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In a Web 'EXCLUSIVE', Afeni Shakur-Davis is interviewed by Robert of ThugLifeArmy.com. Topics range from her son Tupac (2Pac) to the hip hop nation to the Black Panther Party.

Afeni Shakur-Davis, the mother of hip hop icon, social activist, actor and poet Tupac Shakur (2Pac), is a very amazing woman. She takes the legacy of her son very seriously.

Afeni Shakur-Davis is probably the best known 'Mom' in hip hop culture. Tupac wrote a song for her, 'Dear Momma', to show his appreciation for her, and that song has become a symbol or an anthem for mom's thru out hip hop culture and beyond.

Tupac aside, the life of Afeni Shakur-Davis is a journey that you can admire and respect. Afeni was born Alice Faye Williams in Lumberton, North Carolina. She is a former Black Panther and was one of the Panther 21. She was acquitted of 156 counts against her and other members of the Black Panther Party during the Panther 21 trial.

She has had an amazing walk in life, one filled with many struggles; but now days her family is one of her greatest blessings. Now at 61 years of age she admits she is tired and devotes much of her time to the Tupac Amaru Shakur Foundation and Center for the Arts, along with speaking to the youth of the nation. She lives on a farm in Lumberton, North Carolina. Her farm has been certified as an 'organic' farm, and she is proud of the fact that she can self sustain herself on her farm.

ThugLifeArmy.com was blessed to be the only web site to sit down with Afeni Shakur-Davis in this 'web exclusive' interview.

Afeni opened up in this interview and spoke on many topics. Topics range from her son Tupac and the Tupac Amaru Shakur Foundation and Tupac Amaru Shakur Center for the Arts, to hip hop, to her own legacy and everything in-between. This interview brings out a great side of Afeni, one that is seldom seen. She laughs, she cries and the commitment to her son Tupac is evident thru out the interview.

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A very loving spirit pours thru her words as she answers the questions put forth to her. She has an overwhelming love and commitment towards children and the youth of the hip hop nation. She talks about the summer camps held in Oakland and Atlanta this past summer.

She talks about the trip to South Africa and the work the TASF is doing there. She is a very giving and caring person but also very humble and this interview shines a light on her persona.

One thing that is dear to Afeni's heart is the completion of the Tupac Amaru Shakur Center for the Arts Visitor Center and Peace Garden in Stone Mountain, Georgia. In this interview she explains her 'commitment' to Tupac, and getting the Arts Center finished is one thing that she wants to see finished. Hip hop and even the mainstream society should want to see the Center finished for all the work they do and for preserving the legacy of Tupac Amaru Shakur. Afeni Shakur-Davis has gave so much and has asked for nothing in return. It is time we all stand up and help her finish the Tupac Amaru Shakur Center for the Arts. Not just for Afeni but for us as the hip hop community and for our children and for their children.

For ways to help support and donate to the Center please visit <u>http://www.tasf.org</u>. For more information on this please read http://www.thuglifearmy.com/news/?id=4490

This interview is a rare look into the beautiful spirit that is Afeni Shakur-Davis. I would like to thank Carlos Colman

I hope you enjoy hearing what Afeni has to say, and I would like to Afeni Shakur-Davis and Tupac Amaru Shakur Foundation Executive Assistant to Afeni Shakur-Davis, Carlos Coleman for arranging time for Ms. Shakur to speak with us.

This is Pt.One of the interview with Afeni Shakur-Davis. Part Two will post Monday August 25th 2008.

In part one Afeni gives her thoughts on Tupac's music. her commitment to her son Tupac, and to the youth. Her thoughts on meeting Miriam Makeba, the trip to South Africa, AIDS

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malnutrition in South Africa and thoughts on hip hop and how the hip hop nation needs to 'stand up'. See also talks about Tupac not finishing high school, the Black Panther Party and the Panther 21 trial, the upcoming presidential election and the failure of the hip hop nation to make the candidates address the issues facing young people, and young people and their rights, and she comments on being an 'Elder'.

Hope you enjoy the interview. Click below to listen, And be sure to look for Part 2 Monday.

Afeni Shakur-Davis Interview Pt.1

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