

## THE BIOGRAPHY OF NCJW LIFE MEMBER SANDRA N. GORDON

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Sandra Gordon was born in Baltimore, Maryland and grew up in Skokie, Illinois. The examples of her parents, of blessed memory, were strong influences on her and on her dedication to service. Both were strong humanists and advocates of civil rights for all.

As a young child, she accompanied her father when he went into the Black sections of Baltimore to assist in voter registration. Her mother was a life member of the Skokie, Illinois section of NCJW. She traveled from Skokie to Washington, DC with other women of the Skokie, Illinois Section, when Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his "I Have a Dream" speech. Fifty years later, following in her mother's footsteps, Sandra went to Washington, DC, to join in honoring the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that famous speech and the man who made it.

Sandra has had a Life Membership with NCJW since she came to California in 1969. She subsequently became a member of the NCJWSF Board and has been on the Board through the 1980s to the present.

After marriage to Norman Gordon in 1973, Sandra lived in Fresno, CA. A year later, they moved to San Francisco and Sandra became involved with the NCJWSF Section, NCJW for CHOICE, along with CASA SF (Court Appointed Special Advocates). In addition to work with NCJW, Sandra has also been active in helping special needs children, in part by founding the San Francisco Chapter of CHAAD (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder).

Sandra is honored to be able to continue with her Life Membership and support for the NCJWSF Section.