



## FACT SHEET

- *Freedom's Sisters* is a national traveling exhibition that opens on February 4, 2012 at The Malcolm X & Dr. Betty Shabazz Memorial and Educational Center. The exhibition has toured a total of 11 locations across the U.S. over a three-year period.
- *Freedom's Sisters* is made possible through a grant by Ford Motor Company Fund, the philanthropic arm of Ford Motor Company.
- The exhibition was created by the Cincinnati Museum Center and organized for travel by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES).
- This dynamic, interactive exhibition highlights and honors 20 remarkable African American women who have made significant contributions to expand our nation's rights and privileges to all Americans.
- *Freedom's Sisters* is expected to attract people of all ages, races and backgrounds, whether they were a part of the civil rights movement themselves or a student of the movement through stories passed down through family, friends and history books. The exhibition aims to inspire the next generation of leaders.
- *Freedom's Sisters* also includes educational and community outreach components to facilitate engagement with local audiences including an essay contest for middle school students, which awards savings bonds to the winners for use in future educational endeavors.
- Several influential national civil rights leaders, entertainers, politicians and philanthropists have accepted the invitation to serve as members of the National Committee of Honor for the exhibition. They include Sheila Johnson, Hon. Maxine Waters, Julian Bond, Patti LaBelle and Quincy Jones.
- Living Legends honored in the exhibition include Sonia Sanchez, Charlayne Hunter-Gault, Kathleen Cleaver and Myrlie Evers-Williams.



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