

1. To what size group will the speech be delivered? A large group of 125 -150 people.
2. The speech will be delivered to a group made up of mostly? Family and Friends
3. Where will the event be held? The event will be held at a dining hall.
4. What kind of speech do you want? I would like the speech to be funny, sentimental and heartwarming.
5. Is there a key person (s) to whom the speech will be given? Tell us her name and a little about her personality. The speech will be given to my mother Mary Cockfield at her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. My mother is hard working. My whole life I have seen my mother hustling, always coming up with something to do to make ends meet and keep her family afloat financially. As a child when she was a stay at home mom, she planted and sold vegetables every weekend at the market. On weekends she cooked food to sell and made a decent profit doing it. When we came to the U.S from Guyana, she obtained a CNA certificate and began working outside the home. Mom worked long hours and sometimes even worked two jobs at a time to take care of the seven of us. My mom does not have a GED or college degree but through hard work, she was able to purchase and own two homes. Although she wanted to complete school and have a career, she was never able to do so because she made the sacrifice to put her children first and made sure our needs were met. She is talented and creative. As children, she sewed just about everything for us. Mom sewed our uniforms, designed dresses for us for special occasions such as Easter, graduation, proms and a favorite of mine, my sister Carla's wedding dress. To me that was so special. Mom later went to design school which she completed but again never pursued a career in the fashion field because her kids still needed her although we were a lot older. Throughout our lives she continually sacrificed her goals and dreams because she felt that our needs came before hers. As we got older and she realized that we didn't need her as much, she began to find other things to do such as traveling. My mother never wanted to go anywhere but Guyana. Mommy's idea of traveling was going to Guyana to spend two weeks, return and complain about the people back home. Her first real vacation was in 2004 when myself, Carla, Yolanda and Paul went to St. Thomas for carnival and I dragged her with us. We also took her to Nieves, and Tortola as we went island hopping. She complained and protested because those places were nothing like her Guyana. "These places are nothing like Guyana" she would say. What she really meant was that she was bored because she didn't have to cook and didn't have anyone to argue with which was her usual routine when she went to Guyana. What I realized then was that my mother didn't know how to just relax and live in the moment. Mom thought that when you go on vacation you still had to cook and clean and argue and stress. But after a few trips she eventually got it. She has come a long way; she doesn't just go to Guyana she will go anywhere if she gets an invite. She has been to London three times and has been to a few islands in the Caribbean. She especially likes cruising and she feels that we should send her on a cruise at least twice a year.
6. Please share information about events or memories you have together that you would like mentioned in the speech. My mother and father were married and together for about 30 years. My father passed away 25 years ago. He was sick for a few years and couldn't work so my mother worked and took care of the family. Before his final days while he was in hospital my mother found out that he had deceived and she was hurt. Despite the pain and embarrassment, he caused, she overlooked it and continued to love and cared for him until his passing. When I look back at that period of time and I realize how incredible my mother is and that she was

teaching us a lesson in forgiveness. She was by my father's side everyday even though she worked 7 days a week and she worked 12hr shifts. I don't think that I can be as strong as my mother is and I truly admire her.

7. What do you want your audience to think of feel as a result of experiencing your presentation? I would like to audience feel how much our mother is loved by her children and grandchildren and how much we appreciate all the sacrifices she has made for us. I want them to know that she is an amazing mother and grandmother and we all love, adore and respect her a great deal.
8. Is there an action that you would like your audience to take as a result of experiencing your presentation? No
9. What is your deadline for delivering the speech? My deadline is 2/29/20.
10. Finally, please provide your speechwriter with any additional information you would like to have included in your speech. Include all information you feel is essential to your speech. My mother is one of ten siblings so she didn't have the opportunity to complete schooling past secondary school but she is very smart. She started having children in her early twenties and got married. She spent most of her life taking care of her family and never really did anything for herself. Everything she does, she puts her family first. She was born in Guyana South America. We migrated to this country in 1981, she got training as a CNA and worked in the private sector as a caregiver to the elderly population for more than 30 years. She is very supportive of her children and grandchildren. She is a favorite of her nieces and nephew and has a good relationship with them. She is an amazing cook. She never says no to anyone and is never too tired to cook for someone if they ask her to prepare food for an event they are having. She is generous, kind, caring and loyal to friends and family.