

2010 Freedom Journey

A Program of Booker T. Washington Empowerment Network, A 501(c)3 Nonprofit Organization

Following in the footsteps of Booker T. Washington from slavery to freedom

Each place along this journey is a national historic site, providing a unique opportunity for young people to get concrete experience while learning their history. They will also have the unique opportunity to go on the trip under the direction of a direct descendant of one of their great ancestors, Sarah O'Neal Rush, the great-granddaughter of Booker T. Washington.

Stops along this historic journey include the plantation where Booker T. Washington was born a slave in Virginia; West Virginia, where he lived after slavery, and worked in the salt furnaces and coal mines as a child; Hampton University, where he received his formal education; Washington, D.C., where he was the first black invited to dine in the White House. While in D.C. we are scheduled to meet with our congresswoman, U.S. Rep. Barbara Lee, and have lunch with U.S. Rep. Diane Watson. A request has been made to meet President Obama. Our last stop of course will be Tuskegee University, in Alabama, the school he founded for former slaves and their descendants 16 years after slavery ended.

HOW YOU CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The 2010 Freedom Journey is scheduled to take place July 29, 2010 to August 7, 2010. We need support to make it happen. Anything helps – \$5, \$30, \$100, or sponsoring the full cost of one child's trip, approximately \$2,300.00. It all moves us closer to making this historical journey a reality, and changing the life of a child forever.

If you have already given to this effort, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. If you haven't given yet, we invite you to partner with us, and become a part of the solution.

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