (break the silence) was aired by alarabia news TV ch on March 30, 2009.

In April 2009 she was honored by Princess Al Anood bint Abdullah wife of Amir of Mecca region Prince Khaled AlFaisal for her dedicated and pioneer work towards her country and her community.

On May 13, 2009 she received medal of courage from Saudi Cancer foundation in Dammam, Saudi Arabia and patronage of HRH princess Jwahr Bint Naief Bin Abdulaziz.

June 2009 she was invited as Komen Global Advocate to participate in race for the cure in Washington DC and was invited by President **Obama's vice president G Biden and his wife Dr. Biden** with the group of global Advocate.

In October 2009 she was invited as Global Advocate in first care for the cure in Egypt and in support training workshop.

She was invited in November 2009 by **Harvard University** and presented a talk about Barriers to breast cancer screening in Arab world.

On 27<sup>th</sup> March 2010 she was nominated by Arabian business magazine among the **most top 100** who have impact and made changes in their societies she rank the 5<sup>th</sup> in Arab world and first women in Saudi Arabia in this list.

**Currently she is establishing the first Breast Cancer Center of Excellency in the region at King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah Saudi Arabia.**

