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## **Sheyann Webb-Christburg – Civil Rights Activist, Author, and the “Smallest Freedom Fighter” of Selma**

Sheyann Webb-Christburg’s life story is a living testament to courage, faith, and the power of youth in shaping history. Known as the **“Smallest Freedom Fighter” of Selma**, she became the youngest participant in the historic 1965 “Bloody Sunday” march on the Edmund Pettus Bridge, an event that helped secure passage of the Voting Rights Act.

At just eight years old, Sheyann was deeply inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., whom she met and marched alongside during the Selma Movement. Her firsthand experiences were later chronicled in her co-authored autobiography, *Selma, Lord, Selma: Girlhood Memories of the Civil Rights Days*, which became the basis for the acclaimed Disney film of the same name.

Today, Webb-Christburg continues to travel the nation sharing her story with schools, universities, and organizations. Her message of faith, perseverance, and social responsibility resonates across generations, reminding audiences that ordinary people, especially young people, can ignite extraordinary change.

She is the founder and executive director of **The Foot Soldiers Human Civil Rights Educational Project**, a nonprofit committed to preserving the legacy of the Selma Movement and empowering future leaders to stand for justice and equality.

Her remarkable journey from child activist to national speaker and humanitarian has earned her numerous awards and recognition, including honors from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the NAACP, and the United States Congress.