

Mary E. (Hamilton) Winfrey is a 1972 graduate of PHS. She completed several business courses at Salem Community College in 1980 and studied Management/Supervision at Clayton State University in 1991. She attended Beulah Heights University in 1996 & 1998, studying Systematic Theology and Church History. Over the years Mary continued her educational journey by receiving certifications in the following areas: Victim Services, Legal Advocacy, Community Liaison, Faith Based Leadership.

While a student at PHS, Mary played on the basketball and softball teams. As left wing on the field hockey team, she set a record for scoring four goals in one game.

As a consecrated Apostle, she founded the Faith Deliverance International World Ministries, Inc., whose mission is "to restore and liberate those who are wounded in the line of duty, and those destitute and lost in sin." She travels internationally to deliver the gospel to the world and has several ministries in Cameroon Africa, Martinique and Guadeloupe in Fort de France, Noisy La Grand in Paris France, Montreal in Canada, South Carolina, New Jersey and Georgia under her Spiritual Covering.

Mary has a special gift to ministering to abused women and is the Founder and Executive Director of Safe Haven Transitional, Inc. that has helped over 22,670 women and children victimized by domestic violence, providing them with transitional housing and urgent shelter, Crisis and Family Counseling, supportive services and a children's program designed to break the intergenerational cycle of abuse. She opened My Sister's Keeper Transitional Shelter and Educational Facility in Nairobi, Kenya. She is the Founder of Emanuel Bible Institute of Higher Learning whose mission is to "Train and Equip Leaders for the 21st Century."

Mary has been active in her community in many ways. Among her affiliations are the following: advisory board member of the Samuel Onuoha International Ministries, Dekalb County Domestic Violence Task Force, the Faith-Based Initiative Task Force for the State of GA, the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Chaplain of the Christian Women's Ministerial Association of GA and the Executive Board of the College of Bishops for Greater Emanuel International Fellowship. She was featured in several local and international newspapers and magazines. Mary is a conference speaker, instructor for workshops, seminars and women's retreats. She is an advocate, mentor, spiritual advisor, confidante and a woman with a vision.

Mary has been recognized for her endeavors in a multitude of ways, including the Ambassador of Peace Award and Outstanding Georgia Citizen Award from the Georgia Secretary of State, the Proclamation of Honor Award from GA Senator Steen Miles (designating October 22nd, to be Mary Winfrey Day in the State of Georgia), the Women of Standard's Appreciation Award from Judge Jonny Panos, I'm Every Woman Award by Sisters of Empowerment and The International Neighborly Assistance Award presented by the Sisters United In Human Services.

Mary resides in Conley, Georgia with her husband, Vincent Winfrey. She is the mother of two, grandmother of six and a great grandmother of seven.