

Marie Moton Medley Howard

Born in Leesburg, Mrs. Howard was a business woman and champion of equal education for African-American children, believing it was the key to civil rights. She fought tirelessly for improved facilities and curriculum. She was the first president of the local branch of the NAACP, formed in 1940. The organization presents an annual award named in her honor.

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