



SHEYANN WEBB-CHRISTBURG

Sheyann was born on February 17, 1956 in Selma, Alabama. She grew up in a family of eight children and attended the segregated public schools of Dallas County, Alabama. In her junior high years she was one of the first blacks to integrate an all white school. Sheyann says that during her junior high years they were the most horrific. She was pushed down stairs, called bad names, suspended from school, and spat on, and nothing was done by the school administration.

One day nine year old Sheyann and her friend Rachel were playing outside when they noticed a car drive up at Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church with several nicely dressed Negro men. When they walked over to the car they were introduced to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. They were told that Dr. King had come to Selma, Alabama to help the Negro people get voting rights.

Each night when mass meeting were held at the church, Sheyann would sneak out of her house to attend the meetings. She would also lead the congregation in singing freedom songs. She currently resides in Montgomery, Al. and travels the country telling her story about what happened on Bloody Sunday.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "*Smallest Freedom Fighter*".

Took part in the first attempted Selma to Montgomery march known as *Bloody Sunday*.

Co-author of the book, "*Selma, Lord, Selma*" (which was adapted into a critically acclaimed Disney Film).

NAACP Image Award Recipient.



Speaking Topic:

My Childhood Experiences with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Growing up in the Selma Civil Rights Movement