

# The Sisterhood Storytelling Series: A Call to Black Women and Girls!!

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: *Rolling*

The Sisterhood Creed has been upheld in our organization as our a code of conduct by which we commit to relate to Black women and girls both within our organization and throughout our lives. The Sisterhood Storytelling Series, our latest campaign, is based on The Sisterhood Creed and is live now in the Gallery on our website! Please visit the gallery, be inspired and then weave your voice into this sweet, exquisite tapestry of stories of hope, triumph, pain and love, where Black women and girls are taking center stage to celebrate one another by telling our stories. See below for details on how to join us!

## The Stories:

The Sisterhood Storytelling Series is based off of the tenets of the Sisterhood Creed; joy, suffering, keeping, acceptance and sharpening. These tenets are the nuanced ways in which we see sisterhood actualized. Please choose one tenet per story and tell us about how you have seen that tenet played out in your relationship with another Black woman (ex., mom, sister, friend, cousin, co-worker, church member, etc.).

*Sisterhood of Joy:* Presence of a woman who stood (or stands) beside you during your most joyful moments in life and cheered for you, congratulated you without jealousy, comparison or any sense of personal loss or longing.

*Sisterhood of Suffering:* Presence of a woman who stood (or stands) beside you when you could not stand on your own due to some level of suffering or loss.

*Sisterhood of Keeping:* Persistence of a woman with whom you have had a difficult relationship who has resolved, along with you, to stay in community with you, intentionally loving you and engaging you, no matter what it takes.

*Sisterhood of Acceptance:* Presence of a woman who chose you, and embraced you fully when she didn't know you, or when she knew everything about you, admirable and despicable.

*Sisterhood of Sharpening:* Presence of a woman who stood by and loved you up, correcting your messiness with grace, dealing with you in honesty, even when it required that she say the hard things, all toward your growth and well being.

## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

1. **BIO:** Provide a short bio consisting of the name, age, location, occupation of storyteller(s) and a photo of the storyteller(s) with right handed fist held tightly, over her heart.

2. **CHOOSE A TENET:** Please choose one tenet (listed above) and tell us of a real, factual account, told in first person, featuring you and another Black woman (or women) based on the

tenet you have chosen. Story content must clearly communicate how the women involved know each other (ex.: co-workers, family members, church friends, etc) and describe how that relationship involves the chosen tenet.

3. **CHOOSE A MEDIUM:** Submissions can be entered in one of three forms: written, audio or video. **Written submissions** must be no more than 800 words and submitted as a Word document. **Audio and video submissions** must be between 2-4 minutes, but no longer than 4 minutes. Audio recorded submissions should be uploaded as a private file to Soundcloud. Video submissions should be uploaded as a private file to Vimeo. Audio & video recordings are encouraged to include the voice and/or presence of any and all key persons involved in the story. Once audio and video recordings are uploaded, only the link to the submission should be emailed to [sss@thebeautifulproject.org](mailto:sss@thebeautifulproject.org)

**All completed submissions must be submitted to: [sss@thebeautifulproject.org](mailto:sss@thebeautifulproject.org)**

We hope that you are as excited as we are to take up your pen and your camera to redefine sisterhood as more than just a community of women with shared experiences. Through this campaign, we desire to provide a platform that gives Black girls and women a space to tell their own stories, to give a truer picture of the way we relate to and care for one another and the circle of protection this type of community creates for young Black girls. In essence, this campaign will intentionally explore The Beautiful Project's desire to cultivate **sisterhood as activism.**

### **Will you join us?**

Selected Sisterhood Storytelling Series submissions will be featured on our blog beginning Fall 2016.

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