

Dr. Hattie N. Washington--Educator, Consultant, Motivational Speaker, Author, Founder of Aunt Hattie's Place-- *Nominated For The Maryland Hall Of Fame by Dr. Valencia Campbell, President, Prince George's County Drug Policy Coalition, Inc.*



Dr. Hattie N. Washington served as a tenured Professor of Education at Coppin State University (CSU) in Baltimore for over 20 years. Dr. Washington made history as the first female Vice President in the University's 100-year history. At the same time, she served as Executive Director of the Coppin State University Development Foundation. Her charge in this position was to implement a capital campaign to raise \$3 million in five years, but she undertook a more ambitious campaign goal and presented \$8 million to the Coppin State Foundation Board, the Coppin Family and the Board of Regents - \$5 million over goal!

During the same twenty years that Dr. Washington contributed enormously to Coppin State University, she also founded Aunt Hattie's Place, Inc (AHP), a 501(c)(3) non-profit residential facility in Baltimore in 1997 to care for males from the foster care system with special educational needs. Her dedication to youth with vast potential but mislabeled prompted her to cash in her own retirement funds to support the opening of this boys' home. She later acquired grants, bonds and donations to establish and build other group homes in Randallstown and Sandy Spring. With a loving staff, a team of professional practitioners and volunteers, she provided care and nurturing for boys and young men ages eight to 21 who had been abused, abandoned and neglected. Despite the tremendous needs of her new family members, Hattie (affectionately, call "Aunt Hattie") believes that "all children are talented, intelligent, loveable and full of hope; but just need love, guidance, structure and high expectations to achieve their full potential." They needed a "helping hand", not a "hand out". Prior to Coppin, Dr. Washington was Asst. Superintendent of Baltimore Schools; prior, Evaluator, Maryland State Dept. of Educ.

Dr. Washington is the author of *Driven to Succeed: Lessons Learned Through Faith, Family and Favor*. Proceeds from this book and two more books scheduled for release in 2018 will benefit her scholarship fund at Coppin State University for foster youth who have aged out of the system and want to continue their education.

Dr. Washington holds a Bachelors of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Norfolk State University with a minor in Special Education, a Masters Degree from Ball State University (an Athens, Greece Overseas Program) in Counseling Psychology, and a Doctorate from the University of Maryland College Park in Curriculum and Instruction. She has engaged in further post-graduate study in Multicultural Education and Special Education at Glasgow University in Scotland, UK (on a Rotary International Scholarship), in Executive Management (IEM) at Harvard University in Boston, and in Institutional Accountability in Higher Education at Oxford University in London, England.

She has received numerous awards, plaques, citations and other recognitions for her work with Aunt Hattie's Place, Coppin State University, foster children and community organizations. Just a few, include: the 2013 Outstanding Service to Youth by the Montgomery County Commission on Youth and Families, Top 100 Minority Business Entrepreneurial of the Year (2009 and 2012), The Outstanding 2017 Graduate Faculty Award from Coppin State University; The Sister4Sister Network 15th Anniversary Jewel Diamond Taylor Inspirational Life Changer Legacy Award; and recently, The 2018 Maryland Women's Commission **Hall of Fame** Award.

"My work with Aunt Hattie's Place (AHP), Baltimore City Schools, Maryland State Dept. of Education (MSDE) and at Coppin State were my ministries and grew out of my childhood experiences and a need to "give back" and "pay it forward". Throughout my career, I have sought to uplift the lives of our youth while focusing on the unmet needs of foster boys, who were among the most disenfranchised and whose circumstances threatened to rob them of their dreams

*for a bright future. As the mother of two daughters who have grown into accomplished young women (a physician & an attorney), my teachings and child-rearing strategies and foundation prepared me to lead AHP in providing numerous foster boys with the love, guidance, structure, and high expectation; whereby many became productive young men whose dreams of hope and success became reality. I taught my daughters and my foster young men, 'Yes, We Can; We **MUST**'.*