



2025 ANNUAL COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT



Buffalo
Urban League

**Empowering Communities.
Changing Lives.**

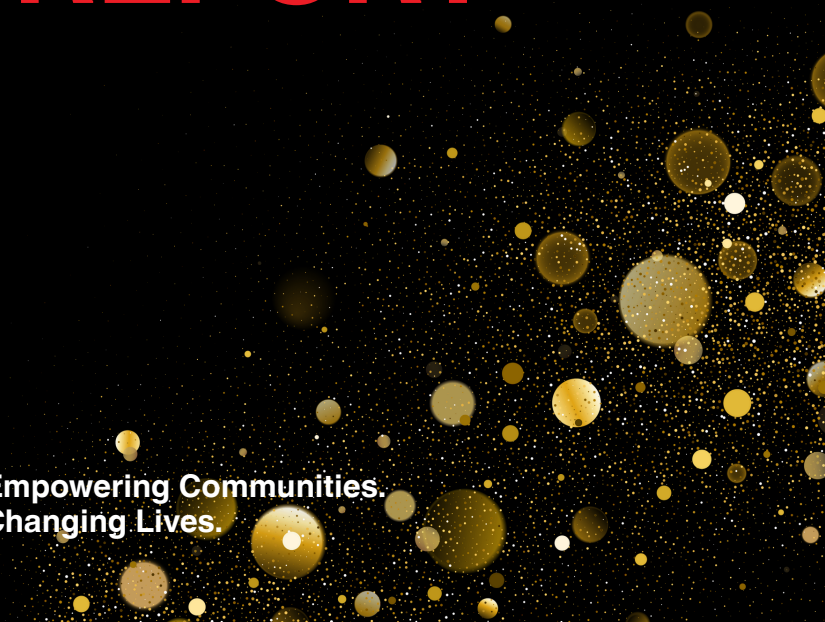


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JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Take action. Make an impact. Join the movement today.

The Buffalo Urban League invites you to be part of a new generation of advocates, changemakers and community leaders committed to advancing economic and educational equity.

Membership is more than a donation—it is a call to action. It means using your voice, engaging your community and helping shape a more just future. Through your support, we:

- Equip individuals with the skills needed for economic independence.
- Work to close opportunity gaps across education and employment.
- Amplify voices for justice, equality, and equity.

Your investment fuels programs in education, workforce development, housing, and entrepreneurship—creating real and lasting change.

Become an empowered leader at the forefront of building generational impact. Together, we can transform lives, strengthen communities and create a future where equity and opportunity thrive.



LEADERSHIP



THOMAS BEAUFORD, JR
PRESIDENT & CEO

EUNICE A. LEWIN
BOARD CHAIR



Dear Community Partners,

The Buffalo Urban League is proud of the impact we continue to make alongside our staff, volunteers, Board Members, sponsors and partners.

Your support allows us to respond to evolving community needs with innovative and sustainable solutions from expanding workforce development programs that lead to family-sustaining careers, to deploying mobile services that meet people where they are, to strengthening smaller nonprofits through our Shared Services platform. These efforts, rooted in our empowerment pillars of Youth, Education, Housing, Health, and Justice & Civic Engagement, reflect our role as both a partner and a convenor in uplifting our community.

Our progress is only possible because of generous supporters like you. As we look to the future, your continued engagement is vital to helping us expand programs, open new pathways for success, and advance equity in Buffalo.

We invite you to stand with us by becoming a member, contributing to our annual appeal, or lending your time so that together we can build lasting impact for generations to come.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to our shared vision of a thriving community.

**With gratitude,
Thomas Beauford Jr. & Eunice A. Lewin**

Past Executive Directors



**William L.
Evans**
(1927-1963)



**Nelson H.
Nichols Jr.,**
(1963-1972)



**Leroy R.
Coles**
(1972-1998)



**Brenda W.
McDuffie**
(1998- 2020)



MISSION & HISTORY

Our Mission

To help African Americans and others in underserved communities achieve their highest true social parity, economic self-reliance, power, and civil rights.

The League promotes economic empowerment through education and job training, housing and community development, workforce development, entrepreneurship, health, and quality of life.

Brief History

For many years, Buffalo's Ellicott District welcomed immigrant families. During the Great Depression, new challenges led the National Urban League to turn its attention to Buffalo. Dr. Charles Johnson of Fisk University was appointed to conduct a study and recommended the establishment of an affiliate office to serve Buffalo's African American population, which had reached 9,000. With the generous funding of Mrs. Alfred Schoellkopf, the Buffalo Urban League was founded and operated out of a four-room office suite located at 357 William Street. William L. Evans, Executive Director, and Teresa Green were among the early administrators providing services from the offices housed above a clothing store.

In the fall of 1927, the first Urban League Guild was formed under the leadership of Mrs. Schoellkopf, Ms. Clara L. Payne, Mrs. William H. Bethel, and Mrs. John Montgomery. The Guild served as the publicity arm of the League, with membership spanning the city. In 1963, Nelson H. Nichols Jr. was appointed Executive Director, succeeding William L. Evans, who had served for 37 years. In the fall of 1972, Leroy R. Coles, Executive Director of the Union County Urban League in New Jersey, was appointed to lead the Buffalo Urban League. Following Coles' retirement in 1998, after 26 years of service, Brenda W. McDuffie became the first woman to be appointed President and CEO of the Buffalo Urban League.

In the fall of 2020, amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, widespread protests for racial justice, crucial political moments, and economic uncertainty, Thomas Beauford Jr. was appointed President and CEO of the Buffalo Urban League.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICERS



CHAIR
Eunice A. Lewin, Chair
Community Volunteer



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Thomas Beauford, Jr



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FINANCIALS

2025 Financial Report Ending March 31, 2025

Assets		2025
Cash	\$	602,059.00
Accounts Receivable, net		4,452,990.00
Prepaid Expenses and other assets		44,478.00
Investments		2,319,091.00
Property and Equipment, net		778,775.00
Right of Use Asset - Operating Leases		76,720.00
Cash-Surrender Value of Life Insurance		22,573.00
Total Assets	\$	8,296,686.00
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$	73,039.00
Accrued Expenses		392,006.00
Line of Credit		250,000.00
Program Advances		613,881.00
Funds Held For Others		37,147.00
Current Maturities of Operating Lease Obligations		49,598.00
Operating Lease Obligations, less Current Obligations		27,122.00
Deferred Compensation		22,573.00
		<u>1,465,366.00</u>
Net Assets, end of the year	\$	6,831,320.00

2024-2025 Use of Funds	Revenue	Expenses
Program and Contract services	\$ 8,194,113.00	
Foundation and other Grants	\$ 1,308,212.00	
Contributions of Financial Assets	\$ 79,040.00	
Contributions of nonfinancial Assets	\$ 58,887.00	
Special Events	\$ 195,662.00	
Rental Revenue	\$ 74,278.00	
Investment Income	\$ 139,766.00	
Other	\$ 136,870.00	
	<u>\$ 10,186,828.00</u>	
Program Services		
Education and Workforce Development		\$ 3,835,373.00
Family Preservation and Support Services		\$ 4,173,336.00
Housing and Community Development		\$ 431,534.00
Supporting Services		
Management and General		<u>\$ 1,950,518.00</u>
		\$ 10,390,761.00
Increase (Decrease) in net assets	\$ (203,933.00)	

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



Summer Youth Employment Program

Lead agency to provide a summer youth employment program serving eligible youth throughout Erie County. \$1.7 M paid in salaries at \$16.00 per hr

674
YOUTH

YOLO

Provides GED/HSE and work experience to youth 16-24 OUT OF SCHOOL YOUTH

336

Grow Opportunities

Serve justice involved youth 18-24, providing education, training and employment. \$36,000 paid in stipends and incentives

20
YOUTH

Raise the Age

Alternatives for placement or detention 16-18, referred to us from Erie County Probation

30
YOUTH

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Housing

Education workshops

74 CLIENTS

Foreclosures Prevented

22 CLIENTS

1st Time Home Buyers

67 CLIENTS

Credit Counseling

Helping Individuals repair their credit

112 CLIENTS

Rental Assistance

Helping Individuals facing eviction and rental assistance

14 CLIENTS



Fidelis Care Center for Community Advancement

In January 2025, the Buffalo Urban League launched the Fidelis Care Center for Community Advancement (FCCCA) to strengthen the infrastructure of Community Based Organizations (CBOs) across Buffalo. The Center directly supports nonprofits that often operate with limited budgets, funding barriers and lack access to customized resources.

Aligned with the Buffalo Urban League's mission to advance social and economic self-sufficiency, the FCCCA provides:

- Strategic training and tailored support to build organizational resilience.
- Peer learning and mentorship networks through support circles and experienced mentors.
- Collaborative online workshops focused on grant-writing and resource development.
- Technical assistance and consulting services, including financial and grant-readiness support.

Together, these efforts equip CBOs with the tools, knowledge and connections needed to thrive and expand their community impact.

FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES

Adoption and Foster Care

189 Children with our foster families

Preventive

Traditional

380 FAMILIES

Wraparound services

126 CLIENTS

Crucial Community Center

Open Weekdays and Special Events.
Safety net and resource center

532
YOUTH



Multiservice Center

Open April 1 to September 30, 2024. Closed for renovations from October 2024 to April 2025

FOOD PANTRY

1,084

FAMILIES

MEALS

11,583

DINERS

1,061

EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIP



Advantage Afterschool Program

Open to at-risk youth grades 9-12, 3pm to 6pm

88 YOUTH

Project Ready Mentor

Connects students with caring adult mentors to support their academic achievement, personal growth and college and career readiness

50 YOUTH

Urban Youth Pathways

Support Project Ready participants and/or other youth program participants with resources and activities to prepare youth to enter the workforce

102 YOUTH

Summer Primetime

Provides earn and learn support and case work services for youth 14 -20

33 YOUTH

WIOA

Provides evidence-based model to ensure youth graduate from High School

92 YOUTH

Buffalo Urban League Scholarships

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TOTALING \$36,000

84 YOUTH



HEALTH EQUITY



Buffalo C.O.M.H.P.S

(Community Mental Health Promotion & Support)

Wraparound/Direct Services

75,931 COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Buffalo United Resiliency Center (BURC)

3,589 SERVED

\$114,000 spent on outreach and community led events

\$145,000 on direct assistance

HRSA Community Health Program

Program to bridge the gap for community members not engaged in Health Care

146 COMMUNITY
HEALTH WORKERS

Long Covid Impact/CDC Vaccine Equity

89 PATIENTS

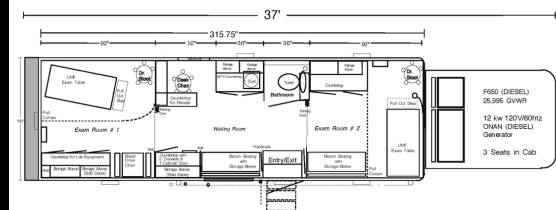
Increasing access to Covid and influenza vaccines in the community

MOBILE OUTREACH



37 Ft Medical Mobile Clinic
with 2 Exam Rooms & Reception/Waiting Room

The Buffalo Urban League convened a coalition of health partners including the Health Foundation for Western and Central New York, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield and Univera Healthcare to jointly identify, fund, and purchase a mobile outreach unit.



By spring 2025, this vision was realized with the acquisition of a 37-foot Mobile Health Unit, formerly utilized as a mobile exam center and now renovated to include three exam rooms. Beginning in fall 2025, the Buffalo Urban League will deploy this unit to expand access to critical health and wellness services for residents of Buffalo's East Side.

The Mobile Health Unit will be a community-based hub for:

- Collaboration with local healthcare providers to maximize reach and impact
- Support network development to strengthen families and neighborhoods
- Community health workshops and trainings focused on prevention and wellness
- Advocacy for equitable access to high-quality healthcare. Maternal mental health awareness campaigns to support mothers and families

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

The Young Professionals are a vital part of the Buffalo Urban League. When it comes to programming, specifically at the national level, we have performed well over the last two years. We could have at least two pages highlighting the extraordinary work being done. We are **FULL-TIME VOLUNTEERS** in action to help support our community and beyond.

APRIL - BULYPNY attended the 6th Regional Conference, known as bEastCon in Wilmington, DE. Over 150 young professionals were present, engaging in the "Onward & Upward" program of the National Urban League.

MAY - BULYPNY hosted the **FINANCIAL REALITY FAIR**, with the In-School Youth Program at BUL and the "Bolstering Communities through Literacy" with 5 additional National YP affiliates.



JULY - 10 local BULYPNY members attended the 2024 National Urban League Conference in New Orleans, LA.

QUEEN CITY Soiree, BULYPNY raised over \$20,000 in sponsorship and for the ILead Scholarship

AUGUST - 7th Annual **BLACK RESTAURANT WEEK** with 30 restaurants participating

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER Partnered with 15 other organizations to **GET OUT THE VOTE (GOTV)**

NOVEMBER BULYPNY hosted the National Day of Empowerment event - **EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH SOCIAL IMPACT**

FEBRUARY - partnered with the BUL and Buffalo Urban Resiliency Center (BURC) to host our Black History Celebration at the Burchfield Penney Art Center - **THE BUL QUILTING PROJECT**. BULYPNY attended the New York State Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Legislative Caucus YP Brunch.

MARCH - partnering with Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, Independent Health and Appetit to host the **TASTE OF HEALTH**, with over 300 attendees.

SPRING

FALL SUMMER

2024

WINTER

2025

OUR FUTURE

EMPOWERMENT CAMPUS

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Launched in 2023 it is underway raising funds for the new Buffalo Urban League Empowerment Campus.



The Empowerment Campus will consolidate Buffalo Urban League programming in the heart of the Eastside of Buffalo on Jefferson Avenue

COLLECTIVE STRENGTH GALA



SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

6PM BUFFALO CONVENTION CENTER
153 FRANKLIN STREET, BUFFALO NY

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