

Oprah Winfrey



Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time to recognize important roles of blacks in U.S. history. Black History Month began in 1926 to remember important people of African descent and events.

One person that has brought pride to the Black community is Oprah Winfrey. Oprah Winfrey was born January 29, 1954 on a farm in Mississippi. Oprah had a difficult childhood. She had a poor lifestyle and was sexually abused growing up. After a few bad years, Oprah's mother sent her to her father in Nashville. This was a turning point as she said, her father saved her life.

Today, Oprah is a well known influential person with a net worth of \$3.5 billion. Oprah has over 31 charities to help those in need. 12 years ago, she opened an all girls schools in South Africa. The school is designed to give these girls high level education. Girls in South Africa do not get a chance to receive education. These young girls were taught to cook and clean. As Oprah visited, she related to most of these girls with her childhood and saw a great chance to help these girls.

When opening this school, Oprah wanted to give the girls an opportunity to make a difference in the world. This school has helped many girls become who they want to be and accomplish their dreams. This school has shed light on these girls lives and gives them a future to look forward to.