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Save the Date!

Urban League Sunday

Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
351 Joseph Avenue
Sunday, March 14, 2010
4:00 P.M.



The Road to College

*collaboration with
RCSD/Parent University & the Urban League*

Edison Tech High School
Saturday, April 15, 2010
6:00 — 8:00 pm

45th Annual Meeting

Memorial Art Gallery
Performance by Garth Fagan Dance
Tuesday, April 27, 2010
5:30 P.M.



Rochester Urban League Guild Distinguished Male Cook Event

Rochester Riverside Convention Center
Sunday, June 13, 2010
4:00 P.M.

31st Salute to Black Scholars Recognition Dinner

Rochester Riverside Convention Center
Tuesday, June 15, 2010
5:30 P.M.



13th Annual Golf Tournament

Locust Hill Country Club
Monday, August 30, 2010
8:00 A.M.

For more information on the above events, call the Urban League at 585-325-6530 or visit our website at www.ulr.org

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Garth Fagan Dance to perform at the Urban League's 45th Annual Meeting

Please join us at the Urban League of Rochester's 45th Annual Meeting for an evening of community, culture and celebration on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at the Memorial Art Gallery. There will be a reception at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Annual Meeting, a presentation of community leadership awards, and a special performance by Garth Fagan Dance. Garth Fagan himself will be on hand to accept the Urban League's Charles Lunsford Distinguished Community Service Award for his contributions as a leader in the Rochester community.

Tickets are \$10 for members and \$30 for non-members. Admission is free for members at the Friends level or above (\$100+). A special tour of the Gallery will be held for ticket holders at 4:30 p.m.

Please contact Deborah Jones at (585) 325-6530 ext. 3003 or djones@ulr.org for more information.

The Urban League of Rochester's annual Membership Campaign is going on right now!

The Urban League relies on our members, who are hundreds of individuals and companies from the community, to provide crucial support for our programs. We especially benefit from the support of dozens of local churches that operate membership drives for the League during this time each year. Join us in creating opportunities for all of the community's residents to change their lives for the better.

Please go to www.ulr.org/join.php
to renew your membership—or purchase a new membership—today!

Remembering Anna Byrd

The Urban League and the Rochester community suffered a great loss in January with the passing of Anna Byrd. In the Urban League movement, we often say we are a family, and our family is mourning the loss of our matriarch.



Anna Byrd was a true pioneer for civil rights and equal opportunity in Rochester. She joined the Urban League of Rochester as its second employee in 1965, the year we were incorporated. As the Director of our Advancement through Clerical Training program, which we referred to as ACT, Mrs. Byrd made a significant impact on the lives of the underserved in our community. She was responsible for overseeing the classroom training and job placement of African Americans and other underrepresented populations into the major corporations in our community. During her time as ACT Director, Mrs. Byrd managed the placement of literally thousands of job seekers into their first jobs.

She showed her love for the Urban League, its mission, and those we serve through her hard work throughout her career and by continuing to volunteer after retirement to make sure our organization remains successful. Mrs. Byrd was a frequent volunteer in both our programs and for our membership campaign, for which she led the membership drive at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church each year.

For her dedication to her church, her family and the causes she believed in, Anna Byrd's memory serves as an inspiration to us all.

Open hearts and homes needed!



Family Care is a program that allows individuals in the community to open up their homes and their hearts to a child or adult with a developmental disability. Whether you own your own home or rent an apartment you may qualify to become a Family Care Provider. The cost to you is your time and your time is compensated through a provider fee.

If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Persephone Modeste, Family Care Coordinator at (585) 697-0360 ext. 224 or pmodeste@ulr.org.

State Farm Insurance supports the League

In November, State Farm Insurance employees Deborah Whitt and Rhondalynn Richards (who is also an Urban League Board Member) presented a \$25,000 donation to William Clark for the League's Women and Minority Business Development Center and Salute to Black Scholars Program.



Baldwin Richardson Foods Company steps up to support the League in 2010

The Urban League of Rochester is very grateful for a generous gift from the Baldwin Richardson Foods Company: \$50,000 to support the Salute to Black Scholars program and to sponsor both our 45th Annual Meeting and our 13th Annual Urban League Golf Classic. Eric Johnson, the President and CEO of Baldwin Richardson, is a long time supporter and Board Member of the Urban League and we're thankful for his company's support.

A Black Scholar Alumnus gives back



Michael A. Robinson, a 1983 Black Scholar from Edison Tech who went on to a successful career in the financial field, has donated \$10,000 to the Salute to Black Scholars program. The Black Scholars program provides high-achieving high school students with recognition, incentives and assistance in preparing for college. Mr. Robinson was once one of these young people, excelling in high school and receiving numerous scholarships and academic accolades, including a joint scholarship from the Urban League and Eastman Kodak Company. He earned his Bachelor's degree in

Accounting from Florida A&M University and then continued on to obtain an MBA from Harvard University. Currently the President of Icon Holdings Group, a privately held real estate development and financial consulting company, Mr. Robinson has also held senior management positions at Tyco International Ltd., Merrill Lynch & Company, and the Colgate-Palmolive Company.

A NYC resident, Mr. Robinson has established the MAR Foundation to donate to causes he holds dear to his heart. We're very grateful that he counts the work of our Black Scholars program among these causes and that he is giving back to support youth in his home town.