

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & SOCIAL JUSTICE

“to empower African Americans and others...”

The Urban League engages customers and stakeholders in advocating for improved public policy to achieve social justice, becoming an expert source of information about the factors affecting African Americans. We utilize the advocacy efforts of our auxiliaries to promote civic engagement. Finally, our actions support the voice of the National Urban League and its efforts.

- According to the National Urban League’s Equality Index, community participation, via Civic Engagement, has decreased significantly.
- Personal strength comes from a strong community, and civic engagement is a key factor in promoting healthy, vibrant communities.

Federation of Block Units — The Federation of Block Units is the oldest self-help grass roots organization in St. Louis. The Urban League’s Federation promoted self-sufficiency and strong communities through 122 block units in the metropolitan region in 2007.

Young Professionals — The Urban League Young Professionals is the Urban League’s vehicle for engaging and grooming future generations in the Urban League “Movement.” In 2007, the Young Professionals consisted of over 75 members, ages of 21 and 40, from all walks of life and professions who believe in the mission of the League.

Guild — Over 30 Urban League Guild members, consisting of community volunteers, civic and political, business and professional women, were committed to improving the quality of life for people in need, as well as those in the community in 2007.

NULITES Youth Initiative — Founded on the premise that young people are our most valuable resource, NULITES is designed to reflect the positive aspects of youth in today's society while providing opportunities for personal and leadership development. In 2007, over 50 youth participated in the St. Louis NULITES chapter.

Volunteers — The Urban League would like to thank the 500+ volunteers that supported the Urban League’s programming during 2007.