



Relevant and Effective: Columbus Urban League (CUL) 2017 Community Outcomes Update

- Ensure all Head Start graduates enter kindergarten reading or reading ready. 2017-18 enrollments hit maximum capacity, serving 101 children and families through three 5-star rated centers.
- During the 2015-2016 school year, middle-schoolers in the after-school initiative boosted academic skill attainment in math or reading by 72%.
- Father 2 Father celebrated its 10th year. Since 2008, 977 men have learned how to participate more fully in their children's lives, generating \$4,348,280 in child support. A partnership between CUL and Action for Children launched Father 2 Father 2.0, specifically addressing areas in Franklin County with high rates of infant mortality.
- Eighty 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 sixty people completed Homebuyer Education courses and earned support toward a down payment. In the last two years, this work led to 55 new home purchases valued at more than \$5 million.
- Our rental and fair housing experts counseled more than 5,500 people.
- One hundred thirty three people took advantage of career coaching and support services, and 53 hard-to-place workers secured full-time permanent jobs paying \$9.50 to \$12.00 per hour.
- In total, CUL workforce development initiatives increased the economic mobility of 1,172 people.
- My Brother's Closet successfully suited 256 men for workplace interviews.
- Integrated I am My Brother's Keeper into eight elementary and middle schools on Columbus' south side, helping connect youth to mentors and connect their families to other CUL services.
- Empower U enrolled 248 individuals in classes aimed to help find and keep long-term employment and deter drug use.
- The Neighborhood Violence Intervention Program mediated and defused 61 documented incidents and made contact with more than 1,200 high-risk youth.
- Our Project Survival experts helped 853 middle-schoolers learn positive decision-making skills and reduce instances of substance abuse.
- Two hundred eight 14-24 year-olds gained work experience and brought home more than \$509,000 in wages from the summer internship program across 45 local worksites.

- In its second year, the 700 Credit Score initiative helped 247 people increase their savings by an average of \$1,000 each, while boosting credit scores by an average of 76 points. The initiative has graduated more than 500 participants since 2016 and was featured in the 2017 State of Black America report.

Continued Steps Toward Greater Sustainability and Performance:

- Ranked as one of the top 5% of all 88 affiliates by the National Urban League.
- Achieved the gold medal for fiscal integrity, a clean audit, for the seventh year in a row.
- Launched a coalition with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, announced at Empowerment Day 2017, to address the persistent poverty that plagues rural and urban areas alike. This [video](#) highlights the start of that work.

Exciting News!

- Host of the 2018 National Urban League Conference, August 1-4, 2018.
- Opening the Huntington Empowerment Center, a 6,500 square- foot facility that will expand services including My Brother's Closet, the Minority Business Assistance and training Center, and a digital learning laboratory for use by adults and youth.
- Happily celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Columbus Urban League. Join us & [Celebrate the centennial](#).

Learn more at CUL.org. 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,

Stephanie Hightower
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