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## 'A Sibling's Vow': OKC author shares inspiring story

OKLAHOMA CITY — In her inspiring new memoir, "A Sibling's Vow," author Lovetie Major shows reader that an intellectually disabled child does not have to be a forgotten child, and with love, patience and understanding, these children with intellectual disabilities can excel.

Major's sister, Titema, was considered uneducable by the school system in Liberia. Faced with her sister's limited prospects as an intellectually disabled woman in West Africa, Major chose to be the change she wanted and make a way for Titema to receive the education she desired and attain a high level of functionality in society. Her spark of faith ignited hope that she could provide the life her sister deserved. "A Sibling's Vow" reveals how a little light can brighten a dark situation in this thoughtful description of the lack of educational opportunities for intellectually disabled children in West Africa and Major's struggles to instruct her intellectually disabled sister.

Rejecting Liberia's limitations, Major gave her A Sibling's Vow and began to provide individualized instruction. Titema's self-image greatly improved, and she demonstrated a desire to learn. This motivation led Major to seek a country where she could learn more about educating intellectually disabled children. Enrolling at Coppin State College in Baltimore, Md., she graduated with her master's degree in special education. "A Sibling's Vow" reveals the hardships experienced and the triumphs gained as she sought to bring Titema to the USA. Readers will find hope in this encouraging story of faith and persistence.

Published by Tate Publishing and Enterprises, the book is available through bookstores nationwide, from the publisher at www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore, or by visiting barnesandnoble.com or amazon.com.

Major studied advanced education at Notre Dame of Maryland University and received a master's degree in special education from Coppin State University and a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Cuttington University in Liberia. She founded the nonprofit organization My Heart's Appeal, Inc., in 1996 and completed the documentary "A Chance to Learn" in 2013. Major has served as a special educator, earning the Teacher of the Year award in 1997 and now works as an advocate for the special needs population.

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