

Urban League Gala
August, 26, 2006

Dallas, TX
2323 Pine Street
Dallas Parks & Recreation
Exline Recreation Center
Abstinence Overnight Retreat

Dallas, TX
4315 South Lancaster
Urban League Headquarters,
Monday, April 24, 2006, 9:00 a.m.
Project 4 Victory Orientation

Dallas, TX
5712 Pilgrim Drive
Rhodes Terrace Housing Development
Friday, April 21, 2006, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Health & Career Fair
Urban League Neighborhood Network

Irving, TX 75039
7000 N. State Hwy 161
Microsoft Corporation
Saturday, April 29, 2006, 10:00 a.m.
Microsoft YITC Competition

Upcoming Events

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URBAN LEAGUE UPDATE

PROJECT 4 VICTORY UNDERWAY



Bill Sowers, Computer Training Director, reviews computer training opportunities.

Over seventy people from throughout Dallas County attended an orientation for P 4 Victory, a new program sponsored by the Department of Labor. This program will assist non-violent ex-offenders returning to their local communities with employment, job readiness training, life skills, coaching and mentoring, mental health and substance abuse services, GED preparation, computer training, on-the-job training and placement assistance.

The Urban League was awarded a \$660,000 grant from the Department of Labor as part of 30 grants issued nationwide to faith and community based organizations to assist non-violent ex-offenders in Dallas County. "We know that if given the resources and a caring environment, non-violent ex-offenders can become productive citizens," said Dr. Beverly Mitchell-Brooks, President and CEO. "This grant will provide those resources to assess, train and transition ex-offenders into full-time employment."

MICROSOFT YOUTH IT CHALLENGE

Students from high schools in Dallas County are participating in the Microsoft Youth IT Challenge, a 10 week program developed in partnership with Microsoft and the National Urban League.



Cameron Ferguson and Brannon Veal discuss their team business plan.

The program is hosted at the Urban League of Greater Dallas technology center and eight other Urban League affiliates and is designed to engage minority teenagers in the development of an original IT business idea. The program is intended to help students learn team and leadership skills, generate discussion about technology and learn how that technology can be used to create a business.

Student teams will compete locally on Saturday, April 29 at 10:00 a.m. at the Microsoft Corporation, 7000 N. State Highway 161, Irving, TX . The winning team will then compete with teams from the eight other Urban League affiliates in a national business plan competition in Atlanta, GA. The winning team will receive a \$15,000 prize package.

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Congresswoman **Eddie Bernice Johnson** opened the Urban League Annual Meeting Luncheon with remarks praising the 39-year-old organization for its contributions to the community. "I sincerely appreciate all the work that the Urban League has done in opening doors and blazing trails for our communities," she said. State Senator Royce West and Dallas City Council Mayor Pro Tem Don Hill gave brief remarks emphasizing the need for Urban League services. Representatives from **Verizon, Verizon Wire-**



Honorees -Sharon Bracey, Dr. Mamie McKnight, Al Herron and Algernon Herron

less and Verizon Superpages, title sponsors of the event presented a check to the Urban League for \$45,000.

Two prominent individuals were honored and the League's Annual Report to the Community was highlighted. The event was held **February 21, 2006** at the **Crowne Plaza Hotel**. The theme of the Luncheon was *The Legacy Continues: Passing the Torch*.

Dr. Mamie McKnight, founder of Black Dallas Remembered, Inc., a local heritage research and education organization and educator and Al Herron, President and Chief Executive Officer of Century 21 Gallo-way-Herron were honored for their outstanding contributions in their professions and in the Dallas community. In a special presentation, the honorees passed their legacy torch to Sharon Bracey, computer analyst and teacher and Algernon Herron, Sales Manager at Gallo-way-Herron Real Estate.



Steve Banta, President Verizon Communications; Dr. Beverly Mitchell-Brooks, President and CEO Urban League; Gwen Wilson, Director Supplier Diversity; Luis Cruz, President, Verizon Wireless; Martin Burrell, Chairman of the Urban League Board; Floyd Williams, Verizon Quality Manage-



Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson world."

Dr. Beverly Mitchell-Brooks, President and CEO of the Urban League outlined the League's activities and its impact on its clients and the community in a detailed Report to the Community. "Each year we believe it is important to let our contributors, community and friends know how their dollars have enabled our participants to move toward self-reliance", she said. "For not only is accountability required in the cooperate arena, but also in the non-profit

New members of the Board of Directors were installed and include **Wayne Rustin, Vice President Associate General Counsel at J.C. Penney and Cedric Ford, President of the Urban League Young Professionals.**

NEW HEALTH PROGRAM PROVIDES NEW SA/HIV/AIDS SERVICES

Urban Health Solutions, a new Urban League program is underway that targets ex-offenders and other high risk populations in five areas in Dallas County. The program, which offers case management, HIV/AIDS education, risk reduction outreach and HIV/AIDS testing is funded through an annual five-year, \$254,320 Community Organization Minority SA/HIV/HEP Strategic Prevention Grant by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services. The project identifies gaps in service strategy for substance abuse and/or ex-offenders; develops a plan and vision for coordination of reentry gaps; and sustains an overall strategy for reintegrating these at-risk populations in the community service delivery network.

"This project will reduce the disproportionate impact of substance abuse, HIV and hepatitis through a strategic plan that uses referrals, risk-reduction and case management sources," said Dr. Beverly Mitchell-Brooks, President and CEO of the Urban League of Greater Dallas.

Other Urban League Health Programs will be highlighted in the next Urban League Update. For information about the Urban League Health Department programs call (214) 915-4000.

FIND JOBS THROUGH URBAN LEAGUE EMPLOYMENT

Thinking about making a career move? The Dallas Urban League and affiliates throughout the country can help you.

Get connected at the Urban League and make your job search efforts count. The new state-of-the-art career center site is dedicated to linking your resume to employers across the Urban League network which includes more than 103 Urban League affiliates.

Register at www.dallasurbanleague.com for jobs with great companies in Dallas and nationwide. Katrina evacuees are also encouraged to register.

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