

Freedom partners unite to abolish evil trafficking

ELIZABETH and ATLANTA —In its effort to call attention to the evils of human trafficking and modern-day slavery, the Frederick Douglass Family Foundation (FDFF) has united with Benedictine Academy, naming the school as its first "Douglass Freedom Partner."

"This is about more than just bestowing an honor upon Benedictine Academy because of the work they've done in the area of human trafficking," Kenneth B. Morris, Jr., FDFF president and direct descendant of Frederick Douglass, said. "We actually created this model for partnering with schools because of the commitment Benedictine Academy has shown, from students to teachers to administrators. Like Benedictine Academy, we hope that future Douglass Freedom Partners will utilize and contribute to FDFF's human trafficking service-learning curricula and they will find creative ways to unite with others to address this crime."

Benedictine Academy administrators Linda H. Michalski, chair of religion department and director of campus ministry, and Sr. Donna Jo Repetti, O.S.F., director of guidance, said they welcome the opportunity to further develop the school's relationship with FDFF. "Together, we can and will stop this gross injustice," Michalski said. "In the spirit of Frederick Douglass, we will walk our young women, men and children into freedom."

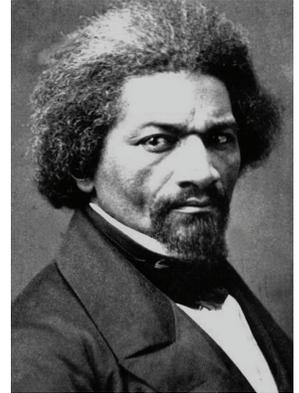
Founded in June 2007, The Frederick Douglass Family Foundation is a public charity that creates service-learning curricula for use in middle schools and high schools. The foundation honors the legacy of Frederick Douglass and works to create awareness and combat modern-day slavery, such as human trafficking.

According to information posted on the FDFF Web site, Frederick Douglass was a leader in the abolitionist movement, which fought to end slavery in the United States in the decades prior to the Civil War. A brilliant speaker,

Douglass was asked by the American Anti-Slavery Society to engage in a tour of lectures, and so became recognized as one of America's first great black speakers. He won world fame when his autobiography was publicized in 1845. Two years later he began publishing an anti-slavery newspaper called *The North Star*.

Douglass served as an adviser to President Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War and fought for the adoption of constitutional amendments that guaranteed voting rights and other civil liberties for blacks. Douglass provided a powerful voice for human rights during this period of American history and is still revered today for his contributions against racial injustice.

For more information about the foundation or to learn about the Douglass Freedom Partner program, contact Robert Benz by phone at (702) 523-4845 or visit the group's Web site (www.fdff.org).



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