



Chicago  
Urban League



FY2022 ANNUAL REPORT

# OUR VISION

Economic and racial equity for Black Chicago



# OUR MISSION

The Chicago Urban League works to achieve equity for Black families and communities through social and economic empowerment.

**Photos left to right:** A nurse from TCA Health gives a COVID-19 vaccine to a community member during a vaccination event at our office in 2021; a parent and children wait to receive free backpacks and school supplies at the 2021 Back-to-School Festival; Youth Services Center staff pose with COO Calmetta Coleman and CEO Karen Freeman-Wilson during first annual Scholarship Luncheon at CUL; Illinois State Senator Mattie Hunter and then-Representative Lamont Robinson greet NUL President Marc Marial at ribbon cutting announcement for CUL's solar array in April 2022.

**Cover Photos: Top** - Drone view of newly installed solar panels on the roof of CUL's offices at 4510 S. Michigan Avenue. **Bottom, left to right** - Brian Maillet of Renewable Energy Evolution, Demond King and Danny Mahler of ReThink Electric, Anup Sarode of Sunlarge Industries, Karen Freeman-Wilson, Sen. Mattie Hunter, Marc Morial, Corey Foster of ComEd, and CUL's Vice President of Workforce Development Andrew Wells cut the ribbon in front of solar carports in CUL's parking lot.



**Dr. Suzet M.  
McKinney**

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Partners, Supporters, and Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Urban League, I am pleased to share with you the annual report for our 2022 fiscal year. I must start by thanking our immediate past chairman, Eric S. Smith, who led our board through this period in which we experienced both the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and opportunities for growth and renovation.

I also commend President & CEO Karen Freeman-Wilson, the Chicago Urban League staff, and our auxiliaries for their work to advance our mission. Over the course of the year, the team made progress toward our five-year strategic plan, spending many hours examining and evaluating program offerings to ensure alignment with current community needs and the organization's capacity. Each program department – the Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation, Housing & Financial Empowerment Center, IMPACT Leadership Development Program, Workforce Development Center, and Youth Services Center – continued to deliver high-impact programming that, combined, served well over 10,000 residents in the Chicagoland area.

The organization upgraded and centralized key technology, completed the first phase of a building renovation, and unveiled a rooftop solar panel and carport installation that was recognized as the largest solar array in the city. Importantly, we ended the fiscal year in a strong financial position, thanks to support from many of you. I am honored to serve alongside a group of business and civic leaders who are committed to the Urban League movement in Chicago and work together to advance its mission. While there is undoubtedly work to do to reach true economic and racial equity, your continued support makes me hopeful for the future. As you read the pages that follow, I hope the impact of our work over the past year gives you hope, too.

Sincerely,  
Suzet McKinney, DrPH, MPH  
Chairman, Board of Directors

# EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP



**Karen Freeman-Wilson**  
President & CEO



**Calmetta Coleman**  
Chief Operating Officer



**Jessica Harris**  
Chief Development Officer



**Curtis Whittaker, Sr.**  
Chief Financial Officer



**Karen  
Freeman-Wilson**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

We are excited to share our annual report for Fiscal Year 2022. Like many of you, we continued to navigate many transitions. We returned to safe in-person programming while providing clients with the training and engagement to assist them in adjusting to a new normal. We also expanded our partnerships as we continued work to address the racial wealth gap and institutional racism.

These milestones included welcoming nearly 2,000 people to our 2022 Annual Citywide Job Fair; welcoming over 1,100 to our 61st Golden Fellowship Dinner (with COVID protocols), where we honored attorney Benjamin Crump and Chicago business leaders Connie Lindsey and Brett J. Hart; growing our vaccine advocacy work with national (National Urban League, Pfizer and Walgreens) and local partners (City of Chicago Department of Health, Bright Star Community Outreach, Premier Health and TCA Health); and working with the Predatory Loan Prevention Act Coalition to cap Illinois loan interest rates at 36% per annum.

As we continued this time of reimagining, renovating, and returning, we were laser-focused on our physical environment. The time provided during the pandemic gave us an opportunity to begin a sorely needed facelift. This allowed us to confidently host our own events and open our doors to the community. This also laid the groundwork for our full return to the office once all of our renovations are complete.

After reading the pages that follow, we hope you will agree that our commitment to our mission and the community has not wavered. None of this would be possible without a committed Board of Directors, a dedicated staff, and the support that you so generously provide. We are grateful for your support, and we hope that you will continue to “Get in League with Us” as we work toward a better Chicago.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "K. Freeman-Wilson".

# VICE PRESIDENTS



**Kelly Evans**  
Vice President,  
Entrepreneurship &  
Economic Development



**Angela Hamilton**  
Vice President, Youth &  
Family Services



**Mavis Laing**  
Vice President &  
Executive Director,  
IMPACT Leadership  
Development Program



**Andrew Wells**  
Vice President,  
Workforce Development  
Center



**Margaret Wooten**  
Vice President, Housing  
& Financial  
Empowerment Center

## STAFF LIST as of June 30, 2022

<b>Anderson, Germika</b>	<i>Program Associate, CEI</i>	<b>Hill, Dyamond</b>	<i>Employment Services Manager, WDC</i>
<b>Arthur, Quinton</b>	<i>Senior External Affairs Manager</i>	<b>Joiner, DeAnna</b>	<i>Community Outreach Worker</i>
<b>Austin, Gregory</b>	<i>Employment Services Team Lead</i>	<b>Jones, Jalen</b>	<i>Program Advocate, YSC</i>
<b>Beaver, Deirdre</b>	<i>Compliance Manager, HFEC</i>	<b>Jordan-Hubbard, Cynthia</b>	<i>Director, HFEC</i>
<b>Boles, Thomas</b>	<i>Facilities Supervisor</i>	<b>Kane-Willis, Kathie</b>	<i>Director of Research</i>
<b>Boulreце, Andre</b>	<i>Re-Entry Services Manager, WDC</i>	<b>Kerr, LaVoya</b>	<i>Youth Advocate, YSC</i>
<b>Branch, Jessica</b>	<i>Program Advocate, YSC</i>	<b>Lee, Shawn</b>	<i>Program Manager, YSC</i>
<b>Brandon, Latisha</b>	<i>Program Manager, WDC</i>	<b>Lloyd, Porshay</b>	<i>Program Manager, IMPACT</i>
<b>Brinston, Sandra</b>	<i>Senior Administrative Manager, WDC</i>	<b>Lloyd, Stephanie</b>	<i>Career Services Manager,</i>
<b>Byrd, Bernard</b>	<i>Program Coordinator, WDC</i>	<b>Lomax, Tyrone</b>	<i>Sector Employment Specialist, WDC</i>
<b>Clark, Harmonie</b>	<i>Criminal Justice Coordinator, WDC</i>	<b>Mansfield, Quentin</b>	<i>Director of Advocacy</i>
<b>Colbert, Patrick</b>	<i>Senior Program Manager, WDC</i>	<b>Nash, Michael</b>	<i>Career Specialist Coordinator, WDC</i>
<b>Collier, Zakiya</b>	<i>Program Advocate, YSC</i>	<b>Olds, Lela</b>	<i>Director, External Affairs</i>
<b>Crusoe, Marguerite</b>	<i>Human Resources Manager</i>	<b>Olive, Alyce</b>	<i>Retention Quality Assurance Specialist, WDC</i>
<b>Davenport, Kevin</b>	<i>Business Program Manager, CEI</i>	<b>Parker, James</b>	<i>Program Manager, CEI</i>
<b>Decatus, Melinda</b>	<i>Development Officer</i>	<b>Roland, Denise</b>	<i>Front Desk Receptionist</i>
<b>Dees, Spencer</b>	<i>STEAM Program Coordinator, YSC</i>	<b>Sanders, Jeffrey</b>	<i>Program Advocate, YSC</i>
<b>Delk, Deborah</b>	<i>Executive Assistant to the Pres. &amp; CEO</i>	<b>Stalling, Pamela</b>	<i>Financial Coach/Housing Counselor</i>
<b>Dure', Karim</b>	<i>Business Advisor</i>	<b>Taylor, Sansha</b>	<i>Career Readiness Coach, YSC</i>
<b>Ford, Pamela</b>	<i>Program Manager, YSC</i>	<b>Tillman, Ashley</b>	<i>Program Advocate, YSC</i>
<b>Griggs, Penny</b>	<i>Senior Accounting Manager</i>	<b>Williams, Dracin</b>	<i>Employment Specialist</i>
<b>Hall, Dionysius</b>	<i>Managing Director, YSC</i>	<b>Williams, Leslie</b>	<i>Program Manager, CEI</i>
<b>Hale, Stephen</b>	<i>Senior Program Manager, YSC</i>	<b>Woolfolk, Cathy</b>	<i>Workforce Coordinator</i>
<b>Hernandez, Maria</b>	<i>Accountant</i>	<b>Youngblood, Karen</b>	<i>Renewable Energy Consultant</i>

# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Our Workforce Development Center programs work to raise Black employment and income levels through job training and placement services, career exposure, career advancement support services, seminars, coaching and long-term retention strategies.



Served **812 adult clients**

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**476 secured gainful employment**

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**3,382 job seekers attended 18 hiring events** with employer partners

***Top Photo:** Participants in our Solar Energy Jobs Training Program learning to install solar panels*

***Bottom Photo:** Renewable Energy consultant Karen Youngblood providing instruction to Workforce trainees*



# CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INNOVATION

The Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation helps Black entrepreneurs launch, grow, and sustain businesses. The Center provides entrepreneurs with the tools necessary to maximize revenues, reduce costs, increase profitability, and drive job creation while encouraging innovation.



Served **485 participants** through  
business coaching

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Provided **865 coaching sessions**  
**1,395 coaching hours**

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**10 clients** received new contracts

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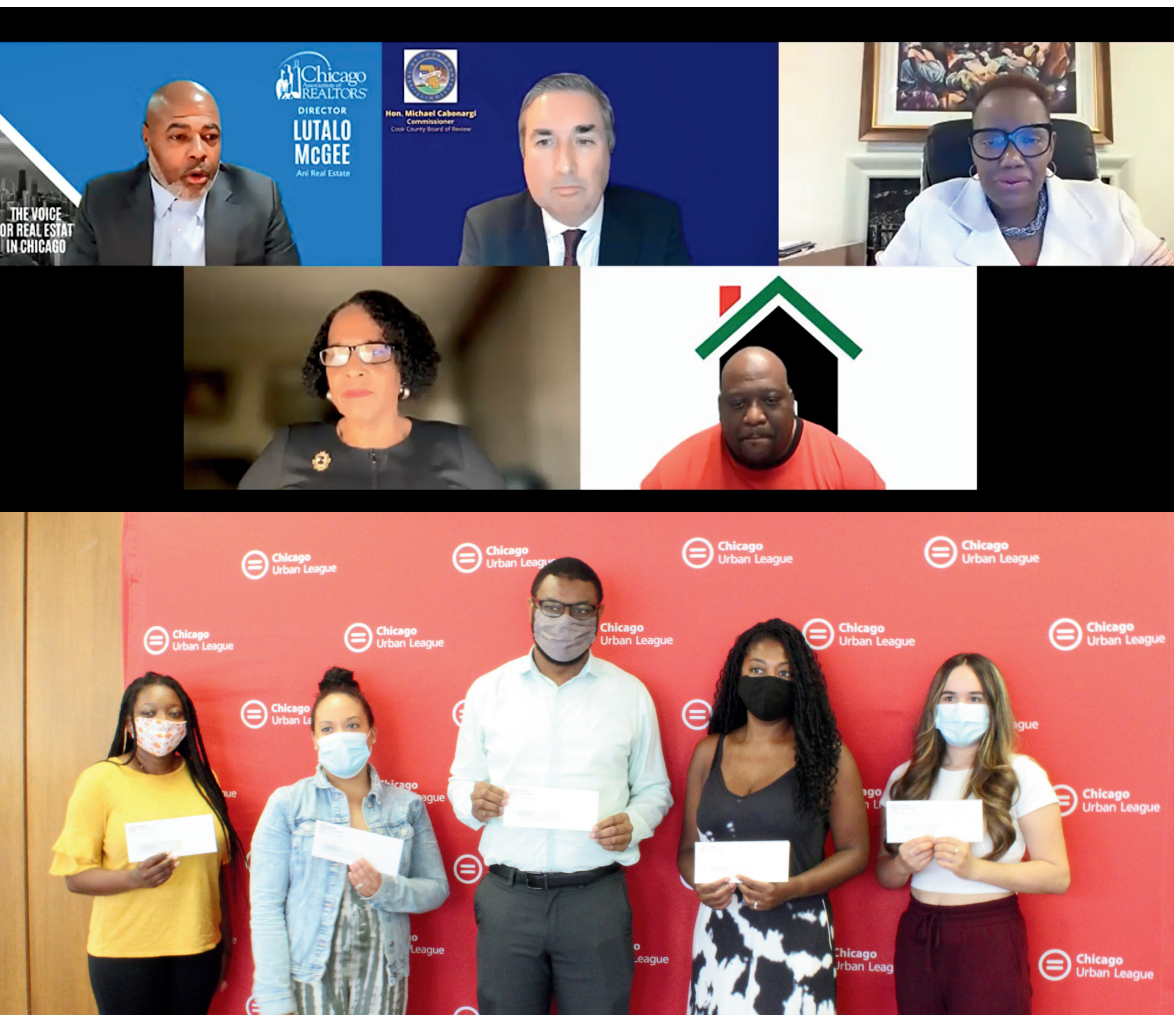
**17 businesses** created 50+ jobs

**Top Photo:** Consultant Hadassah Townsend and President & CEO Karen Freeman-Wilson present a check to Brenda Nelson, owner of Stich Me Apparel, for winning the pitch competition during the April 2022 graduation for our nextONE business accelerator program.

**Bottom Photo:** Illinois State Rep. Lamont Robinson speaks to Black business owners during a minority contractors event at the Chicago Urban League in March 2022.

# HOUSING & FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CENTER

Our Housing and Financial Empowerment Center is a HUD-certified housing counseling agency that supports community-based investment and growth by facilitating homeownership and wealth building. We provide low- to moderate-income residents with homebuyer education, pre-purchase counseling, mortgage delinquency and default resolution counseling, pre-purchase counseling, financial capability coaching, and rental counseling.



Served **1,992 clients** through homeownership and rental counseling

**169 clients** increased savings

**167 clients** lowered their debt

**75 clients** raised their credit score

**37 clients** purchased a home

**24 clients** in foreclosure retained their home

**Top Photo:** Realtor Lutalo McGee, Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Michael Cabonargi, CUL President & CEO Karen Freeman-Wilson, Housing & Urban Development Region 5 Administrator Diane Shelley, and realtor Courtney Jones discuss racial bias in home appraisals during a virtual community forum in February 2022.

**Bottom Photo:** First-time homebuyers received \$500 toward down payment or closing costs as part of an Urban League partnership with the National Football League in July 2021.

# IMPACT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

IMPACT is an intensive, nine-month program that seeks to move the needle toward racial parity in leadership positions across Chicago by providing up-and-coming Black professionals with the tools and skills needed to thrive in increasingly responsible leadership roles. The University of Chicago Booth School of Business is the program's academic partner.



Served **41 IMPACT Fellows** in the Class of 2022

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**100% increased their knowledge** of essential leadership skills

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**97% increased understanding** of their leadership characteristics and styles

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**100% increased** their awareness of key issues impacting Black Americans

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**97% increased confidence** in their leadership abilities

*Top Photo: IMPACT's Class of 2022 pose for a group photo during the graduation in May 2022.*

*Bottom Photo: Chicago Booth Professor George Wu and IMPACT Executive Director Mavis Laing present a graduation certificate to a 2022 Fellow.*

# YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

The Youth Services Center serves young people ages 12 to 24 through programming that includes socioemotional learning and competencies, academic enrichment and support, job readiness training, college readiness and success, and trades exploration and entrepreneurship.



**651 youth** served during academic year programming

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**300 youth** attended Summer Immersion

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**100% of our seniors** graduated from high school

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**\$4.7 million in scholarships** earned by our graduating seniors

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**100% of youth** maintained or increased their grades during the academic year

**Top Photo:** Youth participants in our Summer Immersion program pose for a photo after listening to successful entrepreneurs talk about their journey.

**Bottom Photo:** A student asks a question during a forum on youth and police relations during our Youth Summit at Chicago State University in April 2022.

# RESEARCH & POLICY CENTER

The Chicago Urban League’s Research and Policy Center provides research, landscape analyses and pragmatic, evidence-based recommendations for issues that disproportionately affect Chicago’s Black residents. We also partner with policymakers and other organizations to support educational and legislative efforts designed to lessen the impact of policies and practices that disadvantage Black families and communities.

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

Calling All Residents of Bronzeville, Douglas, Fuller Park, Englewood, West Englewood, South Shore, Greater Grand Crossing, Grand Boulevard, Woodlawn & Washington Park  
The South Side Community Reparations Coalition would like to Survey Community Members about the strengths and needs they see in their community.

SCAN ME

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/SSCRSURVEY](https://tinyurl.com/sscrsurvey)

Chicago Urban League

**Statewide Illinois Black Business Survey Meeting**

**The First**  
Black Business Survey designed to gain direct perspective from business owners to strengthen the programs & resources offered through the IL DCEO.

IL DCEO, CSU and the Chicago Urban League are surveying Illinois' Black business owners to gather information on resources they need to be successful. We are inviting local chambers of commerce, small business organizations and other stakeholders in the Black-owned business community to join us for a discussion about the importance of this survey and how it will be used.

If you have questions, contact [Matt.Simmons@il.gov](mailto:Matt.Simmons@il.gov) December 8, 2021

Partnered with Illinois DCEO and Chicago State University to design and disseminate the **first statewide survey of Black business owners**

**Launched South Side Community Reparations Coalition** to assess community strengths and needs

**Helped inform the Illinois Commission on Poverty Elimination and Economic Security's 5-year strategic plan** by hosting an in-person and virtual listening session for 130+ South Side residents to share their stories



This Black History Month, we're talking about ... 10:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**THE STATE OF BLACK BUSINESS IN ILLINOIS**

FINDINGS FROM THE FIRST STATEWIDE SURVEY OF BLACK BUSINESS OWNERS

 Karen Freeman-Wilson President & CEO Chicago Urban League	 Sybil Garcia Vice President Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity	 Matthew Simpson Alpha American Business Development Manager IDCEO
 Dorinda Collins Dean, School of Business Chicago State University	 Kelly Evans Vice President & Director of Community Chicago Urban League	 Saeed Upshaw Assistant Professor Chicago State University
 Melinda Kelly Executive Director Chicago Business Association		

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28 | 10 - 11:30 AM

REGISTER VIA ZOOM

## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

The External Affairs department helps to advance our mission by positioning the Chicago Urban League as a thought leader on issues of importance to Black communities, conveying the impact our programs, and engaging constituents through various media platforms and special events. In FY22, External Affairs also led our health equity work, which was focused on vaccine education and access.



**1.6 million+ social media impressions** to raise awareness and share information about COVID vaccines

**4,500+ attendees** at virtual and live events

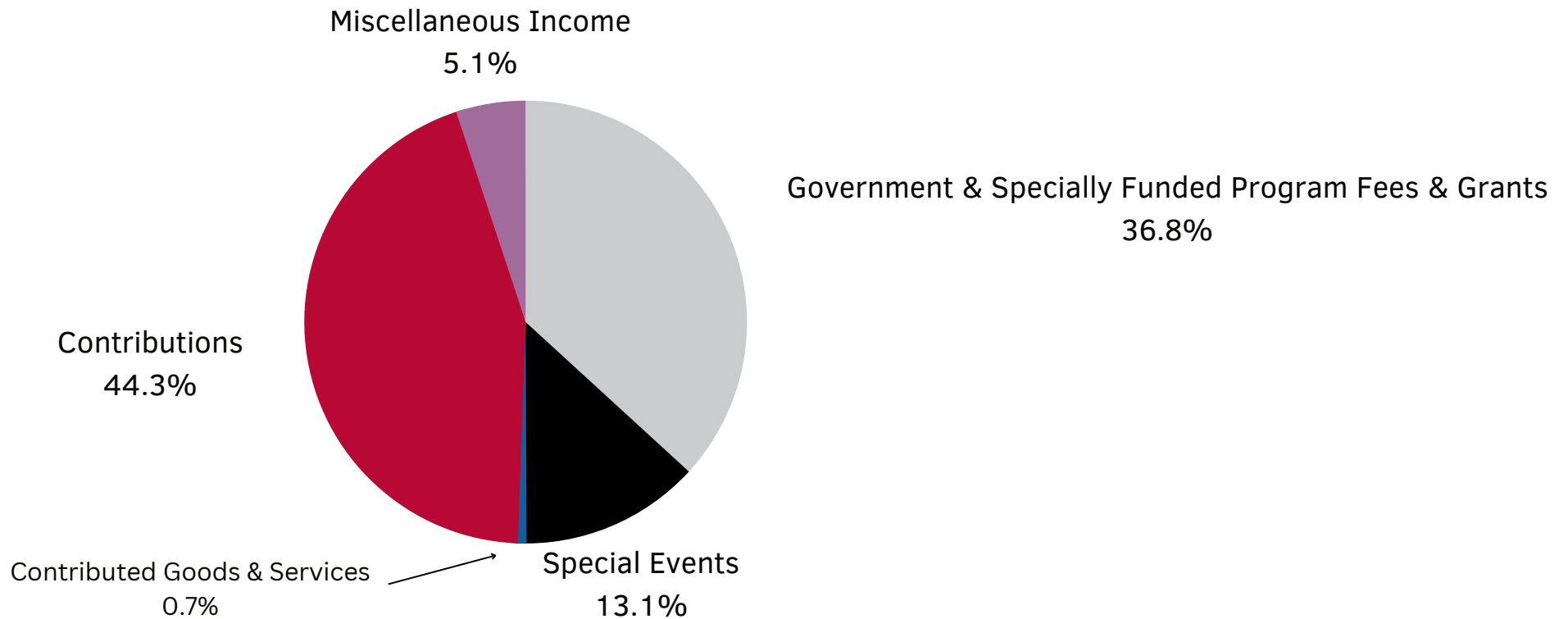
**165 vaccinated** at 8 pop-up COVID-19 vaccine clinics

**Held 1st Annual Black Wellness Fair** to provide mental and physical health resources






***Top Photo:** Our 2022 SUMMIT featuring a conversation with political commentator Melissa Harris Perry on "Partnering to Close the Racial Wealth Gap" drew 300 attendees in June.*

***Bottom Photo:** A health worker for TCA Health vaccinates a community resident at our offices in July 2021.*

# REVENUE BY SOURCE

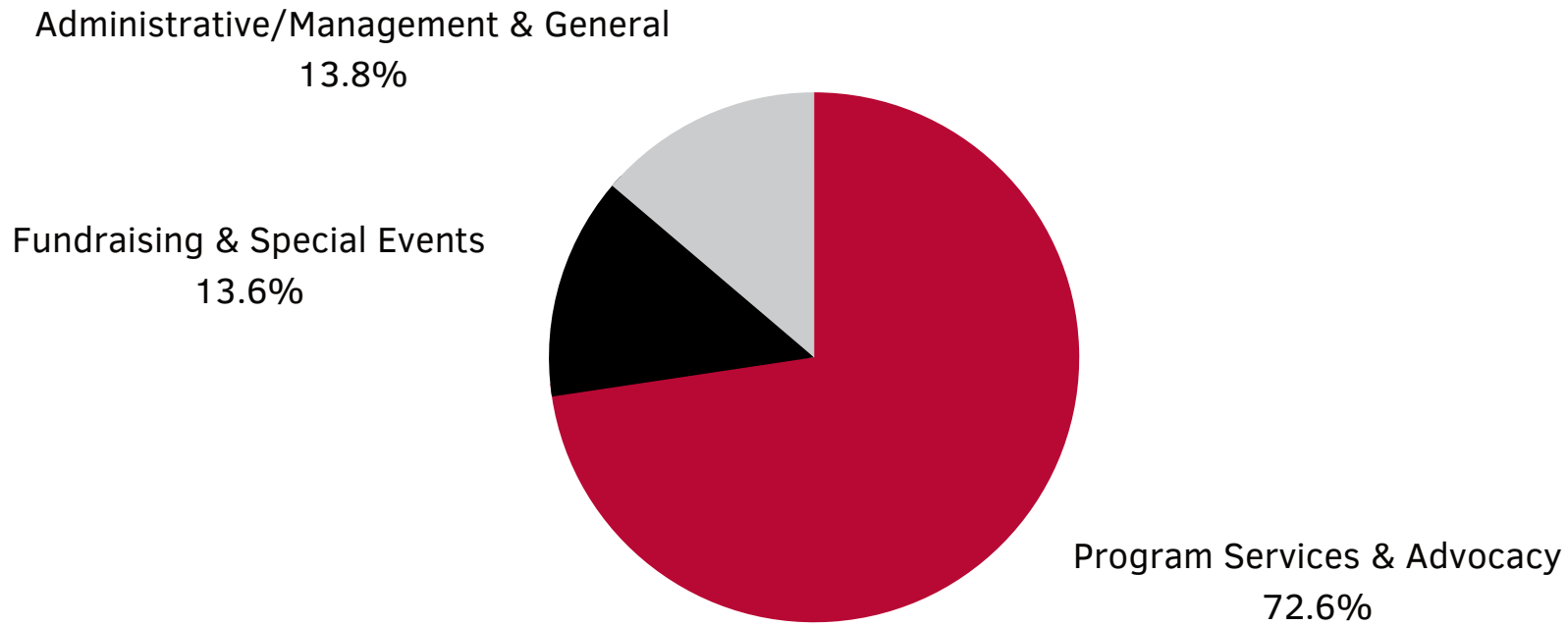


**TOTAL REVENUE: \$13,406,807**




	Contributions	\$5,945,774
	Special Events	\$1,760,042
	Government & Specially Funded Program Fees & Grants	\$4,933,818
	Miscellaneous Income	\$682,128
	Contributed Goods & Services	\$85,045

*for the July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 fiscal year*

# EXPENSES



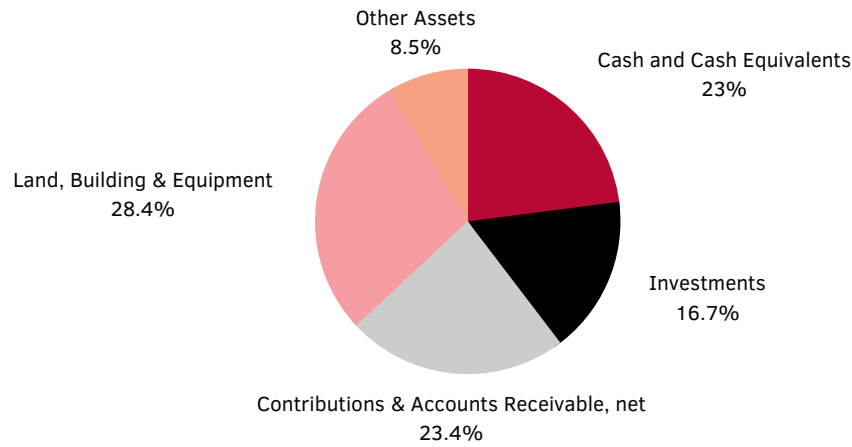
**TOTAL EXPENSES: \$10,758,231**

	Program Services & Advocacy	\$7,813,782
	Fundraising & Special Events	\$1,461,906
	Administrative/Management & General	\$1,461,906

*for the July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 fiscal year*

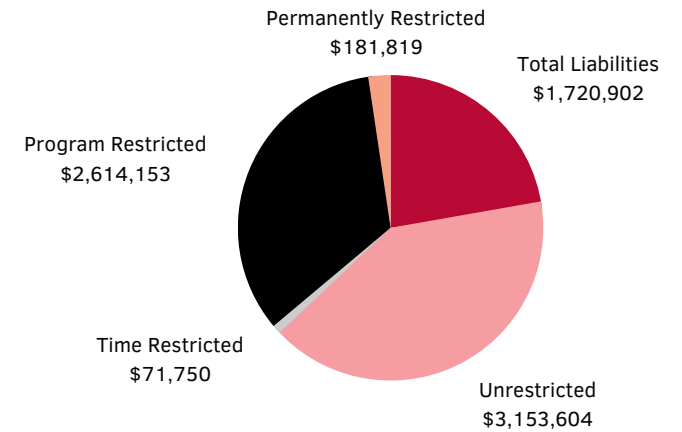


# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION



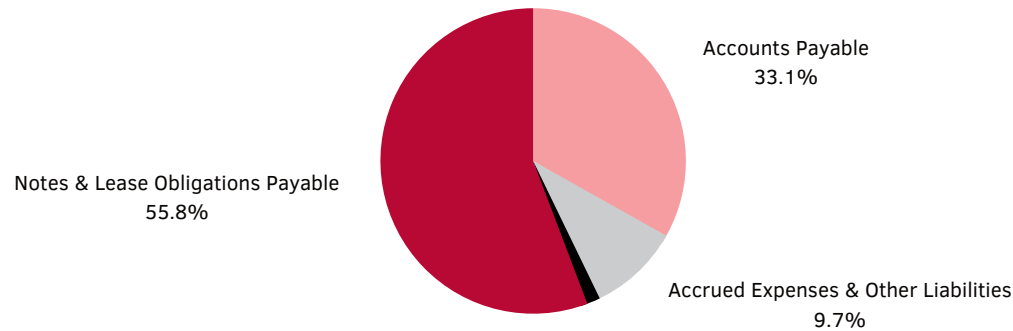
**TOTAL ASSETS: \$7,742,228**

<span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color:darkred; margin-right:5px;"></span> Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$1,776,890	<span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color:black; margin-right:5px;"></span> Investments	\$1,290,766
<span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color:lightcoral; margin-right:5px;"></span> Land, Building & Equipment	\$2,201,874	<span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color:orange; margin-right:5px;"></span> Other Assets	\$659,009
<span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color:lightgrey; margin-right:5px;"></span> Contributions & Accounts Receivable	\$1,813,689		



**TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS: \$7,742,228**

<span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color:darkred; margin-right:5px;"></span> Total Liabilities	\$1,720,902
<span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color:lightcoral; margin-right:5px;"></span> Unrestricted Assets	\$3,153,604
<span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color:lightgrey; margin-right:5px;"></span> Time Restricted	\$71,750
<span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color:black; margin-right:5px;"></span> Program Restricted	\$2,614,153
<span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color:orange; margin-right:5px;"></span> Permanently Restricted	\$181,819



**TOTAL LIABILITIES: \$1,720,902**

<span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color:darkred; margin-right:5px;"></span> Notes & Lease Obligations Payable	\$959,832	<span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color:black; margin-right:5px;"></span> Deferred Revenue	\$24,250
<span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color:lightcoral; margin-right:5px;"></span> Accounts Payable	\$570,237		
<span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color:lightgrey; margin-right:5px;"></span> Accrued Expenses & Other Liabilities	\$166,583		

*for the July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 fiscal year*

## OUR AUXILIARIES

The Chicago Urban League is supported by three auxiliaries that help to expand our impact. Our auxiliaries are intergenerational and promote activities aligned with our mission. They work to develop civic leaders within our network of supporter and provide hundreds of volunteer hours to support our work in the community.



### METROPOLITAN BOARD OF THE CHICAGO URBAN LEAGUE

Our MetroBoard is a group of young professionals committed to supporting the Urban League movement through community outreach, fundraising and membership development. Founded in 1983 by former CUL CEO James Compton and John W. Rogers, Jr., it is the oldest National Urban League Young Professional Chapter in the country. MetroBoard had 148 members in FY22. Shauntee Randell serves as president.

### WOMEN'S BOARD OF THE CHICAGO URBAN LEAGUE

Founded in 1966 by Dr. Arnita Young Boswell, the Women's Board's primary focus is to raise funds for scholarships in the name of Boswell's brother, civil rights leader Whitney M. Young, Jr., who was executive director of the National Urban League. The auxiliary had 25 members in FY22. Deborah Love serves as president.

### THE LEAGUERS

Established in 1955 by Muriel Ibom, the Leaguers assist with fundraising efforts and help raise awareness and community interest in our programs and policies. The Leaguers had 8 members in FY22. Cheryl Neal serves as president.

*Top Photo: Women's Board members with CUL President & CEO Karen Freeman-Wilson at our 2022 Scholarship Luncheon.*

*Bottom Photo: MetroBoard members pose during a 2021 auxiliary gathering..*

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS as of June 30, 2022

## Chairman

**Eric S. Smith**

Vice Chair, BMO Harris Bank

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**Maria C. Green**

Retired Executive

**Charles Matthews**

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**James Reynolds**

Chairman & CEO, Loop Capital Markets, LLC

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**Esther Franklin**

EVP, Managing Director

Global Strategy & Cultural Fluency, Spark Foundry

## Treasurer

**Andre P. Hughes**

Founder & Servant, Powered by Action

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**Andrew C. Barrett**

Managing Director, The Barrett Group, Inc.

**Barbara Bowles**

President, Landers Bowles Family Foundation

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Retired Executive

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**William A. Osborn**

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**Thomas M. Patrick**

Retired Executive

**John W. Rogers, Jr.**

Chairman, Co-CEO & Chief Investment Officer, Ariel Investments, LLC

**Sam Scott**

Retired Executive

**Frederick H. Waddell**

Retired Executive

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Directors

### **Daniel Anello**

CEO, New Schools Chicago

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McDonalds, Corp.

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SVP, Commercial Sales, CDW

### **Dwight Blackman**

Deals Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP

### **Brian Duwe**

Partner  
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP and Affiliates

### **Kimberly Evans**

Executive VP/Head of Corporate Sustainability, Inclusion  
and Social Impact, Northern Trust

### **Bryce A. Fisher**

Principal and Managing Director, KPS Capital Partners

### **Joseph A. Gregoire**

Senior Vice President, Wintrust Financial

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Sr. VP, Obama Presidential Center  
Operations & Implementation Lead, Obama Foundation

### **Ajay Joshi**

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### **Connie Lindsey**

Retired Executive

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Principal, KPMG

### **Craig Martin**

Midwest Chairman, Willkie Farr & Gallagher, LLP

### **Anthony McCain**

Executive Vice President, Mears

### **Dr. Suzet McKinney** (*Board Chair-Elect*)

Principal, Director of Life Sciences, Sterling Bay

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President, AT&T Illinois

### **David Nichols**

Principal, Advisory Services, Ernst & Young, LLP

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### **Steve Sherman**

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Vice President of Global Diversity & Inclusion  
Hyatt Hotels Corporation

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Sheila Talton**

CEO and President, Gray Matter Analytics

**Bruce Taylor**

Managing Partner, Taylor Investment Partners II

**Donald E. Wilbon**

Managing Director, J.P. Morgan

**Karen Freeman-Wilson**

President & CEO, Chicago Urban League

# NUL'S 21 PILLARS TOUR STOPS IN CHICAGO

On April 27, 2022, National Urban League President & CEO Marc Morial visited Chicago to talk to local leaders and youth about NUL's 21 Pillars for Redefining Public Safety and Restoring Community Trust. The tour was incorporated into our 2022 Youth Summit, held at Chicago State University.



Marc Morial addresses an audience of 300 middle school and high school students during the Chicago Urban League's 2022 Youth Summit.



A student attendee poses a question during a panel discussion.



Morial congratulates two middle school students on taking 1st and 2nd place in a contest of knowledge on Chicago elected officials.



High school students participate in a mock election to practice going to the polls to vote.



Local police officers participate in a panel discussion with high school students about improving police and youth relations.



CUL President & CEO Karen Freeman-Wilson and Chicago State President Zaldwaynaka Scott pose with volunteers from the Metropolitan Board.

# FOCUSING ON EQUITY IN HEALTH AND WEALTH

During our 2022 fiscal year, we began returning to in-person civic engagement and events, with a focus on increasing access to health resources and on efforts to close the racial wealth gap in Chicago.



*In July 2021, we held our first pop-up COVID-19 vaccination clinic in Bronzeville, which attracted local media coverage.*



*Sista Yaa Simpson of the Chicago Department of Public Health speaks during a listening session to inform Illinois' 5-year strategic plan on poverty. The session was held at our building in August 2021.*



*In June 2022, we held our first in-person Citywide Job Fair since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, with 50+ employers and about 2,000 job seekers.*



*CUL staff members pose with President & CEO Karen Freeman-Wilson while registering guests at our SUMMIT breakfast in June 2022.*



*300 business and civic leaders attended SUMMIT 2022, featuring a keynote conversation with Melody Spann-Cooper and Melissa Harris-Perry.*



*iHeart Chicago radio host Darryl Dennard moderates a wealth gap discussion with Bob Dunn, Dr. Helene Gayle, and Pastor Chris Harris.*



# Chicago Urban League

Founded in 1916, the Chicago Urban League is one of the oldest and largest affiliates of the National Urban League. To get the latest information on our direct service programs and advocacy work, visit us online at [www.chiul.org](http://www.chiul.org) and follow us on social media.



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