

Greetings Friends & Earth Family,

The “Re-Energizing the Legacy of Frederick Douglass” Project keeps moving forward one monumental task at a time! Rochester Community Television Media Center and Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives proudly present the “**Building Strong Children**” statue project and “**Freedom Is**” Contest.

Frederick Douglass and his Family used Creativity, Free Speech, Education and Hard Work to transform their lives and help abolish slavery in America.

Douglass used the Arts of Theater and Costuming to escape slavery by dressing and acting like a sailor. His wife Anna Murray sewed elegant clothes for him to wear while posing for Photography, to show how he was not an enslaved person, but a great man of distinction and dignity. With hard work, Frederick, Anna and children Rosetta, Lewis, Frederick Jr. and Charles helped run the Underground Railroad and the North Star Newspaper (later called Frederick Douglass’ Paper). After Anna passed, second wife Helen Pitts worked to establish what would eventually be the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site at Cedar Hill. Douglass used Writing, Speech Making and Public Speaking to educate and ignite the creative fire within the hearts and minds of the people at home and abroad to bring **Freedom to this planet.**

*As our planet undergoes dramatic changes, we support *positive and creative thought, heart and action, so we can build a truly Loving, Peaceful and Joyful Planet with Our Children.**

Build Strong Children by teaching them that we are responsible for collectively creating our reality.

To help raise funds for the “Build Strong Children” Statue Project, we are launching international “Freedom Is” contests that share your expressions of what Freedom is.

We are looking for what brings you profound Joy, as the Right to Pursue Happiness (as long as no harm is done!) is an essential Freedom defined in the American Bill of Rights. By focusing on what True Happiness and Freedom are, we learn to discern-taking responsibility for the reality that we create.

Family-Friendly Juried entries will be featured on RCTV Media Center’s and FDFI’s Social Media and TV channels, to promote free speech, collective inspiration and positive problem-solving.

To Learn more, visit: <https://www.rctvmediacenter.org/frederickdouglass>

“Freedom Is” Creativity Sheet-

To take part in this project, start by printing a copy of the **“Freedom Is” Creativity Sheet FREE DOWNLOAD at: <https://www.rctvmediacenter.org/freedomis/>**
You can choose between vertical & horizontal versions.

The sheet has an image of one of the “Re-Energizing the legacy of Frederick Douglass” 2018 Bicentennial Frederick Douglass statues sculpted by Olivia Kim Studio and the words “Freedom is.” Within the space of that page, create your expression of what Freedom is to you. **Please share you expressions of inner Joy and Freedom**, such as your artwork, small business, meditations, prayers, gardening, favorite cooking tips and recipes, biggest dreams, inventive ideas, poetry, prose, song/music, performances, theater scripts, stories, scientific explorations, philosophies, manifestos, activities, favorite places, etcetera... You can use any media you want, such as draw, paint, sculpt, collage, write, sew...as long as it is expressed on the physical activity page. Adults and AI are not allowed to assist underage entrants.

**Usage of the “Freedom Is” Creativity Sheet is only allowed for Child-Friendly purposes- free of violent or inappropriate behavior, so everyone can enjoy this project.

“Freedom Is” Child & Teen International Contest

The “Freedom Is” Child & Teen Contest is offering one award per category.

One 10.75” tall bronze statuette of Frederick Douglass by artist Olivia Kim (equal to a \$3,000 Donation Gift) will be awarded to the most inspiring entry from one person’s International entry.

Child Category: ages 7 - 12

Teenager Category: ages 13 - 17

Who can Enter: Parent or Legal Guardian must apply on behalf of the child or teen.

How to Enter:

- 1- Print out and complete the “Freedom Is” Creativity Sheet. (See instructions)
- 2- Complete the online Application at- <https://www.rctvmediacenter.org/freedomis>

Child and Teen Entries must be submitted as images only. One entry accepted per contestant.

3- A \$5 donation entry fee to RTCV Media Center is suggested to help us fund the “Building Strong Children” statue project and this contest.

Donate at- <https://www.rctvmediacenter.org/frederickdouglass/>

“Freedom Is” Adult International Contest

The “Freedom Is” Adult International Contest is offering one award.

One 10.75” tall bronze statuette of Frederick Douglass by artist Olivia Kim (equal to a \$3,000 Donation Gift) will be awarded to the most inspiring one person or group International entry.

Eligibility: Adults 18 and older can apply.

How to Enter:

1- Print out and complete the “Freedom Is” Creativity Sheet. (See instructions)

2- Complete the online Application at- <https://www.rctvmediacenter.org/freedomis>

Adults can enter one image or one social media video link. One entry accepted per person or group. Only the contestant/s can create their entry- no AI is to be used in part or whole.

3- Pay the \$5 entry fee to RTCV Media Center to help us fund the “Building Strong Children” statue project and this contest.

Pay at- <https://www.rctvmediacenter.org/frederickdouglass/>

CHILD, TEEN & ADULT Contest Entry Conditions:

Only entrant can complete the Creativity sheet- Adults and AI are not allowed to help underage entrants, so entrants take full responsibility for their creation. Entries must be Child Friendly- free of violent or inappropriate behavior, so everyone can enjoy this project. Incomplete or inappropriate entries will be disqualified. All entries will be juried according to the “Freedom Is” Contest judge’s discretion.

***By entering these contests, you are giving permission for your entry to be used by RCTV Media Center, Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives and Olivia Kim Studio for educational, exhibition and PR purposes.

Contest Timeline-

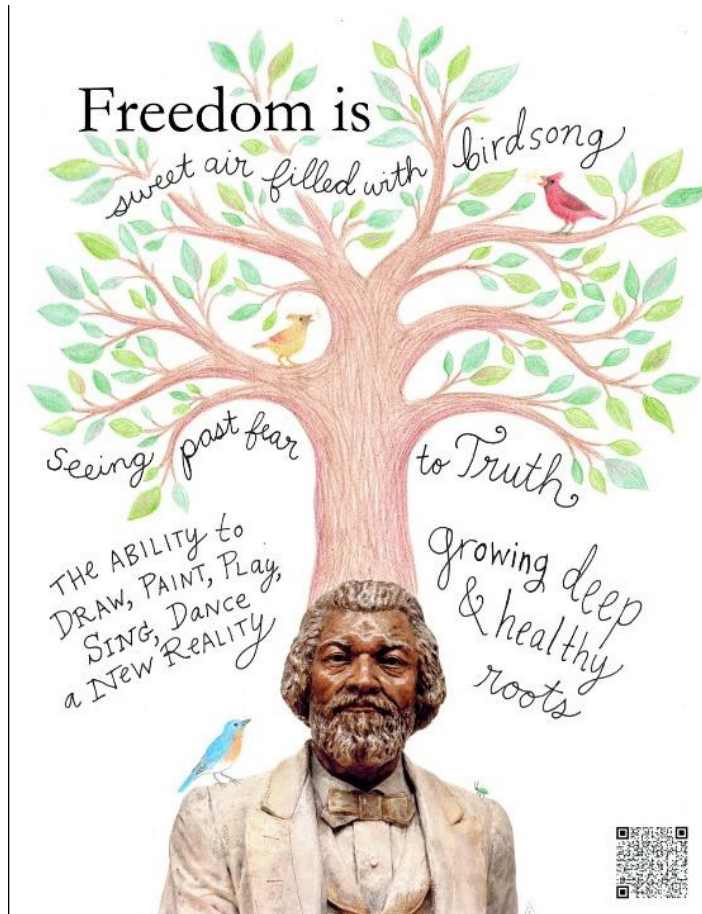
Feb 14, 2025- *(In honor of Frederick Douglass’ Birthday Feb 14, 1818)*
Public Announcement of “Freedom Is” Contest

June 1, 2025- Last entry accepted by 12pm New York Standard Time.

September 22, 2025- Winners of 3 Categories informed via email. Contest Announcements made on RCTV MEDIA channels and social media.

Jan 1, 2026- Awards mailed to awardee.

* Timeline dates may change if insufficient number of entries are received. See <https://www.rctvmediacenter.org/freedomis> for updates.



Samples of
completed
“Freedom Is”
Creativity Sheet

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