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DAVID LIBRARY WILL SHOW
“STANDING ON MY SISTERS’ SHOULDERS,” DOCUMENTARY
ABOUT WOMEN IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Washington Crossing, PA – On Saturday, October 18 at 2:00 PM, the David Library of the American Revolution will present the award-winning documentary Standing on My Sisters’ Shoulders, the compelling story of the Mississippi Civil Rights movement from the point of view of women activists who changed the course of history. The film presents original interviews with several of the movement’s most remarkable women: Unita Blackwell, a sharecropper turned activist, who became Mississippi’s first female black mayor; Mae Bertha Carter, a mother of 13, whose children became the first to integrate the Drew County schools against dangerous opposition; white student activist Joan Trumpauer Mulholland who not only participated in the Freedom Rides, but took a stand on integration by attending a traditionally African American university; Annie Devine and Victoria Gray Adams, who, along with Fannie Lou Hamer, stepped up and challenged the Democratic Party and President Johnson at the 1964 Convention. In the name of equal rights, these women faced adversity and risked their physical safety, their livelihoods and their lives. When asked how they did it, one activist said, “I was standing on my sisters’ shoulders.”

The film Standing on My Sisters’ Shoulders is directed by Laura J. Lipson. It has been shown at dozens of film festivals worldwide, winning ten awards. It is 61 minutes long and the screening at the David Library will be followed by a discussion with the film’s producers Joan and Robert Sadoff. The Sadoffs are co-editors, with
Linda Needleman, of the film’s companion book, *Pieces From The Past: Heroic Women In Civil Rights*, which will be available for purchase at a reception following the screening of the film.

*Standing on My Sisters’ Shoulders* will be screened in Stone Hall in the Feinstone Conference Center at the David Library of the American Revolution, 1201 River Road, Washington Crossing. Admission is free. For further information, call the David Library (215-493-6776 ext. 100) or visit its website: [www.dlar.org](http://www.dlar.org), or the film’s website: sisters-shoulders.org/.

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