



Relevant and Effective: Columbus Urban League (CUL) 2016 Community Outcomes Update

- All Head Start graduates now enter kindergarten reading or reading ready. The 2016-17 school year enrollments hit maximum capacity, serving 89 children and families through three centers.
- During the 2015-2016 school year, middle-schoolers in the after-school initiative boosted reading proficiency scores by 67% and math scores by 36%.
- More than 100 men learned ways to participate more fully in their children's lives through the Father 2 Father initiative. CUL has generated \$3,345,141 in child support since 2008.
- Sixty-five people successfully completed the cognitive behavioral therapy and peer supports that comprise the Choose 2 Change initiative. Nine out of ten graduates do not return to incarceration.
- Three hundred thirty-seven people completed Home Buyer Education courses and earned support on a down payment for their new home. In just two years, this work led to 51 new home sales valued at more than \$4.6 million.
- Our rental and fair housing experts counseled more than 5,000 people.
- Two hundred seventeen people took advantage of career coaching and support services, and 96 hard-to-place workers secured full-time permanent jobs paying \$9.50 to \$12.00 per hour.
- CUL's newly launched Urban Tech Jobs Initiative attracted more than 200 people recruits who are now at work in strengthening their skills and adding certifications in technology. In fact, 427 people won certifications in supply chain management or technology.
- In total, CUL workforce development initiatives strengthened the economic mobility of 1,019 people.
- My Brother's Closet successfully suited 224 men for workplace interviews.
- Nearly 320 14-24 year-olds gained work experience and brought home more than \$635,000 in wages from the summer internship program.
- The newly launched 700 Credit Score initiative helped 223 people increase their savings by an average of \$1,000 each, while boosting credit scores by an average of 62 points.

Steps Toward Greater Sustainability and Performance:

- Ranked as one of the top 5% of all affiliates by the National Urban League.
- Achieved the gold medal for fiscal integrity, a clean audit, for the sixth year in a row.
- Won the competition to host the 2018 National Urban League convention -- an honor that will also highlight the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Columbus Urban League.
- Opened a new virtual front door at cul.org.
- Hosted a high impact conversation about racism – and beginning a dialogue and action plan for change.

A [brief video](#) on the new CUL highlights just how much your support contributed to the economic mobility and family stability for the nearly 7,000 people we touch every year. None of this would be possible without you!

Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

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