



Partnership

Friends United Meeting's support of RFS helps create opportunities for many children who come from marginalized socioeconomic backgrounds to receive an exceptional education. FUM also connects RFS with the wider global Quaker community, and allows wonderful talent to join the School through the Living Letters volunteer program and as employees. This diversity exposes RFS students to a variety of people and beliefs, and helps them become the global learners we aspire for them to be. It also helps the members of the RFS community share their culture, traditions, and reality with the world.



“ Our students fill me with hope. They are the future generation who can create the positive change we aim for. My goal is to promote a positive culture and the best possible environment for everyone to thrive so that our children reach their fullest potential. I see RFS as the leading educational institution in Palestine, and the education based on Quaker values that it provides underpins continuous improvement of one's personal, spiritual, social, moral, and economic well-being. This impacts our students who graduate to be constant learners and positive contributors to the growth and maturity of Palestinian civil society. ” —Rania Maayeh



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As Head of School at Ramallah Friends School, Rania Maayeh has come full circle. She began her relationship with RFS as a student, and went on to be both a teacher and the parent of three students. As a Palestinian Christian and Quaker, Rania considers the RFS community to be the place where her spiritual journey and formation began. She is honored to be leading the institution that has given so much to both she and her family.



Honoring and Continuing a Heritage

What became Ramallah Friends School was founded in 1869 with the idea of providing education for girls at a time when girls education was uncommon. One hundred and fifty years later, the school offers quality K–12 education to both boys and girls and is beginning a pre-K program, as well.

While it no longer seems unusual to educate girls, RFS continues to honor equality as a foundational value by providing a quality education to both Muslim and Christian students living under occupation in a conflict zone. It is one of the only Palestinian schools providing education to students with learning difficulties. It is one of the only International Baccalaureate (IB) schools in Palestine, and consistently graduates students who go on to attend academically excellent colleges and universities around the globe. Ramallah Friends School focuses on preparing students to become effective leaders in their society.

Head of School

It brings Rania great joy to be able to lead, by serving, the whole community of RFS—including more than 1500 students, and 180 highly trained faculty and staff. She is proud of their resilience and tenacity, as they have maintained their excellence and upheld their mission despite the many hurdles and challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, the war in Gaza, and the ongoing political and economic conflicts they must manage. Rania works hard to support her staff in their roles, to work with the RFS board and community partners, and to take the necessary steps to reduce deficits, maintain fiscal accountability, and find pathways to sustainability to ensure the future of the school.



“ The RFS community is a pillar of light in the arena of women’s empowerment in a male-dominated society. FUM’s operation and support of the School provides opportunities and resources to a community drawn by conflict—a platform for creating generations of leaders in the Palestinian community who continue to positively impact the world. ”

—Rania Maayeh

