



Founder's Biography

Mr. Michael A. Folkes

Mighty In Character - #MIC

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Everyone loves a great rags-to-riches story, but **Michael Folkes'** tale is far more than that.

It's a chronology that sounds almost more make-believe than real. Born into poverty and abuse in **Jamaica**, Michael could have become just one more underprivileged statistic, condemned to a life of punishing labor, were it not for his mother's throwing up her hands in despair one day and taking him to live with his paternal grandparents. That changed everything.

Melbourne Folkes taught his grandson the values of honor, commitment and faith in God. Michael listened - and learned. As a teenager he returned to live with his mother, but not for long. He soon joined a Caribbean cruise ship, and despite a number of setbacks, **Michael** endured patiently his long hours and low wages, while initiating excellent contacts. After a long climb, his dedication paid off, creating jobs at his successful 3rd party logistics and value added services pallet manufacturing company which was established in 1997, M.A. Folkes Company, Inc., still thriving today in corporate America as an enormous victory.

He has a "no boundaries no borders business mentality" as part of his social responsibility initiatives offering second chance employment to the citizens of this great community and country. His company also inspires our youth that may suffer from challenging socio-economic backgrounds an opportunity to be mentored through his Mighty In Character Leader Mentorship Program. These students through the establishment of his (MIC) program gain knowledge, experience, and leadership coaching in various facets of his company, while receiving paid employment and alleviating their financial challenges. There're also future initiatives in the United States, such as allocating 15,000 sq. ft. area in his facility for a Youth Center.

Today, **Michael** is successful enough to have established a Foundation at his former school in Jamaica that will help children further their education and make their lives hopeful and satisfying helping them create their own pathway to success by embracing their opportunities. The Melbourne and Michael Folkes Foundation was inspired by his Grandfather - Melbourne Folkes' influence and his vision; This vision is becoming a reality as he implements the Foundation's initiatives which include: sustenance farming, auditorium project, educational assistance programs and medical care to improve educational opportunities, foster economic development and provide health and wellness to the students and wider community of Jamaica.

Although he travels there regularly to reinvigorate the kids, and himself, with optimism and a can-do attitude he provides the same leadership, teaching, mentoring and guidance here in the United States of America with his Mighty in Character Leadership. His MIC speaking platform provides impressive power and strength focusing on the mental and moral qualities of the individual. He inspires them to be motivated and moves them into action. With his commanding/authoritative leadership skills he takes charge in guiding individuals to possess and become characterized as having a Mighty in Character lifestyle. He displays this MIC lifestyle in his business, schools, social life and at other speaking arenas.

After many years of operating a successful business and recently making significant contributions through his foundation that launched in 2014 among other MIC Leader initiatives, he was recognized and honored with two Proclamations. His first Proclamation was from the City of Cincinnati, Ohio honoring him on August 5, 2015. Michael's second Proclamation was esteemed on March 9, 2016 from the City of Hamilton, Ohio making history establishing these days as Michael A. Folkes Day.

Why look back now after so many years at those traumatic times of starvation and loneliness? Michael is living proof that a single, caring adult has the power to transform a child's very existence.

What was once done for him, he now wants to do for others, as detailed in Michael's memoir, ***Driven By Desperation***, which traces how he reshaped his life - and how readers can do so as well.

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