

# URBAN LEAGUE

of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES DIRECTORY

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES.  
CHANGING LIVES.





Greetings,

As our 100th anniversary approaches, we continually seek ways to reach out to the St. Louis community and, thanks to our supportive volunteers, staff, partners, members, contributors, and supporters we could not have done it without you. During the upcoming years, we hope to serve 100,000 St. Louis African Americans and others annually by 2018 with our Roadmap to Equality plan.

Since 1918, it has been our mission to empower the community with economic self-reliance, social equality, and civil rights to promote a united, fair society. We envision a community that values everyone, provides thriving neighborhoods, promotes prosperity and supporting families. Enclosed you will find a list of programs for all ages. We offer services in the following program areas: Educational Excellence; Economic Opportunity; Community Empowerment; Civil Rights and Advocacy.

It's always a pleasure serving you and your family. For more information about our services, please visit our website at [www.ulstl.org](http://www.ulstl.org) or visit any of our offices located throughout St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Clair County, IL. We are here for you.

Sincerely,

Michael P. McMillan  
President and CEO

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## OUR VISION

As the leading champion of empowerment and opportunity for African Americans, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis envisions a region where all people:

- Are valued members of the community;
- Can adequately support themselves and their families;
- Live in neighborhoods that are vibrant and thriving; and
- Share in the region's prosperity and well being.

## OUR MISSION

The mission of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc. is to empower African Americans and others throughout the region in securing economic self-reliance, social equality and civil rights.



# OUR STRATEGY

The Urban League will advocate for and empower African Americans and others in Metropolitan St. Louis by pursuing the following priorities:

1. **Economic Opportunity:** Creating ladders out of poverty through jobs, entrepreneurship and financial responsibility.
2. **Educational Excellence:** Providing access to quality education from pre-kindergarten through college. Creating an Urban League Leadership Academy to provide scholarships and internships for high school and college students.
3. **Community Empowerment:** Providing a social safety net to stabilize our neediest families.
4. **Civil Rights and Advocacy:** Obtaining fair and equal treatment in all aspects of society, whether governmental, economic, social, educational or cultural.



## VOLUNTEERING

Be the change you want to see in your community. Join the movement to help St. Louis families secure economic self sufficiency. The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis seeks caring, talented, giving individuals to help carry out the agency's mission and goals.

Without volunteers, the Urban League would be far more limited in what it can do for our community. Volunteers serve as grandparents in our Head Start program. They are mentors to at-risk youth. They devote their expertise and know-how on program committees, distribute food in food pantries, and answer phones at receptionist desks.

Currently, more than 2,000 individuals contribute to make a tremendous difference in Urban League services. Urban League volunteers do it all, because they want to make a difference.



# HEAD START

*Funding is provided by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services and Office of Head Start. Program is operated on a non-discriminatory basis.*

Head Start is a national program that provides early childhood education to low-income children and families. It is a locally operated and federally-funded program.

The Urban League Head Start (ULHS) provides educational opportunities for children ages 3-5 years and their families. A special focus is placed on school-readiness: early childhood education, family and community engagement, and health services.

The program has teachers with degrees in early childhood education, child development or a related field.

ULHS places significant emphasis on parents' involvement in the program. It encourages them to become active participants in their children's learning by volunteering in the classroom and serving on Head Start committees. Staff and parents work in partnership to help children succeed.

The Urban League Head Start program has been recognized as a Missouri Eat Smart Child Care Center by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and Bureau of Community Food and Nutrition Assistance.

All Urban League Head Start Centers are fully accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).



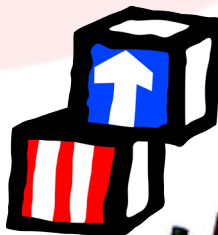
#### ELIGIBILITY:

- Children must reside within the City of St. Louis
- Children must be 3 years old by July 31st
- Families must meet the federal income guidelines

The following documents are needed for enrollment:

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Parent's Proof of Income
- Proof of St. Louis City Residency
- Up-to-Date Shot Record
- Child's Social Security Card, Insurance or Medicaid Card
- Child's Current Physical and Dental Exam Results

Head Start Headquarters, 8964 Jennings Station Rd.-Jennings, MO 63136, 314-867-9100  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Center, 1437 Laurel-St. Louis, MO 63112, 314-389-8800  
Magnolia Center, 2725 Alhambra Ct.-St. Louis, MO 63118, 314-584-6298  
North Spring Center, 911 N. Spring-St. Louis, MO 63108, 314-652-2406  
Mt. Zion Center, 1440 S. Compton-St. Louis, MO 63104, 314-773-0733





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# SCHOLARSHIPS

The Urban League understands that education is one of the most important investments a person can make, as it is critical to reducing many inequities within our society. The Urban League awards scholarships to students from the St. Louis Metropolitan area to support their college education and career goals.

Currently, the Agency offers two scholarship programs: The Leslie Scholarship and the UMB William Robinson Memorial Scholarship. These scholarships provide financial assistance to students pursuing their post-secondary education.

Scholarship recipients major in subjects such as mechanical, electrical and aerospace engineering, biology, chemistry, business, accounting, law and pre-med.

Generous donations and gifts from individuals and organizations throughout the St. Louis community are used to fund these programs. Scholarship awardees are selected based on their academic achievement, community service, character, and financial need.

## ELIGIBILITY:

### Must be:

- U.S. citizen and a resident of the St. Louis Metropolitan area
- High school graduate
- No older than 24 years of age
- An active participant in community / volunteer activity
- Accepted by a college or university

### Must have:

- 2.5 grade point average or better for the Leslie Scholarship
- 3.0 grade point average or better for the UMB William Robinson Memorial Scholarship

*Must not be an immediate family member of an Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis employee or an immediate family member of an Urban League Board of Directors member.*

Agency Headquarters, 3701 Grandel Square-St. Louis, MO 63108. 314-615-3607



## HISET PROGRAM

The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc. hosts a High school equivalence certificate (HiSet) program in partnership with St. Louis Public Schools.

The program is for anyone seeking to continue their primary and secondary education. This program is comprehensive and provides many courses from grades 1 through 12. Basic educational coursework is offered in reading, writing, mathematics, oral communications, natural sciences and social studies with an emphasis in the development of critical thinking, problem solving skills, and career planning.

Students work closely with the instructor to establish short and long term educational goals; including the attainment of a High School Equivalency Certificate (HiSet). The program has two scheduling options and is open to the entire community.

By design, this program is Open Entry & Open Exit for flexibility in meeting as many individual needs as possible.

Ages 16 – 21 Meet: Monday – Friday from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Ages 21+ Meet: Tuesday & Thursday evenings from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

St. Louis County, 8960 Jennings Station Rd.-Jennings, MO 63136, 314-388-9840



## VAUGHN CULTURAL CENTER

The Vaughn Cultural Center (VCC) is a cultural arts jewel within St. Louis' African American community. Established in 1977 through a generous donation from the late Mrs. Ermaline Vaughn, in memory of her husband Dr. Arthur Vaughn, a St. Louis physician, it aims to promote an appreciation and awareness for the culture and history of African Americans through art exhibits, literature, music, storytelling, and special programs.

Located in Grand Center at the Urban League Headquarters, The Vaughn Cultural Center showcases exhibits and artwork created by regional and national African American artists, and also provides a venue for local poets, musicians, and published writers.

The Vaughn was highlighted as a trendy, popular place to visit within the U.S. by MadameNoire, an online lifestyle publication for African American women, and featured in their "Exploring Black Meccas" video series.

### CENTER HIGHLIGHTS:

The works of local and national artists are on display with exhibits changing every two months.

The center is open Monday - Friday from  
10am until 5pm and admission is free.

Vaughn Cultural Center, 3701 Grandel Square - St. Louis, MO 63108, 314-615-3607



# The Application

Your Foot in the Door

## WIOA

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) in-school youth program is a year-round program that helps to improve educational achievement for all youth participants and prepares them for success in employment. Since 2000, the Urban League has served approximately 7,695 youth through the Jobs Training Partnership Act, the Workforce Investment Act and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act programs.

The program provides linkages between academic and occupational learning, connection to the job market and area employers. The WIOA program helps youth to understand the connection between education and careers.

The WIOA program is available at the following high schools:

- Hazelwood East
- Hazelwood Central
- Hazelwood West
- Jennings
- Kirkwood
- McCluer
- McCluer North
- McCluer South Berkeley
- Normandy
- Ritenour
- Riverview Gardens
- Special School District
- University City



Workforce Investment Act Youth Program, America's Job Center  
26 North Oaks Plaza-St. Louis, MO 63121, 314-679-3500



## EMPLOYMENT

The Urban League's Employment Services Department provides free job skills training, employment referral and career fairs to local residents.

The Urban League hosts job fairs that reach over 5,000. The fair promotes jobs from over 90 employers in the St. Louis area and has been sponsored by many corporations including: Emerson, the Regional Business Council, U.S. Bank, Citi, Home State Health, the Salvation Army, SLATE, America's Job Center of St. Louis County and St. Louis Community College.

In addition to jobs, the fair also provides residents with resources and educational seminars.

### Employment services include:

- Interviewing Skills
- Resume Preparation
- Computer Access for Online Job Searches & Application
- Job Search Assistance
- Career Counseling
- Job Readiness Training
- Job Referrals
- Job Development
- Job Placement
- Case Management
- Post-Placement Follow-Up

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James H. Buford Outreach Center, 935 N. Vandeventer-St. Louis, MO 63108, 314-615-3690



## SAVE OUR SONS

Despite our advances as a country, young men of color continue to face significant challenges. Currently 54% of African American men graduate from high school, compared to more than 75% of their peers. Lacking a high school education often leads to elevated poverty and unemployment rates in the African American community.

The Save Our Sons (SOS) program seeks to help economically disadvantaged African American men living in Ferguson and surrounding North St. Louis County communities find jobs and have the opportunity to earn livable wages.

This program completes these objectives by assisting the participants in obtaining post-secondary education and job training and teaching the imperative career skills and work ethic necessary to become successful employees in today's workforce.

Created as a result of the Ferguson Crisis, SOS is supported by: AT&T, Wells Fargo, Monsanto Fund, Emerson Charitable Trust, Anheuser-Busch, Regions Bank, Regional Business Council, Ameren, St. Louis County NAACP, Macy's, Grainger, Reliance Bank and many other organizations.

### THE GOALS:

- 61% Will Enter Employment / Education / Training
- 82% Employment Retention / Education / Training
- 90% Will Complete Financial Literacy Education

Missouri Career Center, 26 North Oaks Plaza-St.Louis, MO 63121, 314-679-3500  
St. Louis County, 8960 Jennings Station Rd.-Jennings, MO 63136, 314-388-9840



## **BUSINESS TRAINING CENTER**

Computer literacy training is a critically needed resource in low-income communities. The Business Training Center offers courses directly linked to the Employment Department and uses software that helps clients assess their computer skills for job-readiness.

Computer access and training help clients become better prepared for preferred employment and/or increased job earnings. The Urban League Business Training Center provides services at three sites across the bi-state area.

### **Services Include:**

- Testing, assessment and training in administrative and computer skills
- Access to and increased familiarity with computers

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

- 18 years of age or older
- High School Diploma or GED

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St. Clair County Division, 10220 Lincoln-Fairview Heights, IL 62208, 618-274-1150



## HOUSING COUNSELING

The HUD-Certified Housing Counseling Program of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis offers services in housing counseling and training.

**The program addresses resident's housing needs in:**

- Understanding the home-buying process
- Finding solutions to missed mortgage or rent payment
- Avoiding homes from foreclosure
- Preventing eviction
- Advocating for fair housing
- Learning about options to solve other housing issues

### ELIGIBILITY:

**The Urban League provides HUD-certified housing counseling to:**

- Residents in the St. Louis metropolitan region interested in pre and post home purchase issues
- Homeowners seeking alternatives to home foreclosure
- Individuals and/or families who may have experienced unfair or discriminatory housing practices

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## FINANCIAL LITERACY

From making a household budget or balancing a checkbook to evaluating life insurance and selecting an investment vehicle to fund a comfortable retirement, people must learn about personal finance in order to be successful overseers of their incomes and assets. However, mere knowledge of financial matters isn't enough. The Urban League Financial Literacy Training program is designed to teach participants how to make smart money management decisions.

### Participants in the program learn how to:

- Manage Household Budgets
- Do Basic Checking and Savings Account Management
- Understand Credit Reports
- Improve Negative Credit Ratings
- Recognize the Signs of Predatory Lending

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## WEATHERIZATION

Urban League Weatherization Assistance Programs enable low-income families to permanently reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy-efficient. The weatherization team has highly trained and professionally certified personnel who use advanced energy audits and sophisticated equipment to identify cost effective measures. Measures may include caulking installing insulation, furnace repair or replacement, and window and door repairs or replacement with the goal of reducing home energy costs, improving its comfort ensuring the health and safety of the home and improving its air quality.



A partnership with Laclede's Red Tag Program also helped many clients with immediate furnace repairs in its inaugural year. This new partnership allowed its self-performing construction crew to heavily concentrate on the health and safety of a home's air quality. The League's self-performing construction crews help save St. Louis City homes from expensive bills and energy waste through construction projects with the support of the Missouri Department of Economic Development and Division of Energy.



The Weatherization Assistance Program provides a range of free residential improvement services to reduce energy costs, increase safety, and provide an increased quality of life for St. Louis City and East St. Louis residents.

**The Weatherization Assistance Program services include:**

- Wall and Ceiling Insulation
- Sealing Air Leaks in the home
- Installing Weather Stripping
- Dryer Venting
- Glazing and Repairing Windows and Doors
- Performing Minor Duct Repair
- Hot Water Tank Repair
- Furnace Repair and Replacement

**Required Documentation:**

- Identification for everyone in the household
- Proof of income for everyone in the household
- Current Tax Return
- Current Gas or Electric Bill
- Current Mortgage Statement/Property Deed
- Proof of Homeowner's Insurance

Complete the application online at: [www.ulstl.org](http://www.ulstl.org) or applications are available at the Urban League Community Outreach Centers.

St. Louis City Division, 3701 Grandel Square-St.louis, MO 63108, (314) 651-3646  
St. Clair County Division, 10220 Lincoln-Fairview Heights, IL 62208 (618) 274-1150



## BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

Researchers have defined the digital divide as the gap between those with regular, effective access to digital technologies and those without it. Insufficient education and poor computer skills are significant barriers to individual economic competitiveness.

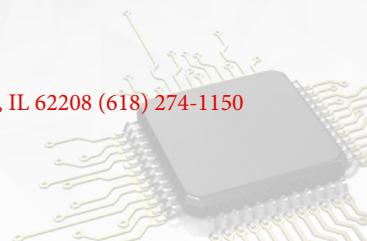
The goal of the Bridging the Digital Divide Program is to increase access to computers and telecommunication technologies and to provide related training for residents living in low-income communities.

The Urban League operates the Bridging the Digital Divide program in a state-of-the-art computer lab located in the St. Clair County Office. The Digital Divide program is funded through a grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity.

### **The Digital Divide program works to:**

- Provide public access to computers for 200 residents of St. Clair County, Illinois
- Provide training in basic computer skills and office suite applications
- Provide access to career-related information, employment opportunities and internet search assistance
- Transition successful Digital Divide program participants into Urban League workforce training programs

St. Clair County Division, 10220 Lincoln-Fairview Heights, IL 62208 (618) 274-1150





# URBAN LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP



Become a member of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc. and support an organization that works to improve the quality of life for the residents of St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Clair County, IL.

CALL TODAY 314.615.3668



## LIHEAP ENERGY ASSISTANCE

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is the main federal program that helps low-income households and seniors with their utility bills, providing vital assistance during both the winter and summer. Low income individuals and families pay a high proportion of their household income for home energy and are often forced to make decisions between paying for energy, buying food or medicine. LIHEAP provides funding for low-income households especially elderly, disabled and families with young children because insufficient heating and cooling can cause health and safety issues.

The Urban League has received additional support for the LIHEAP program from the Missouri Family Support Division, Ameren, Laclede Gas, and Heat Up St. Louis, Inc., Cool Down St. Louis, Inc.

### ELIGIBILITY:

Requirements for energy assistance are based on income, family size and funding. You must provide photocopies of social security cards for everyone in the household, prior month's proof of income, most recent gas and electric bills.

The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis LIHEAP Program accepts applications Monday - Thursday from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at  
935 N. Vandeventer, St. Louis, MO 63108.  
For more information, please call (314) 615-3640.

Applications may also be mailed to the Urban League,  
3701 Grandel Square, St. Louis, MO 63108 or faxed to (314) 531-7462.



## UTILITY ASSISTANCE

### EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH IMPACTFUL PROGRAMS THAT CHANGE LIVES

The Urban League provides those needs that stabilize families so that empowered clients may focus on self-improvement and strengthening their communities. The basic needs of food, clothing and shelter must first be met and available for clients and their families so they can then strive for their economic self-sufficiency.

The Utility Assistance Program is supported through the generosity of the Ameren Missouri Dollar More Program, Illinois Energy Foundation Warm Neighbors Cool Friends Program, Heat-Up St. Louis, Cool Down St. Louis, the Emergency Food and Shelter Program and the City of St. Louis.

Annually, the program results in the reconnection and/or the prevention of utility shutoffs for more than 1,000 households in the St. Louis Metropolitan area.

The Heat Up St. Louis Rise & Shine “Have A Heart...Heat A Home” and Cool Down St. Louis “Shake Our Cans & Cool Down the Needy” fundraising events generate utility assistance dollars to low income seniors, households with children, and persons with disabilities.

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## Basic Human Needs:

# FOOD PANTRIES

The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis operates three Food Pantries in the Urban League's St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Clair County offices. The Urban League is a member of the St. Louis Area Food Bank and Operation Food Search, which allows the Urban League to purchase food at little or no cost for distribution to families in need.

The goal is to give every person looking for food access to the services they need and to make sure that every food recipient is treated with dignity and respect.

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

Individuals seeking food assistance must be 18 years of age or older and have a picture ID.

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## Basic Human Needs:

# CLOTHING ASSISTANCE

Clothing at the Clothes Closet is available for all family members. The Clothes Closet also features work appropriate clothing and clothing appropriate for those seeking employment opportunities. The Urban League operates the Clothes Closet in the St. Louis County Outreach Center.

### ELIGIBILITY:

Individuals seeking clothing assistance must be 18 years of age or older and have a picture ID.

### We are grateful for donations made by:

- Urban League Staff
- Urban League Board and Committee Members
- Urban League Young Professionals
- Urban League Guild
- Urban League Federation of Block Unit Members, Local Churches, and Neighbors Desiring to Help Neighbors.



## 100 NEEDIEST FAMILIES

The Urban League serves nearly 1,000 low-income families through the United Way of Greater St. Louis/Post Dispatch 100 Neediest Cases Programs. The majority of adopted families receive numerous boxes containing items such as bed linens, clothing, shoes, appliances, etc. Families also receive gift certificates and financial aid.

The 100 Neediest Cases began in 1922 as an annual charitable campaign that selects 100 families and individuals during November and December. The sponsoring organizations and other charities absorb the administrative cost. Local organizations adopt individual cases, donate food, medications, household necessities, holiday presents, etc.



James H. Buford Outreach Center, 935 N. Vandeventer-St. Louis, MO 63108 (314) 615-3690  
St. Louis County Outreach Center, 8960 Jennings Station Rd-St. Louis, MO 63136 (314) 388-9840  
St. Clair County Outreach Center, 10220 Lincoln Trail-Fairview Heights, IL 62208 (618) 274-1150



## NULITES

The National Urban League Incentives to Excel & Succeed (NULITES) is a nationwide youth initiative to encourage the personal development, and leadership growth for students in high school. The program was started by the National Urban League in the Fall of 1989. The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis chapter was founded in 2006.

This program seeks to help develop young leaders in our communities and to ensure that they are ready for college, work, and life through the guidance of several key principles and through the application of the National Urban League's Project Ready curriculum. The NULITES-Project Ready program focuses on promoting, encouraging, and maintaining high standards for youth in their personal, professional and educational aspects of their lives.

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Participate in Fun/Interactive Sessions Designed to Build Confidence
- Increase Decision-Making Skills for College, Work, & Life
- Build Personal Relationships with other Young Adults
- Create a College & Career Readiness Portfolio
- Access to Tutors, Mentors & Guest Speakers
- Engage in Community Service Activities
- Receive Help Identifying Scholarships & How to Apply
- Opportunity to Attend Annual National Urban League Youth Summit
- Support for College Placement Test & Scholarship Identification
- Participate in Behind the Business & College Campus Tours

For more information about NULITES or to become a member e-mail [nulites@urbanleague-stl.org](mailto:nulites@urbanleague-stl.org) or (314) 615-3607



## URBAN LEAGUE GUILD

The Urban League Guild of Metropolitan St. Louis is comprised of community volunteers, civic leaders, business and professional men and women committed to improving the quality of life for African-Americans and others. The Guild is an auxiliary that serves as ambassadors for the St. Louis affiliate and the National Council of Urban League Guilds.

The Guild promotes the Urban League's efforts to empower African-Americans and others throughout the region by securing economic self-reliance, social equality and civil rights. The mission of the National Council of Urban League Guilds is to stimulate, develop and promote volunteer participation and leadership within the local Urban League Guild in consistency with the goals and objective of the local affiliates.

**The Guild was established to support the local Urban League and its programs through four basic program functions:**

- Fundraising
- Community Service
- Public Relations
- Leadership Development for Guild Members

For more information about Urban League Guild or to become a member, please call (314) 615-3604



## URBAN LEAGUE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

The Urban League Young Professionals of Metropolitan St. Louis (ULYP) is an auxiliary of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis. It has over 100 young diverse leaders who offer their time, energy and talents to improve the quality of life for residents throughout the metropolitan area and help furthering the local Urban League Movement. ULYP consists primarily of African-Americans ages 21-40 from all walks of life and professions who believe in the mission of the Urban League.

In the wake of the growing needs for our community, the young professionals work diligently to partner with many local organizations to help stabilize our communities. The Young Professionals empower people to advocate.

The Young Professionals of St. Louis has been recognized as the Central Region Chapter of Excellence four years (2009, 2011, 2012 and 2014) at the National Urban League Conference.

Personal/Professional Development Seminars are part of most Urban League Young Professional monthly meetings.

### ULYP SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

- Urban Renaissance Gala
- Young Black Give Back (Month-long community service campaign)
- Annual Toy Drive & Holiday Party

For more information visit [www.ulyp-stl.org](http://www.ulyp-stl.org) or please call (314) 615-3635, email: [membership@ulyp-stl.org](mailto:membership@ulyp-stl.org)



## FEDERATION OF BLOCK UNITS OF METROPOLITAN ST. LOUIS

The Federation of Block Units is dedicated to helping residents in the St. Louis community improve their neighborhoods. An auxiliary of the Urban League since 1932, the Federation is the oldest self-help grassroots organization in the St. Louis area.

The focus on revitalizing and expanding the Federation of Block Units, including St. Clair County, Illinois, continues to be a priority of the current Federation Board of Directors. Members throughout the Federation constantly encourage voter registration and participation, especially in the local and state elections, which have a greater impact in areas where they live.

### The Federation commits to improving & stabilizing neighborhoods through:

- Education & Youth Services
- Senior Services
- Housing & Crime Prevention
- Civic Engagement
- General support for the Federation of Block Units and the Urban League programs. Voter registration and education remains a primary focus of the organization.

### Home and Neighborhood projects include:

- Annual Assembly
- Annual Block Yard is Beautiful contest
- National Night Out



For assistance and instruction on how you can organize a block unit in your neighborhood, call the Federation of Block Units at (314) 615-3618



## WHITNEY M. YOUNG SOCIETY

Founded on December 12, 2013, under Urban League President & CEO Michael P. McMillan, the Whitney M. Young Society honors outstanding donors-those giving \$500 to over \$5,000 in unrestricted revenue for Urban League programs and services. The society generated over \$300,000 towards the League's services.

McMillan named the society in honor of great Civil Rights Icon and former National Urban League President/CEO Whitney M. Young, who served the Urban League from 1961-1971. Born and raised in Kentucky, Young's experience of racism while serving in an anti-aircraft company with African American soldiers and white officers during WWII increased his interest in civil rights. Under Young's leadership at the National Urban League, the agency grew from 60 to 98 chapters.

### The Whitney M. Young Society membership levels:

- Legacy \$5,000+
- Heritage \$2,500+
- Founder \$1,000+
- Pillar \$500+



For more information about Special Events or to get involved please call (314) 615-3668





## SALUTE TO WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

The Salute to Women in Leadership Gala is an annual event that was created to recognize the tireless contributions of outstanding women. The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc. takes great pride in giving recognition to outstanding women who embody the mission of our organization to help create opportunity for disadvantaged and overlooked individuals and communities.

Women are selected from various professional and civic categories including community leaders, elected officials, educators, media, corporations, businesses and charities. The Lifetime Achievement Award recipients have included national celebrities, as well as local notables in the Metropolitan area. Many companies join us in showing their appreciation with accolades and gifts for what each of them have done over the years.

Many companies and vendors have made generous gift donations; corporations provide supportive sponsorships, numerous federal, state and city officials have also demonstrated their appreciation for the contributions our Honorees have made far beyond the call of duty of their professional obligations. Each Honoree receives tributes from dignitaries and celebrities around the world. Every detail is designed to create an evening of appreciation not only to the Honorees, but the hundreds of outstanding women who attend.

### SALUTE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Serving Approximately 14 Honorees Per Year
- Over 900 Guests
- Honoree Receives Items, Unique Awards and Plaques

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## BACK TO SCHOOL FESTIVAL

The Urban League (ULSTL) in conjunction with the St. Louis Public Schools (SLPS) hosts a Back to School & Community Empowerment Festival every summer that over 13,000 residents of the metropolitan area attend at the Saint Louis University Chaifetz Arena.

It offers book bags and school supplies to over 9,000 youth and SLPS officials assist with transportation, enrollment, and other school related questions and concerns. The Festival is a multi-focused community fair comprised of over 350 partners. Non-profit and civic organization provide information about topics such as housing, jobs, public safety and education; as well as social services including health screenings, utility assistance and financial literacy.

All attendees are required to visit all of the resource booths before receiving free items.

### FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS:

- Book Bags & School Supplies
- Family Resources
- Games & Rides
- Gift & Prizes
- Free Food
- Live Entertainment
- Health Screenings
- Social Services Opportunities
- Senior Services
- Hair Cuts
- Over 200 Vendors and so much more

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## ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

Each year, the Urban League hosts an annual dinner meeting, reporting its accomplishments to the community. This fundraising celebration provides financial resources to support the League's programs and is also a time to recognize individuals and corporations committed to the vision and mission of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc.





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