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Mission Statement

Photos by Griff Davis is a family owned company dedicated to highlighting the historical significance worldwide of the breadth of photography taken by Griffith J. Davis, Ebony's first roving editor and a U.S. Foreign Service Officer in Africa at the beginning of the Independence Movement, and using it as a way to inspire others to take the road less traveled in their lives.

Given Mr. Davis's three careers as a photographer, journalist and U.S. Foreign Service Officer until his death in 1993, the intertwining of perspectives as a Native Atlantan growing up on the campuses of Spelman College and Morehouse College in segregated Atlanta and applying that understanding and set of communications skills to developmental issues in Africa provides a unique platform for:

- General And Thematic Exhibits
- Lectures (Partial listing: Living with Langston Hughes, What Can We Learn from The Unusual Career Path of Griff Davis, How to Approach Global Development Issues, Growing Up in the U.S. Foreign Service, African Americans in the U.S. Foreign Service.)
- International Special Events And Conferences
- Commercial Activities

Dorothy Davis, President of *Photos by Griff Davis*, is the daughter of Griff Davis. She was born in Monrovia, Liberia and grew up in Tunisia, Nigeria and Switzerland as a result of her father's work as a U.S. Foreign Service Officer. Following in her father's footsteps as a communications professional and world citizen, Ms. Davis is a pathfinder in the field of international public affairs and special events. Her multi-cultural consulting firm, *The Diasporan Touch*, is an extension of her commitment to use these vehicles to build bridges between people, cultures and interests worldwide. The firm's client list includes the Executive Office of United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan, World Health Organization, The Alliance of Mayors and Municipal Leaders on HIV/AIDS in Africa, Shared Interest, Danny Glover, RCN Entertainment, Black AIDS Institute, Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies, and UN Works website.

Prior to the creation of *The Diasporan Touch*, Ms. Davis designed, launched and became the Manager of the Goodwill Ambassador Programme of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) featuring actor Danny Glover of the U.S.A., Nobel Laureate Nadine Gordimer of South Africa, actress Misako Konno of Japan and Dikembe Mutombo of the New York Knicks as UNDP's Youth Emissary. In this capacity, she helped organize UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan's First and Second Gatherings of Messengers of Peace and Goodwill Ambassadors of all of the UN agencies held at UN headquarters in October 2000 and June 2002 respectively.