



Thomas W. Dortch, Jr.

Chairman Emeritus
100 Black Men of America, Inc.

Thomas W. Dortch, Jr., Chairman Emeritus of 100 Black Men of America, Inc. and President and Chief Executive Officer of TWD, Inc., has established himself as a leader by diligently working to dismantle systemic barriers to empowerment. He graduated from Fort Valley State University with a degree in Sociology and earned a graduate degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Clark Atlanta University.

Under his guidance, 100 Black Men of America expanded to include 102 chapters throughout the US, Africa, England and the West Indies. Formed in 1986, the mission of the "100" is to improve the quality of life, and enhance the educational and economic opportunities for African-Americans.

Mr. Dortch launched his formal career in 1972 writing proposals and developing fund raising projects for the State of Georgia that sought to aid marginalized members of society. He became the Associate Director of the Democratic Party of Georgia in 1974 where during his four-year tenure he assisted in the creation of the first charter for the state party and wrote the first Affirmative Action and Compliance Review Program for the Party.

In 1978, Mr. Dortch began working with U.S. Senator Sam Nunn by providing technical assistance at conferences, meetings, and public hearings. In 1990, he became the State Director and served as chief administrator over five field offices and one state office. Mr. Dortch was the first African-American to serve in this capacity for the United States Senate.

In 1995, Mr. Dortch chose to apply the more than twenty years of experience and knowledge gained from working in government to his business interests. These include serving as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of TWD, Inc., a consulting firm with emphasis on business development, public relations and fundraising; President of South West Investment Group (SWIG), a community development and investment group; and Chief Executive Officer of Atlanta Transportation Systems, Inc., a paratransit system that manages non-emergency transportation for Fulton County Government. His other business involvements include serving as President of Cornerstone Parking and Lancor Parking Management, and Managing Partner of FAD Consulting, LLC, a diversity management, marketing, and events management company.

Thirty years ago, he wrote proposals and developed fund raising projects designed to empower single parents and communities to meet the needs of their children. More recently, he authored "The Miracles of Mentoring: The Joy of Investing in Our Future," published by Doubleday Books. Today, he is the voice of the 100's Four for the Future.

Some of Mr. Dortch's other accomplishments include: establishing the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc. as a vehicle to continuously highlight the major contributions of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and their graduates; and co-founding the Georgia Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (GAME) to fill a void as an advocacy organization for minority business development.

A partial listing of his involvement includes the National Drug Free Communities Act Advisory Commission, the Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia, the Black/Jewish Coalition, the ACVB and the National Assault on Illiteracy Board. Mr. Dortch is the recipient of numerous awards and honors that celebrate his efforts. These include a U. S. Presidential Citation for Volunteerism, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Distinguished Service Award, the Concerned Black Clergy's Salute to Black Fathers Leadership Award, the History Makers Award, the 2002 National Black Caucus of State Legislators Nation Builder's Award, 2003 Turner Broadcasting Trumpet Leadership Award, 2004 Man The Decade Award of 100 Black Men of America, Inc., 2004 Father of The Year Award of the American Diabetes Association, 2004 CEO Networking Award of CEO Network-Nassau, Bahamas, The Institute for Advancement of Multicultural & Minority Medicine 2004 Survivors Award, The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's 2004 Distinguished Phoenix Award, and 2004 John E. Jacobs Community Service Award of Anheuser Busch Life Time Achievement.

He has had guest appearances on C-SPAN, the Montel Williams Show, Talk Back Atlanta, CNN, Good Day Atlanta and Fox News Channel The O'Reilly Factor. He was listed as one of the 100 most influential Black leaders in 2004 by Ebony Magazine and 2004 publication of The Atlanta Business Chronicle. Additionally, he speaks to a wide range of organizations interested in facilitating the empowerment of others.

He earned his B.A. Degree in Sociology and Pre Professional Social Work from Fort Valley State University in 1972; a Masters of Art Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Clark-Atlanta University in 1986. He also attended Georgia State University as a Ford Fellow in the Urban Administration Program. Dortch received Honorary Doctors Degrees from Fayetteville State University and Jarvis Christian College.