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#### URBAN LEAGUE of Greater Oklahoma City, Inc.



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### Letter From Our President & CEO

and hardship for the Oklahoma City community and communities around the world. The year was a tough year for many people physically, economically, and mentally. I want to express my heartfelt condolences to the families of the individuals we lost during the pandemic and share our continued support to uplift individuals and families in need. Many of the unique challenges presented by the pandemic share a common thread separation. Conversely, being apart introduced new ways to connect, collaborate, support, and grow together. In celebration of our resiliency through these trying times, our gala theme this year is "We Are One," emphasizing our unity

despite the separation created by Covid-19.

During this year of challenges and uncertainty, it was our privilege to continue our mission. It is our honor to persevere against injustice, it is our ongoing struggle to break the cycles of poverty and prejudice that plague our communities, and it is our commitment to help us be a community of "One" and make Oklahoma City a better place for all.

he year 2020 was a year of uncertainty

I am extremely proud of the board of directors and staff of the Urban League. The board of directors created a COVID-19 task force that assisted the staff in helping keep the staff and community safe in our service delivery. The Urban League staff not only pivoted our services but gracefully pirouetted with strength, control, and coordination to provide the services to thousands of clients in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area. Through our social justice, education, workforce, and housing programs, the Urban League was aggressively tackling some of the toughest problems in our community. As Oklahoma City and the nation emerges from the impact of COVID-19, we continue to assess our clients' needs and adapt our service delivery to do our best to address their needs. Through the COVID-19 crisis, the Urban League of Greater Oklahoma City became more creative, innovative, and relevant to meet the fluid nature of COVID-19.

The incidences of police brutality and the civil unrest in the United States after the deaths of Breonna Taylor

and George Floyd led our Community Convening & Social Justice program to be more intentional in four

> areas. We significantly increased our work in voter mobilization and education, police reform, criminal justice reform, and inclusive economic development.

Many of our workforce clients lost their jobs in 2020 and experienced a significant reduction in their income. Clients that have small minority businesses have significant challenges in securing resources to continue their businesses. These challenges have left clients with little or no income to support their families' basic needs. Our education program has always thrived as an after-school program, tutoring students who attend low-performing schools who need that extra help by increasing their academic skills in reading,

math, and science. As a result of the pandemic and school shutdowns, the Urban League expanded our services to full-day programming to meet the needs of our children and their families.

The challenges, insecurities, and deep-rooted emotional, mental, and physical stress have allowed the Urban League to rethink our delivery system and to be more accommodating to the clients everyday living demands. We are grateful for the support of the United Way, Love's Travel Stops and Country Stores, The Black Justice Fund, the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, and numerous Urban League of Greater Oklahoma City community stakeholders.

I want to congratulate all of our award winners this year. Because "We Are One," we are still just as excited to honor our supporters, awardees, members, and staff. Their contributions to this community demonstrate what it takes to make Oklahoma City a better place to live. Be sure to reach out to those you know and tell them "thank you, and great work."

Dr. Valerie Thompson President and CEO





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- Earned a perfect score on the Human Rights
   Campaign Foundation's 2021 Corporate Equality Index

Our Oklahoma City office has received the following recognition:

- Corporate Citizen of the Year
- Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year
- Oklahoma Bar Association's Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher Diversity Award
- Shareholders Vic Albert, Sam Fulkerson, and Andre' Caldwell were recognized by Chambers USA and Best Lawyers in America<sup>©</sup>.
- Andre' Caldwell was named a Benchmark Litigation Labor and Employment Star and Urban League's 2019-2020 Board Member of the Year.
- Sam Fulkerson was named "Lawyer of the Year" by Best Lawyers for Labor Law – Management, Oklahoma City (2021) and elected as a Fellow of The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers (only the second Oklahoma attorney to be elected).
- Associates Justin Grose, Gauri Nautiyal, and Lauren Oldham were recognized as Best Lawyers "Ones to Watch."
- Associate Lauren Oldham was named a "Top 40 Under 40" attorney in Oklahoma by the National Black Lawyers.

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### URBAN LEAGUE of Greater Oklahoma City, Inc.

### Staff

#### **EXECUTIVE TEAM**



Dr. Valerie Thompson President & CEO 28 years of service



Shani Nealy Senior Vice President 25 years of service



Lonnetta Smith Vice President of Programs 21 years of service



Chip Hobbs Facility & UrbanWorks Manager 12 years of service



Amber Williams

Staff Accountant
6 years of service



Anthony Holloway Marketing Content Manager Less than 1 year of service



Kendall Walton
Communications Intern
Less than one year of service

#### WORKFORCE AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT



Ollivett Brothers W. & C.D. Coordinator 7 years of service



**Dean Riley** *Integrated Case Manager 4 years of service* 



Shenice L. Huff
Client Navigator
7 years of service



Regina Clear Program Coordinator 4 years of service



Patricia Martinez
Diversion Hub Career Navigator
1 year of service



**Lena Samilton** *UYRP/YARP Advocate Counselor Less than one year of service* 

#### **EDUCATION AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT**



**Dee Liggens** School Age Coordinator, Site Director 7 years of service



Cedric Currin-Moore STEM/Coordinator 5 years of service



Stephanie Moore School Age Specialist/Master Teacher 3 years of service



Shequila Garcia
Assistant Teacher
2 years of service



James McLemore Mental Health Professional 4 years of service

### COMMUNITY CONVENING AND SOCIAL JUSTICE



Jabar Shumate Vice President of C.C. & S.J. Less than 1 year of service

#### HOUSING AND FINANCIAL LITERACY



**Diedra Davis** *Affordable Housing Manager 9 years of service* 





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### **Our Mission**



#### **WORKFORCE & CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

This program specializes in assessing and addressing barriers of individuals to increase their employability opportunities. We serve individuals who are unemployed, underemployed, seeking a career change, and previously or currently justice involved. This program helps strengthen the economic well-being of Oklahoma County's African American families and other families living in poverty by increasing sustainable employment that will lead to self-sufficiency and less dependent on government subsidies. We provide access to industry recognized certification, work readiness training, connections with employers with emphasis in high demand occupations. We served over 1,877 clients last year. Diversion Hub, AT&T Education and Training, Young Adult Re-Entry Partnership (YARP), and After Prison Work Initiative (APWI).

#### **EDUCATION & FAMILY DEVELOPMENT**

This program specializes in supporting minority children to ensure success in school and development through achieving academic enrichment in subjects of science, literacy, technology, and math; social and personal skills development, and support to parents/caregivers by providing them tools to create environments and experiences that promote their child's academic success. We served 1,808 clients last year. This program provides services through specialized initiatives:

- School Age Learning Center Strong Neighborhood Initiative (SNI) Dell Technology
  - Community Hope Center (CHC) Wayfinder Grant (Real Talk Brother)

#### **HOUSING & FINANCIAL LITERACY**

This program provides information on financial skills (budgeting, credit counseling, and debt management) in order for our clients to improve financial and/or housing stability. We provide access to affordable housing through our rental properties and supportive services. Residents also receive financial coaching to develop money management skills in order to remain self-sufficient and independent. Offers affordable homes by rehabilitating existing structures and constructing new homes, and prepares families for homeownership by hosting home buyer essentials workshops and webinars. We served 682 clients last year. This program provides services through specialized initiatives:

• Community Hope Center (CHC) • Inasmuch Foundation • Kirkpatrick Foundation

#### COMMUNITY CONVENING & SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Community Convening and Social Justice program provides education and advocacy on the barriers African Americans, and other minorities face. The department focuses on voter education and mobilization, criminal justice reform, police reform, economic development, and diversity and inclusion training. We served 2,726 clients last year.



### **Financial Statement**

JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020

Pub	lic	Su	pp	ort	
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Public Support	
Special Events (Special Events/Fundraising)	167
Contributions	418
Local United Way Allocation	977
Total Public Support 1,215,	562
Fees and Grants from Government Agencies	342
(Federal and State Financial Asst./Grants)	
Other Revenue	
Program Fees/Misc. & Interest Income	584
Total Public Support and Revenue 1,858,	488
Expenses	
Program Services	
Management and General	586
Fundraising	553
Total Expenses 1,100,	068
Change in Net Assets from Operations758,4	120
Capital Additions	
Increase (Decrease) in Endowment Fund Beneficial Interest	163)
Change in Net Assets from Operations	957
Net Assets, Beginning as Restated	176
Net Assets at Year End	048





### OUR STRENGTH COMES FROM UNITY



In Oklahoma City, the better life we enjoy is based on a strong, diversified economy and a community that pulls together to make this an ever-better place to live, things that are even more important in the post-COVID-19 world.

The Greater Oklahoma City Chamber is committed to ensuring our future: working for jobs and investment, better schools, transportation infrastructure, business-friendly policies and more.

Oklahoma City's best days are ahead, and you can help us reach them.

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### 13TH ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

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A DRIVE THROUGH EVENT











This is a drive through event. A link will be active on our Facebook page on July 15–16, 2021. Use this link to register up to 2 children for the event. You will receive an auto reply email that will give you details on where to email your child('s) proof of enrollment documents. Once documents are verified, families who meet the criteria will receive a confirmation code to use to gain entry to event and pick up their gift card(s). You must have the confirmation email to be admitted to the private event.

One of the following items (from the past or upcoming school year) is required when you complete the registration link: report card, student ID card, letter from principal/school; school portal printout; class schedule; certificate of achievement/completion and completed enrollment form.

### Young Professionals

#### Dear Urban League Family,

We celebrate 74 years of service in yet another year where the importance of this organization's work in the community is significant. We have continued to push forward toward our mission of achieving economic and social equality, even at a time when simply being face to face with those in need has been a challenge in itself. I have immense appreciation for all organizers and sponsors that have made this event possible.

The Young Professionals' purpose is to support our affiliate's mission; we thank the Urban League of Greater Oklahoma City for supporting us and allowing us to do so. We encourage everyone within the age range of 21-40 to come and join the movement. We need your energy and talents, and we need them today.



Sincerely,

Terrell Mure

President

#### **ULOKCYP 2021 Officers**

Jerrell Mure – President • Shawna Anderson – Vice President Danyale Matthews – Treasurer • KeShana Braxton – Secretary

### Guild



**Greetings!** 

I am Kjulonda L. Ogles, President of the Urban League of Greater Oklahoma City's Guild. Dedicated supporters of the movement have galvanized to assist our affiliate leaders in carrying out the mission of the Urban League.

During this past year of uncharted events, we stood in the face of adversity without fear. We lead a mask distribution effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our city. During the historical election season, we registered voters; many of them voting for the first time in their lives. We could not rest on our laurels; we had a community to serve. I am proud to say that this organization is still equipped and even more excited about the charge to continue assisting in the empowerment of our community. Will you accept the invitation and become a member? Please consider giving what we have coined the "3 T's, Time, Talent, and Treasure". There is plenty of work to go around! We look forward to you joining the movement.

Sincerely, Kjulonda Ogles President

#### 2021 Urban League OKC Guild Officers

Kjulonda L. Ogles, President • Chaunte Gilmore, Vice-President • Lynnise Hammon, Treasurer
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Felecia Wyatt, Sergeant-at-Arms • Deandrea Love, Historian • Antoinette Roach, Archivist



#### VILONA P. CUTLER AWARD

#### **Horace Stevenson**

Mr. Horace Stevenson. Horace opened his first restaurant, Horace's Grill, in 1968. He joined the McDonald's management program in 1977, and 10 years later he purchased his first of many McDonald's franchises.

As a business owner, Horace says he prioritizes giving back to the community that gave him his start. Throughout the years, he has mentored many young people, and he established the Horace Stevenson Foundation to support youth and education programs. For several years, his private foundation awarded scholarships to high school students located in Oklahoma City. Mr. Stevenson quietly invests in the community including the recent Homeland development on NE 36th and Lincoln. Mr. Stevenson continues to step up to help the community when needed.

#### JAY GALT CORPORATE AWARD Nancy Winans-Garrison - Microsoft

Nancy Winans-Garrison attended Oklahoma City Public Schools and graduated from Northwest Classen High School. She received a BA in Psychology and a MED in Counseling Psychology from the University of Oklahoma. I attended Oklahoma City University School of Law and received a JD. She is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association and licensed in the Western District for Oklahoma and a member of the 2010 Oklahoma Bar Association Leadership Class. She has participated with the OU College of Arts and Sciences as a mentor to students in their Leadership Class. She also works for the Department of Human Services as a Child Support Enforcement Attorney and an Administrative Law Judge.

After many years of State service, she currently works for Microsoft Corporation as a Hub Associate in Microsoft Store Direct Sales and Support. Nancy finds the technology industry to be rewarding and challenging. Nancy is a member of The Gate Church where she works with the CityReach Mission Group and she is a member of the choir. She is also a member of Zeta Beta Inc. and a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association's Alternative Dispute Resolution Section. Nancy is married to Michael Garrison and is the mother of three lovely children Taron, Brandi, and Michael.

#### BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR Brandon Slaton

Brandon Slaton serves as the Urban League's First Vice chair of the board and serves on a variety of committees and task forces. At the beginning of COVID-19, Mr. Slaton initiated the Urban League's COVID-19 taskforce and chaired the committee. At Dell, Brandon is an experienced regional sales director with a demonstrated history of working in the information technology and services industry. He is a strong sales professional skilled in sales, partner relationship management, storage, Customer Relationship Management (CRM), and Go-to-market Strategy. Mr. Slaton manages a diverse team of managers and sales professionals that deliver end-to-end solutions and IT expertise to Dell resellers and End users.



#### LECIA D. SWAIN-ROSS AWARD

#### Jonathan Blake Williams Jr.

Jonathan Blake Williams Jr., better known by his stage name Jabee, is the recipient of the 2021 Lecia D. Swain-Ross award. Jabee is a hip-hop artist and actor from Oklahoma City. His rhymes have been recognized by Chuck D of Public Enemy who stated "Jabee's music has the potential to change the world". In 2014, his commercial work earned Jabee a regional Emmy. Jabee is also an activist and community leader and has been a leading voice in the Justice for Julius Campaign. Jabee lead and organized a 131-mile walk from Oklahoma City to The

Oklahoma State Penitentiary, to raise awareness for Julius Jones.

Jabee is an educator. Jabee partnered with Oklahoma Council on Economic Education, and Citizens Bank to create "Money Moves" a financial Literacy program for Highschool students. Jabee also partnered with OK County Boys and Girls Club to implement a music education program for area high school students. Jabee is also an adjunct professor at ACM at UCO teaching college hip hop studies. In 2017 Jabee became an ownership partner of the Historic Tower Theatre in Oklahoma City and is in the process of working on other developments in Northeast Oklahoma City.

#### VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR Felix Derousselle

Felix Derousselle was born in 1958 in Kansas City, Missouri, to the Late Joan Derousselle. Being a single parent, Joan had difficulty raising Felix. He eventually moved in with his great uncle and aunt. After graduation, Felix joined the United States Marines and served his country valiantly for three years as a machine gunner.

Felix volunteered his time with UL Back to School, ULWF Senior Summit and Christmas Giveaway, Kaleo Foundation, Kingdom 1st Builders, Financial Christmas Donations with the UL Workforce Program, Mt. Olive Senior Cottages Christmas Dinner and TRG Consulting.

Felix's professional accomplishments include being the founder of the Next Step in Life, Inc. A non-profit program focuses on being a positive and motivating force for helping ex- and first-time offenders. Next Step in Life, Inc. helps by successfully reintegrating them back into society and connecting with their families, children and loved ones. Felix is also the Executive Director for PrePaid Legal Services.



Darrell Strong Jr. is an avid media utilization practioner. He is passionate about helping others harness the power of media to support both education and community outcomes. In his current capacity, he has worked with several of the leading State agencies, early childhood, and community organizations including working closely with the Urban League of Greater Oklahoma City. He is a graduate of Langston University and a recipient of the Oklahoma NextGen Under 30 award.







#### JANICE SCOTT-LEE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Janice Scott-Lee worked for the Urban League for more than 25 years. During her employment she served in several capacities including Vice President and Interim-President/CEO. Ms. Lee is a past Board Member and past President of the Urban League Guild. She was the founder of the Guild's Albert Javar Scott Scholarship. The scholarship was names after Ms. Lee's late grandson.

Mrs. Lee worked on projects such as Thanksgiving Baskets, the Guild's Annual Black and White Ball, the Guild Scholarship Committee and the Annual Gala Committee. She has chronicled the history of the Urban League in various documents and kept the movement alive with vivacious spirit.

This criterion for this award was developed by the Urban League staff in the June 2013 based on the criteria that the awardee: has a positive attitude; possess leadership qualities such as: integrity, ethics, innovation & charter and extends to help others beyond their designated job duties.

This year's receiptient is the School Age Team.





Cedric Currin-Moore



Shequila Garcia



Dee Liggens



James McLemore



Stephanie Moore



Lonnetta Smith

#### LISA "LEE" EVANS MAKING A DIFFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD Kendall Walton

The Urban League of Greater Oklahoma City will award the Lisa "Lee" Evans Memorial Scholarship in June to a broadcasting, strategic communications, public relations, or journalism major that is interning or will intern at the Urban League of Greater Oklahoma City. The recipient must show significant evidence of service to their community through community service and community involvement.

Lisa "Lee" Evans was a news anchorwoman for KFOR-TV (Channel 4) in Oklahoma City. She enrolled in the University of Oklahoma, graduating with a B.A. in journalism in 1991. While at OU, Lee was a great source of inspiration for other minority students and made a significant difference in their lives by her example of diligent work to achieve goals and dreams. She joined KFOR-TV in 1994, quickly earning a weekend anchor/reporter position through her prestige. Lee was the first reporter from KFOR to deliver news of the Oklahoma City bombing on April 19, 1995. She was a rising star in the field of journalism. Lee Evans will always be remembered as a bright, shining star with a bubbly personality, who set an example through her desire and drive to get ahead in life.

Kendall Walton is the 2021 Lisa "Lee" Evans Scholarship recipient and Public Relations intern with Urban League of Greater Oklahoma City. She grew up in Choctaw, Oklahoma with her mom and graduated high school in 2007. Kendall went out to find what she wanted to do with her life while traveling the country and meeting new people along the way. She is currently a sophomore at Rose State College with plans to graduate in December 2021.

Kendall works for Rose State College's Center for Success, Inclusion, and Diversity. She also participates in the Spectrum Alliance and helps create on-campus LGBT+ events. Kendall also works for the Rose State Media group producing news articles, photographs, and videos about the campus or community news. Kendall received the Rose State College 2020-2021 Humanities Student of the Year and Diversity Champion awards







Oklahoma State University continues to build on its commitment to diversity and inclusion.

Over the past decade, OSU has seen a **90% increase** in enrollment of students of color, a **99% increase** in this population earning an OSU bachelor's degree, and a nearly **90% increase** in faculty of color.

OSU is one of eight institutions to have earned the award nine consecutive years — and the only one in Oklahoma — **to receive the HEED Award nine years running.** 

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hen a person decides to be identified with an organization for life, it is a monumental commitment. When that commitment is given to the Urban League, it means that the person wants to be involved with the mission, policies and work of the League for their entire sojourn on this earth. They are letting the world know that they are dedicated to vision and work of the Urban League Movement and they are willing to spend a lifetime to help the League live up to its mission. We are proud to welcome into the ranks of life membership 11 extraordinary individuals.

#### DR. JEREMY ALMON

Jeremy Almon was born and raised in Oklahoma City. He attended Bishop McGuinness High School, Oklahoma State University and then the University of Oklahoma for medical school. After medical school, Jeremy finished his residency at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in anesthesiology. He is currently an anesthesiologist for Mercy Hospital. He lives in Oklahoma City with his wife, Amy and two daughters, Kinsley and Ava.

Jeremy joined the board of the Urban League of Greater Oklahoma City in the summer of 2020. Currently, he is serving on the board's COVID-19 task force. Jeremy could not be more honored to become a Lifetime Member of the Urban League. He believes this organization is doing many great things in Oklahoma City. He cannot wait to help them continue to grow and impact the lives of the many underserved residents.

#### **OLLIVETT BROTHERS**

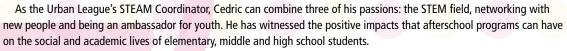
A native to the Lone-Star State of Texas, the youngest of five children, Ms. Ollivett Brothers is the proud mother of three children Vantrese, Angela and Lawrence, and five adored grandchildren T'aira, L'eric, Ajani, Jehvion and Grace. Ms. Brothers earned a degree in Family Studies & Gerontology from Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Oklahoma. SNU prepared her professionally as well as for ministry to assist a diverse population. She has worked for over six years in the Workforce and Career Development Department, referred to as "Ms. Ollie." As the coordinator of workforce services, she enjoys empowering families through employment, education, training, health care education, financial literacy, and supportive services.

Under her leadership, Ms. Brothers helped over 100 at-risk youth and young adults in the Urban Youth Empowerment/
Reentry Program. She has managed the Emergency Food and Shelter Program for the past four years, assisting clients with utility
and rental bills. Ms. Brothers managed the Susan G. Komen Central and Western Oklahoma Grant providing over 200 African American women with
resources to free clinical breast exams and mammograms. Continuing her quest to serve the community, Ms. Brothers saw the need to implement Urban
League's first Silver Senior Summit. Over 100 senior citizens received information from exhibitors specifically implemented to serve seniors. Ms. Brothers
received the 2017-2018 Urban League of Greater Oklahoma City award for Employee of the Year.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Ms. Brothers implemented a virtual service delivery model, "Zooming Forward," that allowed clients to continue to receive workforce services. Over 200 Oklahomans assisted in getting their vaccines under her direction. As a Certified Workforce Professional through the University of Oklahoma, Ms. Brothers previously managed the Workforce Investment Act Youth Program for Central and East Central Oklahoma serving nine counties for more than 12 years. As a Certified Re-Entry Employment Specialist and Certified Behavioral Health Case Manager II, she plans to continue assisting families by overcoming their challenges. Ms. Brothers hopes to prepare them for the future to become self-sufficient and less dependent on government subsidies.

#### CEDRIC E. CURRIN-MOORE

Cedric E. Currin-Moore graduated from Sterling College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and a minor in biology. While in college, Cedric played football, ran track and worked with children from the community. After graduation, he worked for 14 years as a professional educator, teaching, tutoring and coaching children of all ages. Cedric has worked in the expanded learning field for over ten years as a consultant, STEM Director, professional development trainer and instructor.





#### CHIP HOBBS

Chip Hobbs was born and raised in Oklahoma City, where he graduated from Douglas High School. He played collegiate football at Montana State University and received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Central Oklahoma.

While Chip has worked with the Urban League since 2008, he also runs a landscaping company called Creative Visions Landscaping & Design. Chip wears many hats at the Urban League as the Facility Manager and has recently integrated his landscaping background into the Urban Works Landscape Program. The Urban Works Landscape Program designed a training platform for young adults with an entrepreneurial desire to learn the business of landscaping.

Chip is a devoted husband and father. He spends most of his free time at the soccer fields or in his garage, where he enjoys woodworking. Kelvin Hobbs, Chip's late father, spent his life serving others as a pastor and counselor, heavily influenced Chip's desire to serve his community.



#### MARSHALL & DEE LIGGENS

Dee Liggens has been the School-Age Coordinator of the Urban League of Greater Oklahoma City for the past seven years, bringing over 20 years of early childhood experience. Serving as the Director of the Community Hope Center for Urban League, Dee's energy and love for the children in the community, their families and her cohorts flows through the hallways creating pathways of hope. OETA/PBS recognizes Dee as an Early Learning Champion for the state of Oklahoma. Dee enjoys winning games, laughter and engaging families through effective and purposeful play.

Marshall Liggens is confident, compassionate and committed to the community. Marshall has a contagious spirit and excitement for God that radiates in his walk and knowledge of the bible. Marshall has been preaching the word of God for over 20 years; he is the Director of Evangelism at the Greater Mount Baptist Church. In his spare time, Marshall enjoys working out, biking and running each day. He acquired this passion early in life, running track and playing football for their high school alma-Mata Star Spencer High School.

Dee and Marshall Liggens have the common goal of establishing and maintaining positive relationships as they travel the journey of life together. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths," Proverbs 3:5-6. Dee and Marshall define community service as small acts by millions of people working together to change the world. #We Are One!



Kendra Loper currently serves as the Chief Community Engagement Officer at the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma. She oversees marketing, communications, advocacy, public policy, volunteer engagement and special events. Kendra joined the Regional Food Bank in 2017 and has served in a variety of roles on the fundraising team before moving into her current role. Before joining the Regional Food Bank, Kendra was the Development and Communications Director for Make-A-Wish Oklahoma. Kendra also has more than 19 years of experience in higher education administration, including student affairs, recruitment, marketing, communications and alumni engagement.

In addition to her professional pursuits, Kendra volunteers with various organizations throughout the OKC metro area. One of those volunteer roles includes her current service as President-elect of the Association of Fundraising Professionals Oklahoma Chapter board of directors. Kendra and her husband live in NW Oklahoma City along with their two Great Dane pups.



#### **CLINTON RENZI STONE**

Renzi is Saxum's founder and CEO. A graduate of The University of Oklahoma and a former member of the University's Board of Regents, Renzi believes in the power of education and experiences to change how we see the world. Renzi has extensive experience in marketing strategy, crisis communication and public affairs for energy companies, large foundations, healthcare entities and financial organizations. He has served on the board of directors for the PR Council in New York and has been featured or written in PRWeek, Advertising Age, The New York Times and CNBC. His personal mantra is to make a meaningful difference in today's world, a place of great change which needs leaders who can guide others to accomplish their dreams.





### Life Member Inductees

#### JAKE WHITMORE

As Regional Vice President — Oklahoma/North Texas, Jake oversees all Daily Rental operations for the Enterprise/
National/Alamo business lines. This territory includes 49 locations and a team of over 300 full/part-time employees.

Similar to the majority of Enterprise careers, Jake began in the company's Management Training program, working in
Orlando, FL. Learning the Enterprise business from the ground up, he worked his way through various management roles
in the Central Florida market and in August of 2008, Jake was promoted to Area Manager. He ran two different territories
on the East Coast of Florida over the next six years before accepting the promotion to Group Rental Manager of the
Northwest Ohio territory based in Cleveland, OH in October 2014. He most recently became the Regional Vice President
overseeing Oklahoma/North Texas in July 2018.

Throughout his 19yr career, Jake has successfully led teams to be honored with some of the most prestigious awards in the company including Exceptional Achievement Awards and the Presidents Award for achievement in the areas of Customer Service, Fleet Growth, Profitability, and Employee Development. He has consistently served on the Founding Values Committee in each of the operating groups he has worked, impacting various causes in the communities they served. He has also been a constant member of the Business Ethics Committee in each of those operating groups.

Jake received his B.S. degree from Florida Institute of Technology in FL, where he majored in Business Communication and played collegiate Soccer. He has served on the Urban League board for the past 3yrs and resides in Crown Heights, OK with his wife Rebecca.

#### REBECCA WHITMORE

As manager of Business Process and Candidate Experience for the Walt Disney Company, Rebecca Whitmore leads a team of design analysts who focus on supporting global recruitment strategies and initiatives by developing adaptable business processes and implementing new technology pilots. As part of the Process and Infrastructure team, she is part of the Talent Acquisition Center of Excellence, a company-wide operating model designed to enhance the recruitment expertise and leverage the company's collective power to drive effectiveness and efficiency across the globe. Rebecca has delivered several complex strategic projects as a member of the Talent Acquisition Center of Excellence.

Joining the Walt Disney Company in 1996, Rebecca held numerous positions within the Campus Recruitment organization. One of her first opportunities was to recruit for the Disney College Program across the United States, which included building relationships with higher education institutions and reconstructing the onboarding process for incoming interns to gain efficiencies and improve the overall student experience.

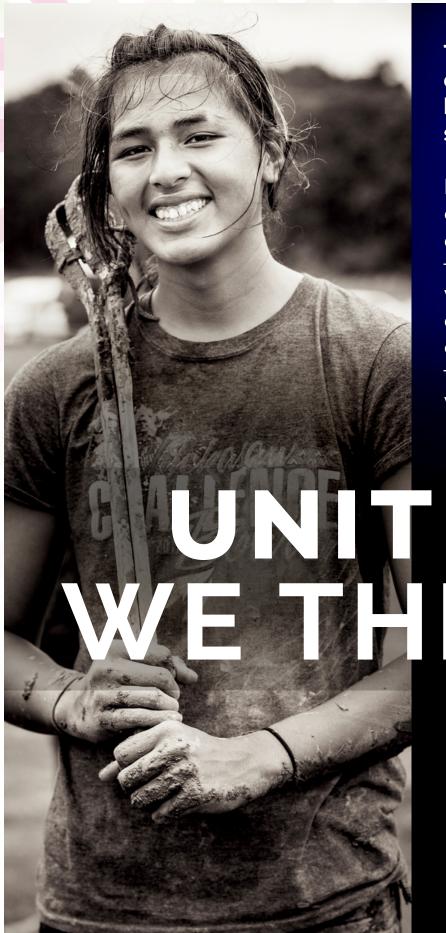
A primary focus has always been acting as an advocate for students and recent graduates to help them navigate early in their careers. In addition, Rebecca was able to collaborate to develop technology internship programs across the Company. In 2017, Rebecca received The Walt Disney Legacy Award, which recognizes Cast Members, Crew Members, and Imagineers worldwide who embody the values behind the award of "dream, create and inspire". Rebecca has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire in Journalism.

#### AMBER WILLIAMS

Amber Williams is the staff accountant at The Urban League of Greater Oklahoma City and has been a part of the team for over six years. Amber has over 15 years of experience in the accounting field, getting her start with a Fortune 500 software consulting firm in the heart of Northern California before making a home in Oklahoma in 2008.

Amber is committed to the Urban League's mission and believes the key to maintaining a solid connection to the community is by continuing to develop partnerships and working together as a team to be innovative, celebrate diversity and stay firm in our beliefs of equity.





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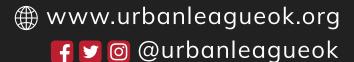
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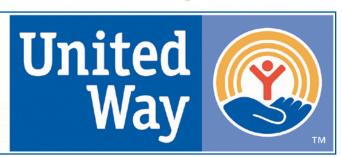
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