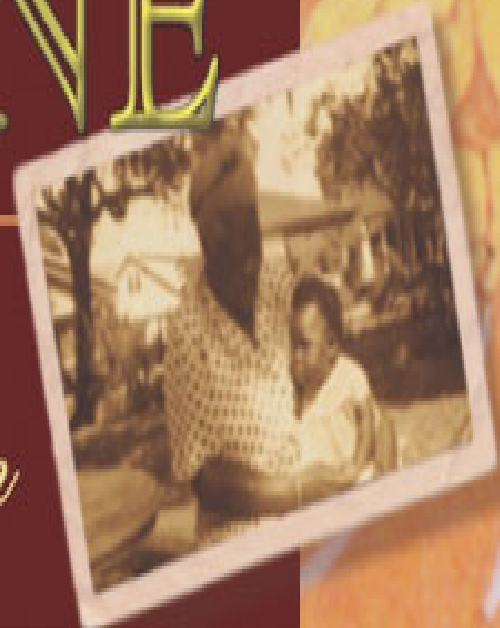




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*Out of the darkness
into the light of Freedom*



Dr. Evelyn Bethune
Book and Speaking Tour
Press Package

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Granddaughter of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune shares the legacy of the great educator, activist, and advisor to three United States Presidents, in her new book *Bethune: Out of Darkness, Into the Light of Freedom*.



Houston, TX - The granddaughter of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, Dr. Evelyn Bethune is launching her lecture and book tour entitled *Bethune: Out of Darkness, Into the Light of Freedom*.

The multi-city tour began in February 2009 in Houston, Texas at the African American Leadership Network Black history celebration. Other tour stops include: Orlando, Washington, D.C. Chicago, Houston, New York and Long Beach California to name a few.

"Starting out with nothing but faith in God and hard work against all odds, this book is about pride and dignity, persistence, and finding a way to make life meaningful all wrapped up into one. Thus, it is with great honor that I write this foreword for my good friend and unstoppable spirit, Dr. Evelyn Bethune, speaker, author, educator, community activist, and servant leader."

-- Les Brown, Motivational Speaker

*"Dr. Evelyn Bethune stands in the grand tradition of her grandmother Mary McLeod Bethune and family. Her book *Bethune: Out of Darkness into the Light* is an inspirational gem and historical jewel!"*

-- Dr. Cornel West, Princeton University

Dr. Evelyn Bethune is the CEO of the Mary McLeod Bethune Educational Legacy Foundation, which was founded by the grandchildren of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune to ensure the continuation, growth and development of her legacy of encouraging and promoting education in a variety of platforms

A portion of the proceeds from the Book & Exhibit sales will be donated to the Mary McLeod Bethune Educational Legacy Foundation and the Children's Defense Fund.

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THE MISSION OF BETHUNE: OUT OF DARKNESS INTO THE LIGHT OF FREEDOM

Out of Darkness Into the Light

I can remember the sound of my grandmother's voice as she told stories to the neighborhood children at story hour on Saturday mornings. I can also remember the gentleness of her touch as she would sit me on her lap to simply be my grandmother. The smells of her house and love for family are a part of the comfort that comes in the memories.

Throughout this life experience we were blessed with parents who taught us by example to give to others, to share no matter how little we might have, to love deeply and to trust God.

When our lights would get turned off because my parents could only stretch their resources so far, we didn't understand how there could be so much and yet so little. When my father was forced to retire on a \$50 a month pension, from the college to which he had given his life, in order to help his mother realize her dream of providing an education for the descendants of the enslaved Africans, we did not understand.

This is the true story of coming out of that darkness into the light of freedom. It is a story of love and family and how the strength of our ancestors is with us and guides us to the restoration of stolen legacies.

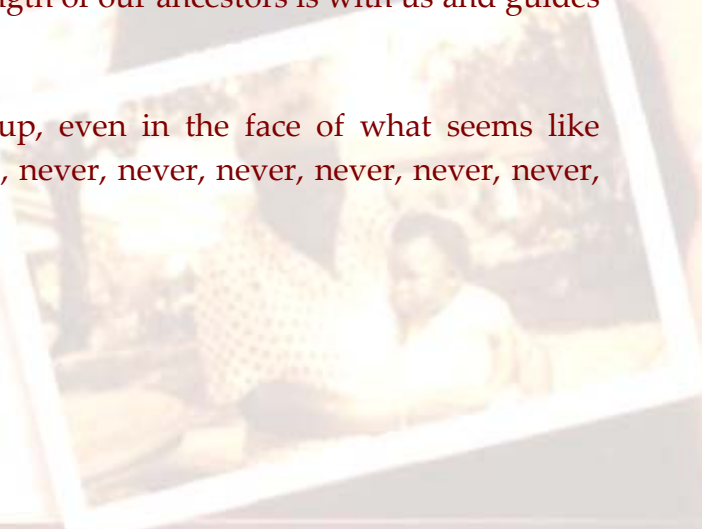
This is the story of how to never give up, even in the face of what seems like insurmountable obstacles. Never give up, never, never, never, never, never, never, never, never, never, never, never, ever.

In the spirit of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune,

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Mary's Grandbaby

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IN THE BEGINNING:

Like most relatives of famous people, the grandchildren of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune are often asked what it is like to be related to someone so well known. Her grandmother was far ahead of her time in her vision, focus, and ability to lead our people. Growing up in her shadow was sometimes the hardest aspect of Dr. Evelyn Bethune's life and other times the most rewarding.

PUBLICATIONS/:

Atlanta Business Journal,
The Journal of Gerontology, "A study on the "Differences in Access to Healthcare for rural and urban Elderly African American Women versus that of elderly Caucasian Women"
The Queen's Legacy – *Amazon Instant Best Seller*
Bethune: Out of Darkness, Into the Light of Freedom
The Last Will & Testament of Mary McLeod Bethune (Audio CD)

LECTURE CIRCUIT:

Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Biennial convention, Indianapolis, IA
African American Leadership Network, Houston, Texas
Whatever it Takes, Just Get it Done!" Houston, Texas
Bruised but not Broken Conference, Bethesda, MD
2nd Annual National Black Women's Town Hall Meeting, Washington D.C.
St. Sabina Academy

BETHUNE: OUT OF DARKNESS, INTO THE LIGHT OF FREEDOM:

How do you come to a place of peace in your very soul when you see the legacy left to you being stolen away? It is the story of Bethune...Out of darkness, into the light of freedom. You see, one does not always have to have a visible shackle to be enslaved. Sometimes the enslavement comes through fear and anger. This is the true story of coming out of that darkness into the light of freedom. It is a story of love and family and how the strength of our ancestors is with us and guides us to the restoration of stolen legacies.

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