



A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

The West Volusia Branch NAACP will host the 30th annual Freedom Fund Banquet at 7:00 pm on Saturday **September 26, 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.



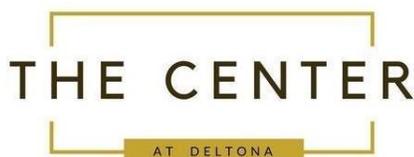
Cheryl Brown Henderson is one of the three daughters of the late Rev. Oliver L. Brown who in the fall of 1950 along with 12 other parents in Topeka, Kansas, led by a group of attorneys that included Thurgood Marshall as the lead attorney, for the **NAACP**, filed suit on behalf of their children against 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.

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.

The Mistress of Ceremony for the Banquet Event will be **television journalist and anchor at WKMG Local 6 in Orlando, Ginger Gadsden**. Ms. Gadsden joined the News 6 team June 15, 2014 as an anchor/reporter. She currently co-anchors the 4 p.m. 5:30 p.m. and the 7 p.m. newscast Central Florida's only 7pm newscast.

She attended and graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in English and Theatre.



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.