

## Dr. Ben Carson Biography

Dr. Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., M.D., is the Founder and Chairman of the American Cornerstone Institute, a think tank/do tank whose mission is to promote the four founding cornerstones of our country: faith, liberty, community, and life. Dr. Carson most recently served as the 17<sup>th</sup> Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

For nearly 30 years, Dr. Carson served as the Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at the Johns Hopkins Children's Center. He assumed the director position when he was just 33 years old, making him the youngest major division director in the hospital's history. In 1987, Dr. Carson successfully performed the first separation of craniopagus twins conjoined at the back of the head. Ten years later, he also performed the first fully successful separation of type-2 vertical craniopagus twins.

Dr. Carson received dozens of honors and awards in recognition of his achievements, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor. He has been awarded over 70 honorary doctorate degrees. The U.S. News Media Group and Harvard's Center for Public Leadership named Dr. Carson among "America's Best Leaders" in 2008.

Born in Detroit to a single mother with only a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade education who worked multiple jobs to support their family, Dr. Carson was raised to love reading and education. He has authored many books, five of which he co-wrote with his wife Candy. His latest book is titled *The Perilous Fight*, which touches on the importance and threats of the traditional American family. Dr. Carson has also written several children's books including *Why America Matters* and *Red, White, and Blue: Our Flag Matters to Me and You*, and *Freedom of Bark* to teach kids about our important American values.

Dr. Carson graduated from Yale University and earned his M.D. from the University of Michigan Medical School. He and his wife are proud parents and grandparents.