

## Malaak Rock's youth empowerment program featured on CNN special

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Malaak Compton Rock's (wife of comedian Chris Rock) philanthropic efforts have been garnering much attention as of late.

Aside from the [New York Daily News](#) noting her work with young people in the *Salvation Army Bushwick for Teens* program, CNN's special *Black in America 2* featured Rock, 40, and her mentees, ages 12-16, in one of its segments Wednesday night.

More than two dozen of them were spotlighted for their participation in her youth empowerment program, *Journey for Change*.

Through *Journey*, the teens visited South Africa; CNN gave each teen a camera to create a video diary documenting their mission work.

The mother of two sought to expose the youths to life beyond the projects, proving to them that life doesn't begin and end there. Rather, their ending is entirely up to them.

Since returning from the trip, several of the students have decided to blog about their experiences.

You can read their personal accounts here:  
<http://edition.cnn.com/2009/LIVING/wayoflife/07/20/bia.journey.for.change.june/>