Huntington Empowerment Center



Next to the Columbus Urban League's headquarters in the historic King Lincoln District, the new 6,500-square-foot Huntington Empowerment Center houses the Columbus Minority Business Assistance Center, My Brother's Closet (CUL's social enterprise and suiting boutique for low-income men), and a hands-on learning lab for middle and high school students.

"The Huntington Empowerment Center reflects the vision and discipline needed to move communities out of poverty," said Stephanie Hightower, CUL's president & CEO. "Its opening coincides with our 100th anniversary celebration and our hosting of the National Urban League Conference. Thanks to strong leadership from the City, County, Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority and private entities like Huntington, we prove that standing together for greater economic mobility helps more families achieve their full potential."



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Minority Business Assistance Center – The Columbus MBAC office helps develop and grow the area's small, minority, and socially and economically disadvantaged businesses, which are the economic engine of strong cities, neighborhoods and families. The MBAC office offers counseling, contract and certification assistance, and aids in identifying access to capital.

My Brother's Closet – A proven social enterprise, this personal suiting boutique, designed by DSW and Express and funded by Franklin County Jobs and Family Services, creates a new look and new attitude for men overcoming chronic unemployment and poverty.

KEWL Academy – KEWL (Kids Empowered Will Learn)
Academy engages and inspires youth to learn and apply a hands-on approach to Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math (STEAM). KEWL works with both middle school and high school students, and is designed to be an urban "hot spot" where young people can learn to innovate, ideate and incubate new skills that lead to college and job readiness.































