



A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

The West Volusia Branch NAACP will host the 30th annual Freedom Fund Banquet at 7:00 pm on Saturday June 20, 2020 at **The Center at Deltona** located at 1640 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd in Deltona. The Freedom Fund and Awards Banquet is celebrating the 2020 theme:

“Your Vote, Your Voice, It MUST Be Heard”

We invite the community to come celebrate the theme along with the continued progress of the West Volusia Branch of the NAACP. The keynote speaker is **Cheryl Brown Henderson**, Founding President and CEO of the Brown Foundation for Educational Equity, Excellence and Research.



Cheryl Brown Henderson is one of the three daughters of the late Rev. Oliver L. Brown who in the fall of 1950 along with 12 other parents in Topeka, Kansas, led by a group of attorneys that included Thurgood Marshall as the lead attorney. for the **NAACP**, filed suit on behalf of their children against the local Board of Education. Thurgood Marshall later became the first black appointed to the Supreme Court. Their case joined with cases from Delaware, South Carolina, Virginia and Washington, D.C. on appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court and on May 17, 1954, became known as the landmark decision; *Brown v. the Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas*. This case was legally named for Oliver Brown, i.e., Oliver L. Brown et. al. vs. the Board of Education of Topeka, KS. et. al. Brown died in 1961 before knowing the impact this case would have on the nation.

In 1988 she founded the Brown Foundation, which provided scholarships to more than 100 minority students; presented awards to local, state and national leaders; established libraries for children in low income

communities; developed curriculum on *Brown* for educators across the country; created traveling exhibits and a website about *Brown*; and sponsored programs on diversity and educational issues for thousands of people. In 1990, under her leadership, the Foundation successfully worked with the U.S. Congress to establish the *Brown v. Board of Education* National Park in Topeka, which opened in 2004.

Ms. Handerson has extensive background in education, business and civic leadership, having served on and chaired various local, state and national boards. In addition, she has nearly two decades of experience in political advocacy, public policy implementation and federal legislative development.

She is the recipient of many awards and recognition for work in education and community service; presentations at numerous conferences and conventions; and for her work with Congress and the National Park Service to preserve sites associated with the landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling of 1954. She has authored numerous articles and essays.

She has been invited to the White House on several occasions - In January 1994, May 1995, May 2003, June 2004, February 2005, June 2005, and May 2014, she was one of a group of individuals invited to receptions and dinner at the White House, (listed chronologically) in honor of Dr. King and the Children of Civil Rights Movement, the 75th Anniversary, U.S. Department of Labor, Women's Bureau, 49th Anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*, 40th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act., African American History Month, African American Gospel Music Month and the 60th Anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*.



**VIP TICKETS \$125 – Reception begins at 6 p.m.
And is an opportunity to meet our Keynote Speaker**

**Tickets: \$100.00 for Adults and \$50 for youth (18 and under)
The tickets must be purchased in advance.**