



**Urban League of Detroit  
& Southeastern Michigan**

*Celebrating 105 Years of Service*

*42nd Annual*  
— Salute to —  
**Distinguished Warriors**  
*Celebration*  
—

*Thursday, April 8, 2021*

*Held Virtually - 7:00 P.M.*

*2021 Honorees*



**JANE GARCIA**  
*Hispanic Community Leader  
& Advocate*



**GENEVA J. WILLIAMS**  
*CEO, Dr. Geneva Speaks*



**THE HONORABLE  
SANDER M. LEVIN**  
*Retired U.S. Congressman,  
MI 9th District*



**DIANA LEWIS**  
*Retired WXYZ-Channel 7,  
News Anchor*



**O'NEIL D. SWANSON**  
*Founder Swanson Funeral  
Home (posthumously)*

# A Special Message

Dear Honored Guests and Supporters:

Welcome to our 42nd Annual Salute to Distinguished Warriors Celebration!

We are fortunate and are counting our blessings for making it through 2020 and successfully navigating the pandemic while continuously serving more than 14,500 youth, infants, adults and families each month. Our staff worked to stay safe while still efficiently and effectively making sure all of our clients received compassionate and needed services in a virtual setting. To serve is the ongoing work of the Urban League of Detroit & Southeastern Michigan.



N. Charles Anderson

It was in 1980 that we began our Salute to Distinguished Warriors event and tradition of celebrating individuals who over their lifetime made significant contributions to the community in the areas of human and civil rights. Our Distinguished Warriors are selected for their vision, courage, dedication, sacrifices and commitment of unselfish service.



Robert McRae

In 2021 we have five individuals whose names will be enshrined on our Distinguished Warriors honor roll. These illustrious individuals include: **Jane C. Garcia, Honorable Sander Leven, Diana Lewis, Dr. Geneva Williams and the late Dr. O'Neil D. Swanson.** These honorees will be celebrated in special video presentations superbly created and produced by our media partner WXYZ TV Channel 7. We want to express our sincerest gratitude and appreciation to the WXYZ team of professionals for their support and outstanding work.

Finally, we say thank you and extend special acknowledgement to the corporate sponsors and others in the community that have supported this year's Salute to Distinguished Warriors event. The funds raised, as always, will be put to great use to impact those in need.

Now, 105 years in, the Urban League of Detroit & Southeastern Michigan will stay the course and continue working to fulfilling our mission to enable African Americans and people of color to achieve their full potential. Thank each of you for being a partner in your own way and assisting us with reaching our goals. We hope you enjoy the program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of N. Charles Anderson.

N. Charles Anderson  
President/CEO

A handwritten signature of Robert McRae.

Robert McRae  
Board Chair



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When a community is strong, it's more than a collection of streets and buildings. It's a place that nurtures and helps its residents thrive. That's what happens when people share the commitment to make things better together. Congratulations Urban League of Detroit on the 41st Annual Salute to Distinguished Warriors.



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## *Glenda Lewis*

*Reporter*

### **Master of Ceremonies**

Although Glenda Lewis grew up with a broadcasting legend for a mother, it was not her lifelong dream to pursue a career in broadcasting.

When asked why she chose broadcasting after receiving her B.A. in Advertising and Marketing at Michigan State University, Glenda told the story of her first job interview. She took a personality profile while interviewing, and realized that all her best attributes related to her being a reporter.

"It was like a light-bulb went off," Glenda explained. "I realized I wanted to be in news, so I turned down the sales position I had interviewed for." Glenda did post-graduate work at Specs Howard School of Broadcasting to prepare for her newly chosen career path.

Glenda Lewis joined the WXYZ-TV/Channel 7 news team on September 1, 2003, as a general assignment reporter and the co-anchor of Action News Sunday at 6 and 11pm. She is currently co-anchor of 7 Action News at 5 p.m. on Channel 7 and 7 Action News at 10pm on TV20 Detroit.

Before working her way to her home town, Glenda began her career as a reporter/photographer at WBKB-TV in Alpena. She then moved on to WLNS-TV in Lansing as a reporter/anchor. Next, she spent five years at WJRT-TV in Flint as a co-anchor of ABC 12 News at 6 and 11pm before joining Channel 7.

Glenda is a 5-time Emmy Award winner, including one for "Best Anchor," that one she received from the hands

of a past winner in that same category, her own mother Diana Lewis.

She was honored as a "woman of Excellence" by the Michigan Chronicle in 2012.

Glenda and her Mother Diana are in the Museum of Radio and television history in New York City... for being the 1st Mother and Daughter in the country to have been co-anchors.

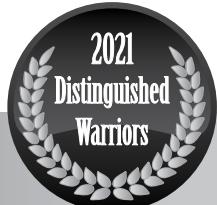
Glenda takes journalism very seriously and is a journalist for the viewers. Their trust is an important part of her job.

Glenda also participates in many community organizations; including Big Brothers/Big Sisters, United Negro College Fund, Black United Fund, MOTTEP Minority Organ and Tissue Transplant, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the NAACP.

Glenda and her mother, veteran anchor Diana Lewis, were adopted into the Detroit history by the city council for being the first mother and daughter anchor team in the country.

Glenda is a proud Michigan State Spartans alum and received the honor of Distinguished Alumni Award alongside sports reporter Jemele Hill, and presented to her by former Congressman Mike Rogers.

If you have any stories or questions for Glenda, email her at [glewis@wxyz.com](mailto:glewis@wxyz.com).



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# 2021 Distinguished Warrior



*Jane Garcia*  
Hispanic Community Leader  
& Advocate

A native Detroiter and licensed social worker, Jane C. Garcia has been a volunteer community activist for over 50 years. Jane has held positions with the Detroit Public Schools, other local Hispanic non-profits, and the U.S. Federal Government, where she retired after more than 25 years of service.

In 2005, Jane completed twenty year of service as part of Executive Committee of the United Way Community Services and was the first Non-CEO elected as Secretary of the Board. Over the years Jane has served on many boards and commissions including SER Metro-Detroit Jobs for Progress, Inc.; Detroit Wayne Area Agency on Aging; New Detroit Inc.; The City of Detroit - Cable Commission and was the first Hispanic elected Vice-Chair of the Michigan Republican Party. Jane was appointed to the Board of Water Commissioners by Mayor Mike Duggan in January 2016 and serves as Vice-Chair of Latin Americans for Social & Economic Development (LA SED), the oldest Hispanic advocacy agency in Southeastern Michigan. Jane was recently elected as Chairwoman for SER Jobs for Progress National.

Jane continues to promote Hispanic issues in all social and political arenas. In 1990, Ms. Garcia

founded Corporate Responsibility through Advocacy (True Ownership). The organization advocates for Minority Board Members through Stockholders' annual meetings, and urges that diversity cannot be achieved without Latino and other ethnic minority representation at all levels.

Jane has been recognized by several local, State, National, and International entities including the 2002 OHTLI Award from the Mexican Secretaria Del Relaciones Exteriores; in 2007 was recognized by the Detroit News as Michiganian of the Year and in 2015 received the Spirit of Frida Award from Mi Gente Magazine. In 2017 Jane was honored by the Detroit NAACP as the first Hispanic to receive the Ida B. Wells Freedom & Justice Award.

Jane is the proud mother of five children and a grandmother of ten. She attributes her involvement with community causes to her understanding family and very loving and supportive husband of over fifty years, Henry Garcia.



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# 2021 Distinguished Warrior



## Geneva J. Williams CEO, Dr. Geneva Speaks

Award-winning executive Geneva Jones Williams (Dr. Geneva) is a speaker, author, and a leadership strategist for business executives, entrepreneurs and nonprofit leaders. She is the founder and CEO of *Dr. Geneva Speaks, LLC* whose mission is to educate and inspire leaders for greater impact. Dr. Geneva also serves as Director for the Live6 Alliance, a nonprofit planning and development organization to enhance Detroit's quality of life and economic opportunity.

Dr. Geneva led the United Way, founded an innovative multi-sector national partnership model, launched a new leadership development initiative for girls, and developed models of community engagement and strategic planning for nonprofits. She raised millions for community change initiatives and served as an education leader. Dr. Geneva recently was appointed to the Women's Commission by Michigan's governor, and chairs its Visible Authentic Leadership Committee.

Dr. Geneva hosts the *Ignite2Impact Podcast* on Apple Podcasts and iHeart Radio featuring influencers who are making a difference in business, nonprofits, government and the arts. Her blogs inspire and educate women on aging vibrantly, every-day leadership, and philanthropy. Dr. Geneva consults with nonprofits like Detroit Future City and The Kresge Foundation. *Crain's Detroit Business* cites her as one of Detroit's most influential women, she is a *Michigan Chronicle* Woman of Excellence, and was named the National Association of Business Women Owners (NAWBO) Top 10 Michigan Business Woman.

For a significant portion of her career, Dr. Geneva was a guiding force for the United Way in the Detroit area. She was the first female president and chief executive officer of United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit, a \$15 million United Way, where she developed and led a three-year strategic plan, resulting in staff retraining and organizational reengineering to meet future challenges.

Dr. Geneva also led the merger between two United Ways where she became the first female Executive Vice President and COO, overseeing \$42 million annually in agency allocations. She developed the strategic planning process that transformed the agency's fund distribution system, resulting in new outcome based measurement systems for over 120 regional health and human services agencies. While at United Way, Geneva attended Harvard Business School, and taught at the United Way of America's Academy of Volunteerism.

Dr. Geneva was tapped by foundations and city officials to launch City Connect Detroit, an innovative national model to create and leverage public-private partnerships for increased funding for community needs. Dr. Geneva led the successful strategic planning process implementation, and secured over \$100 million for youth employment, education reform, access to fresh food, community development, and urban health.

A frequent guest lecturer and panelist at regional, national and international conferences, Dr. Geneva has served as chair of the Western Michigan University Trustee board, a member of the First Independence National Bank board, chair of several public school management companies, and vice president of the Detroit NAACP. She has been the recipient of many awards for her work, including the Bank of America's Local Hero Award, Ford Motor Company's Heritage Award, the Michigan Business & Professional Association's Women and Leadership in the Workplace Award, and the National Association for Community Leadership's Distinguished Leadership Award.

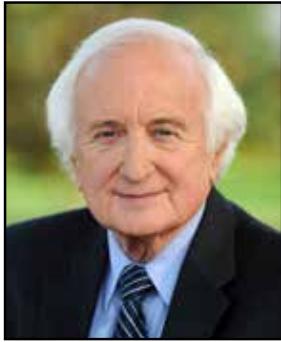
Through her company, Dr. Geneva Speaks, she consults, coaches, speaks locally and nationally on strategic planning, collaboration, leadership and personal development, work-life balance, and philanthropy. Dr. Geneva won the prestigious title of Ms. Black Fit and Fine, a beauty pageant encouraging healthy lifestyles for women over 50. She's an alumna of Morgan State University where she serves on Morgan's Foundation board. Dr. Geneva is an alumna of the Greater Wayne County Chapter of the Links, Incorporated, and she earned a doctorate in education leadership from Wayne State University. She received her master's degree with a concentration in Community Organization and Social Planning from the Bryn Mawr School of Social Work and Research.

Recently, Dr. Geneva was honored as a Golden Soror of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. She authored *Living Life Over 50*, and her new book, *Justice on the Jersey Shore*, about her father's transformational leadership while fighting social injustice during the Civil Rights Movement, launched as an Amazon best seller. To learn more, visit [drgenevaspeaks.com](http://drgenevaspeaks.com)



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# *2021 Distinguished Warrior*



## *The Honorable Sander M. Levin*

Retired U.S. Congressman, MI 9th District

The Honorable Sander “Sandy” Levin is a Distinguished Policymaker in Residence and professor of practice at the Ford School, with support from the Towsley Foundation Policymaker in Residence program. For 36 years, Levin represented residents of Southeast Michigan in Congress. In that time, Levin was actively involved in the major debates confronting our nation including welfare reform, the auto industry rescue, China’s entry into the World Trade Organization, the Iran Nuclear Agreement, and every critical economic policy issue. He chaired the House Ways and Means Committee including during passage of the Affordable Care Act, drafted the language to add enforceable labor and environmental standards in trade agreements for the first time, and successfully fought the privatization of Social Security. Born in Detroit, Levin earned a BA from the University of Chicago, an MA in international relations from Columbia University, and a JD from Harvard University. He developed a private law practice, served two terms in the Michigan State Senate, ran for governor, and served as an assistant administrator at the Agency for International Development before his election to Congress.



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# *2021 Distinguished Warrior*



*Diana Lewis*  
Retired WXYZ-Channel 7, News Anchor

Diana Lewis made her television debut at WPVI in Philadelphia in 1968. From Philly, she was on to LA's KABC. She made a name for herself in the newsroom and also graced the silver screen, interviewing a then-unknown boxer- Rocky Balboa- in the iconic Rocky meat locker scene. But it was in 1977, she found her home. Diana stepped into the WXYZ TV newsroom and has been a Detroiter ever since.

Diana's caring nature combined with her ability to laugh and share personal stories to create a strong bond with the Detroit audience. Diana responded in kind, becoming involved in numerous charitable organizations and causes. Diana enjoyed a 40+ year career at the WXYZ anchor desk for which she received countless awards and honors including:

- 2018 Inclusion in the Smithsonian Institute's African American Museum's Media exhibit
- 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award, Society of Professional Journalists- Detroit Chapter
- Hall of Fame, Variety: A Children's Charity
- 2012 Inductee, Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame
- 2008 Hall of Fame, Michigan Association of Broadcasters
- Two-time Emmy Award recipient
- NATAS Silver and Gold Circle Honoree
- Recipient, Governor's Lifetime Achievement Award, NATAS
- Included in Corp! Magazine's list of Michigan's Most Powerful Women
- Joyous Flame of Excellence Award, Morehouse College Detroit Alumni Association
- Named a Woman of Excellence by The Michigan Chronicle

In 2012, Diana retired, but she has not slowed down. She continues to support organizations that are especially near to her heart. Of course, Diana's husband, Glenn, daughters Donna and Glenda and granddaughters Audra and Kamerin keep life exciting and joy-filled!



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# *2021 Distinguished Warrior*



## *O'Neil D. Swanson*

Founder Swanson Funeral Home (posthumously)

O'Neil D. Swanson was born in humble quarters in Birmingham Alabama. He subsequently moved at an early age to Dayton Ohio, where he graduated as a member of the National Honor Society from Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School. In June 1953, he graduated from Central State University, and from 1953 through 1955 served the United States as a member of the military, receiving an honorable discharge with the rank of First Lieutenant.

Swanson then continued his education at the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science, graduating cum laude in 1956, and in that same year, he improved his professional status by passing the National Conference of Funeral Services Examiners Board.

In 1958, O'Neil D. Swanson founded Swanson Funeral Homes, Inc. in Detroit, Michigan. In addition to his funeral service business, Swanson also sat on the board of Real Times Media.

For more than 60 years, O'Neil provided a refuge for families across Detroit in their darkest hours. He was a compassionate man whose level of commitment to service of others was at times awe-inspiring. But O'Neil's love and passion for Detroit extended far beyond the parlors of his funeral home as he was an active servant in many ways. He was a spirited leader with a passion for black businesses. He was a giver in ways that many will never know.

O'Neil was not only known for his business acumen, but also for his philanthropy, as the company grew and prospered, he established the Swanson Foundation to fulfill a responsibility to the community by providing scholarships for the less fortunate and to aid other underserved areas of the community.

O'Neil was also active in numerous businesses, cultural and social organizations and his achievements have been recognized by many, including the conferring of two honorary Doctoral Degrees by both Shaw College in Detroit and Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio. He was also an owner of the Hotel St. Regis. Running the business today are his children Linda Swanson, O'Neil D. Swanson, II and Kim Swanson Thomas.



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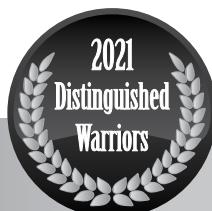
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# *Honor Roll of Warriors*

<b>1980</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2014</b>
*Geraldine Bledsoe *Joseph Coles *John Forsythe *Golda Krolik *Sheldon Tappes *Joseph Williams	*Alice Lyte *Harold Norris *Dr. Lionel Swan **Horace White	*Waldo Cain, M.D. **George C. Edwards, Jr. *Francis A. Kornegay, PhD. *Margaret Walker Montgomery *Robert E.L. Perkins **Walter P. Reuther *Esther Shapiro	**Jerry Blocker *William C. Brooks *Judge Anna Diggs Taylor *Frank D. Stella	The Honorable Sheila Cockrel Louise G. Guyton John Rakolta **Dr. Arthur Michael Carter, III **Rev. Dr. Frederick G. Sampson
<b>1981</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2015</b>
*Beulah Cain Brewer *Rosa L. Slade Gragg *Snow Grigsby *Mildred Jeffery *Longworth M. Quinn Sr. **William Deane Smith	*Albert J. Dunmore *Rosa Louise Parks *Sidney Rosen **G. Mennen Williams	*Agnes H. Bryant *Father William T. Cunningham **Richard Simmons, Jr. *Hon. Myron H. Wahls	**Floyd Washington Father Norman Thomas Gail Warden *Judge Lucille A. Watts	The Honorable James Blanchard Haifa Fakhouri, Ph. D. Reverend, Dr. James C. Perkins *Maribodine Remus Robinson **Angelo B. Henderson
<b>1982</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2016</b>
*Walter Bergman *Irene Graves *James J. McClendon, M.D. *Stanley Nowak *C. LeBron Simmons **Arthur Caruso	*Thomas F. Briscoe *Richard V. Marks *Charles F. Whitten, M.D. **Louise Tappes	*Sidney Barthwell *Douglas Fraser **Morris Gleicher *Hon. Damon Keith	**Kermit G. Bailer **Hon. Maryann Mahaffey Dr. Charles Adams *Tarik S. Daoud *Hon. Claudia House Morcom	George P. Barnes, Jr. *John Conyers, Jr. Roy Levy Williams **Dr. Daniel H. Krichbaum **Mildred Leonard
<b>1983</b>	<b>1991</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2017</b>
*Canon Malcom Dade *Christina Fuqua *Ernest Goodman *Monsignor Clement Kern **Viola Liuzzo	*George W. Crockett, Jr. *Edward L. Cushman *Gladys Woodard **Harold E. Bledsoe **Dewitt T. Burtonl	*Catherine C. Blackwell *Lawrence P. Doss **Henry Ford, II *Eleanor M. Josaitis	Elizabeth "Betty" Brooks *Brazeal Dennard *Ernie Harwell **Dr. Rachel Boone Keith **J. Caulton Mays	Mel Larson Alexander Jefferson James "Jimmy" Settles **Don Davis **Daisy Elliott
<b>1984</b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2018</b>
*Christopher Alston *Walker L. Cisler *Gloster B. Current *R. Louise Grooms **Rev. & Mrs. William H. Peck **Jesse Pharr Slaton	*Ella Bragg *Freida Gorrecht *Erma Henderson *Alvin Loving, Ph.D. **Francis M. Dent, Esq. **Willis M. Graves	*Earl F. Lloyd Kathleen Straus *Thomas Turner **Donald M.D. Thurber *Thomas M. Batchelor, M.D.	*Dr. David DiChiera **Ron Milner *Dr. Charles E. Morton *Dr. Roberta Hughes Wright	*C. Robert (Bob) Berg Elliot S. Hall **Ronald Hall, Sr. Joyce Hayes Giles Walter C. Watkins, Jr.
<b>1985</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2019</b>
*Frank Angelo *Lillian Hatcher *Horace Sheffield *Carl Winter **John C. Dancy **Ramon S. Scruggs **Rev. Henry Hitt Crane	*Malcolm Carron, S.J. *Leo Cottrell *Josephine Harrel Love *Sunnie Wilson **Cornelius Golightly **Ossian Hayes Sweet, M.D.	**William Beckham *Aubrey Lee, Sr. Edith Young *Bernadine & Blaine Denning *Nate Shapiro *Harold Shapiro	Sharon E. Bernard, Esq. *Wardell Croft Barbara E. Talley *Clara White **Justin "Ravitz	Vernice Davis Anthony Lawrence C. Patrick, Jr. ** Glenda D. Price Rabbi Daniel B. Syme James F. Thrower
<b>1986</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2020</b>
*Thomas Murphy *William Oliver *Marjorie Peebles-Meyers, M.D. *Jack Raskin **Rev. Charles A. Hill	*Esther Gordy Edwards *Arthur L. Johnson *Walton A. Lewis *Bishop H. Irving Mayson **Violet T. Lewis, PhD **Remus G. Robinson, M.D.	**Robert Millender Dr. Karl Gregory Teola Hunter *Dr. Phil Clayton Robinson *Will Robinson	Nathan Conyers *Irma Elder Roy S. Roberts **Neal Shine **Rev. Dr. Darneau V. Stewart	Charles E. Allen Penelope (Penny) Bailer Dr. Marilyn French Hubbard The Honorable Carl M. Levin
<b>1987</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2012</b>	
*Bishop Richard Emerich *Betty Gain Lackey *Edith Van Horn *Charles H. Wright, M.D. **Maurice Sugar	**Arthur D. Coar, Jr. *Marie Conti Oresti *Mary Ellen Riordan **Rev. James E. Wadsworth, Jr. Eloise Culmer Whitton *Hon. Coleman A. Young	**Beulah D. Carter *Gov. William G. Milliken *Natalia M. Tanner, M.D. *Major General Lucius Theus	Ismael Ahmed Allan D. Gilmour Florine Mark **The Honorable Kenneth Cockrel, Sr	
		<b>2004</b>	<b>2013</b>	
		**Levi A. Jackson *Edgar Brazelton Edward Deeb Walter E. Douglas	*Grace Lee Boggs *The Honorable John D. Dingell Barbara J. Mahone *Howard F. Sims **Sam Logan	*Since Deceased **Awarded Posthumously



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# HONOR ROLL

# Honor Roll of Warriors

## Urban League of Detroit & Southeastern Michigan Distinguished Warriors Nomination Form

We invite you and/or your organization to nominate individuals for consideration of our Distinguished Warrior Award Recognition.

For a nominee to be considered, for next year, the application must be completed and received by the  
Urban League of Detroit & Southeastern Michigan on or before June 30, 2021.

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

SEX                    STATUS

- Male                     Deceased (Posthumously)  
 Female                 Living

Attach additional information (i.e., resume, bio, etc.) you will need to support your nominee.

- NOMINEE INFORMATION – Personal Background:  
(Education, Employment, Political Office, Professional Position, Volunteerism, etc.)
- SPECIFICS OF NOMINEE'S CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVITIES
- WHAT CHANGES OR IMPROVEMENTS OCCURRED BECAUSE OF THESE ACTIVITIES?
- OTHER FACTORS THAT SUPPORT NOMINEES CONSIDERATION

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

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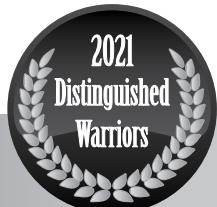
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Urban League of Detroit & Southeastern Michigan  
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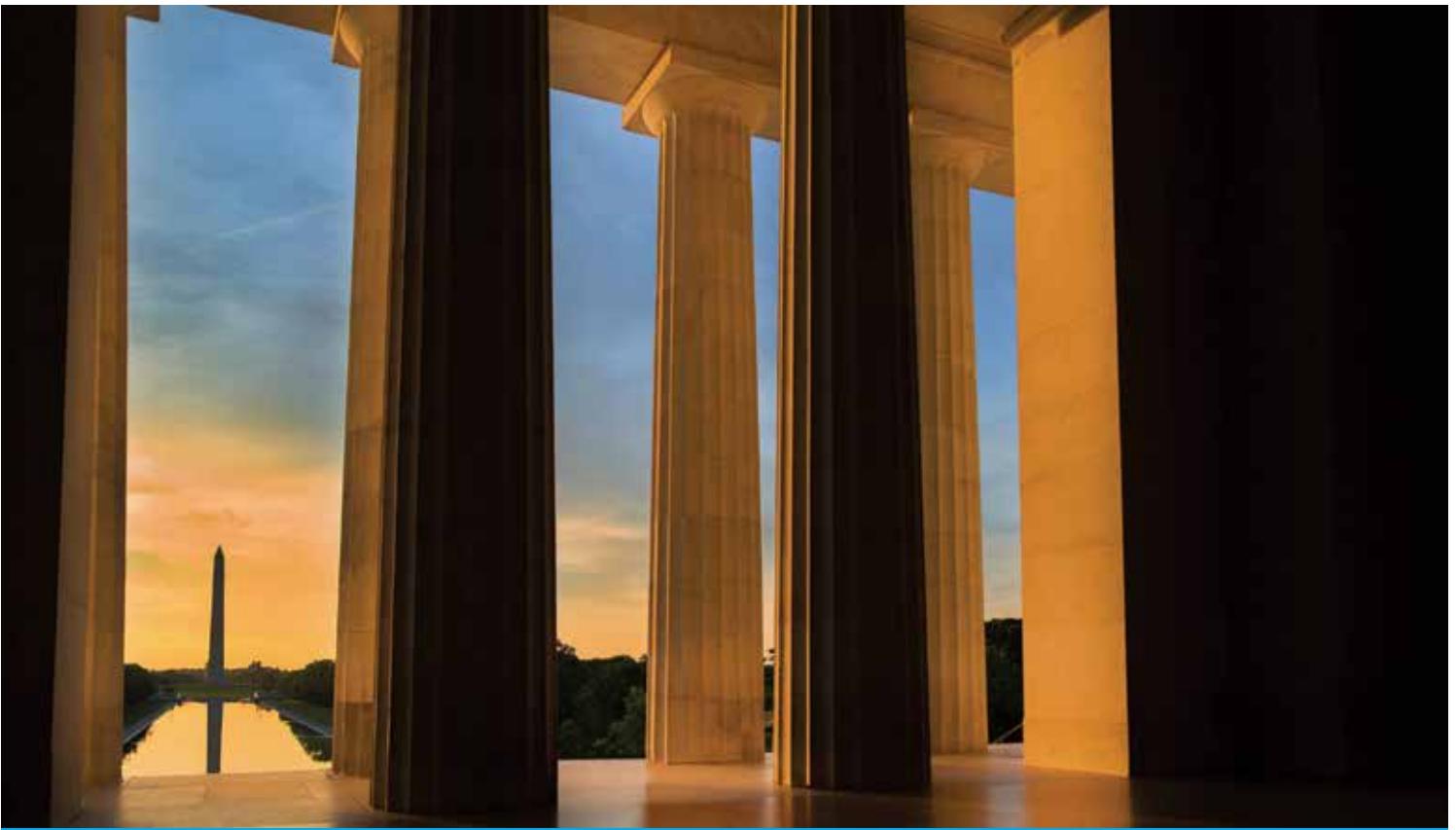




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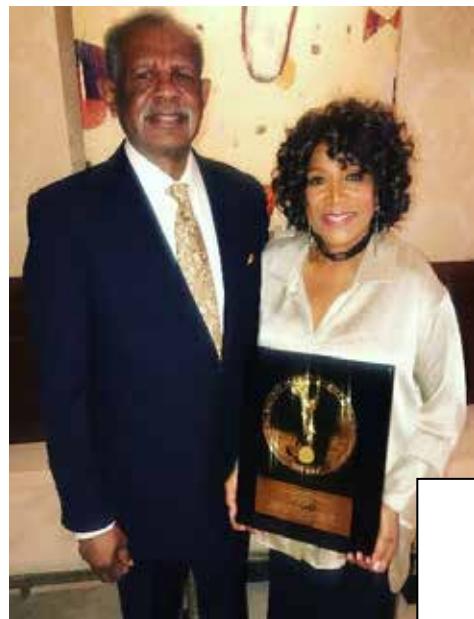
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Today, The Detroit Urban League

honors, not only me, but also

my family, with the

Distinguished Warrior Award.

I will be accepting in celebration of my  
dear brother, Jim, who recently passed,  
and my Mom who just turned 102!

From the bottom of my heart, and on  
behalf of my family, I thank you.

May God Bless You!

~Diana Lewis





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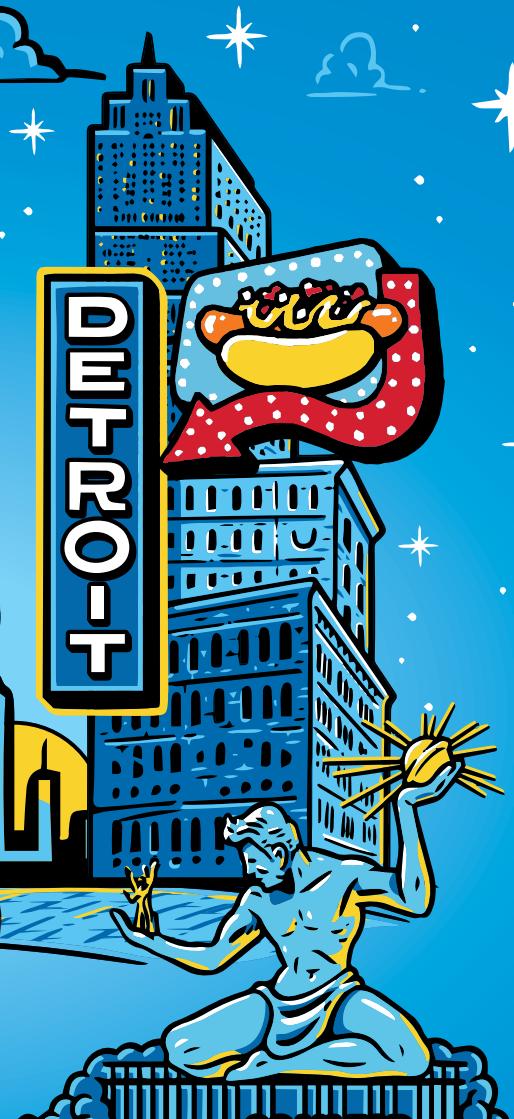


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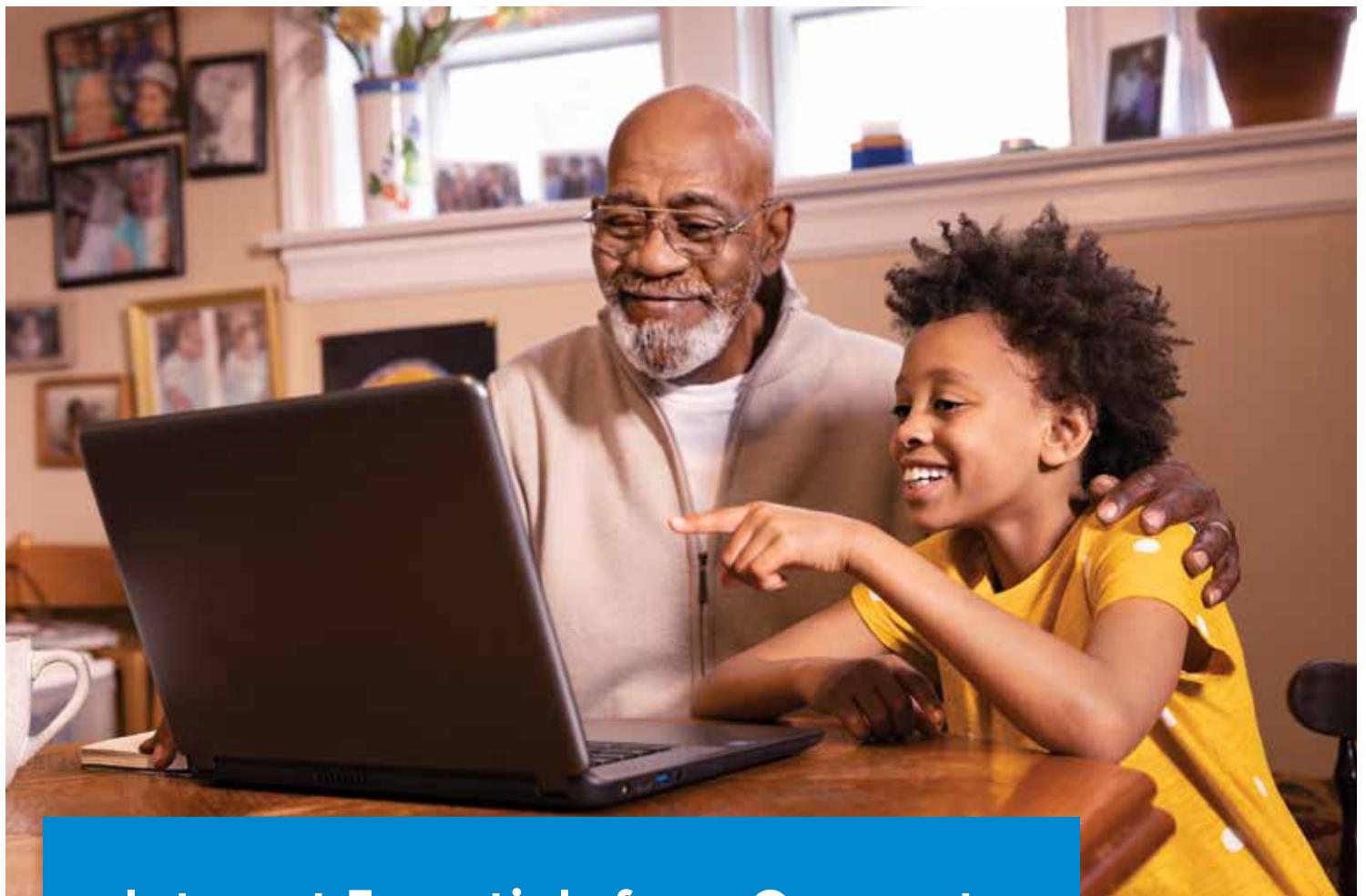


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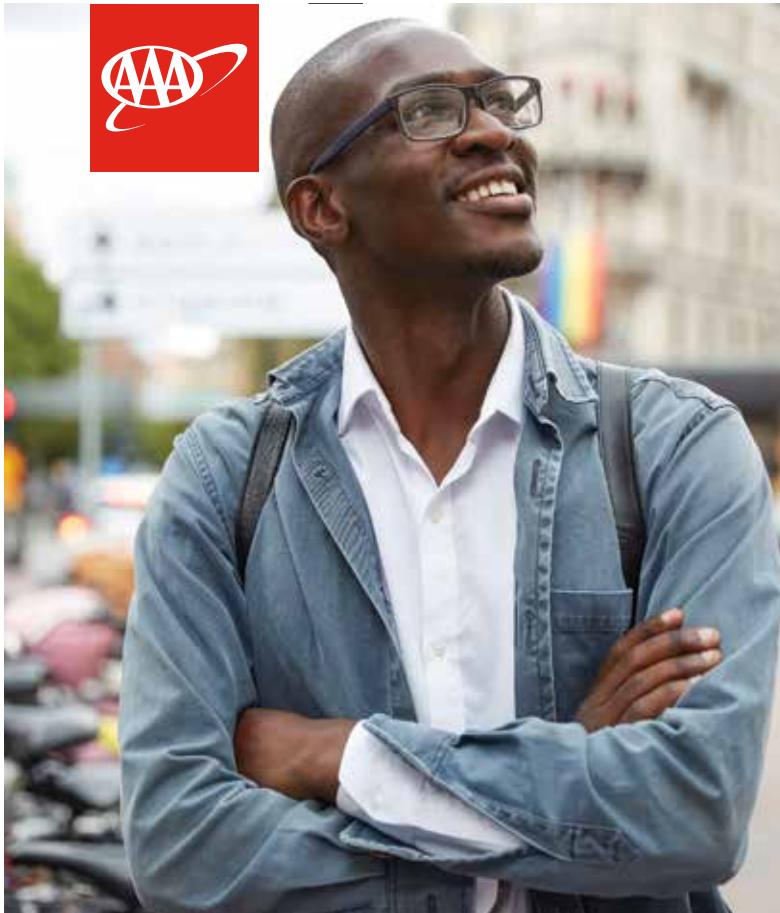
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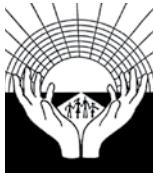
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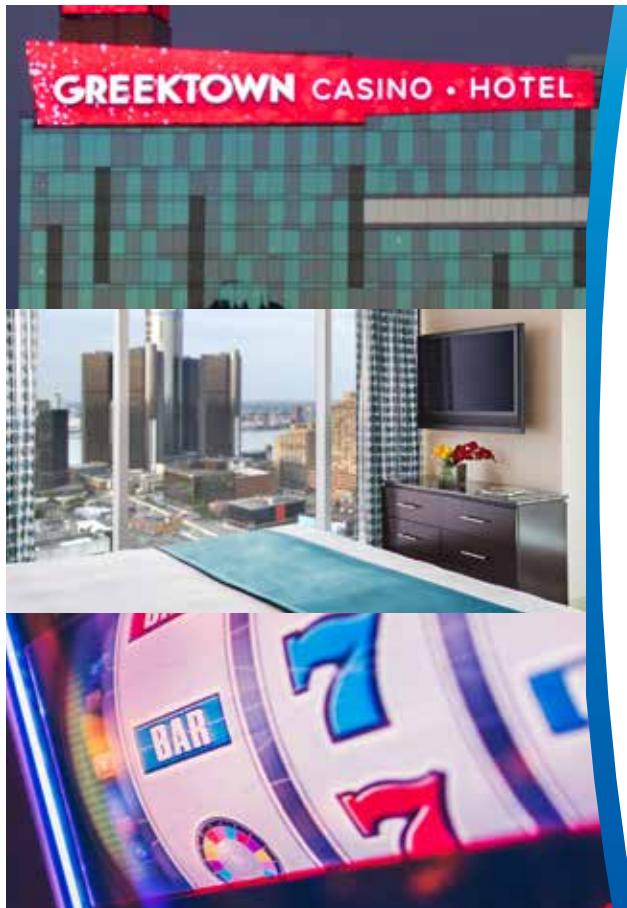


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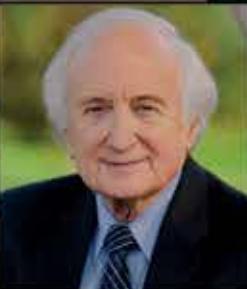
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We appreciate the compassion and passion that you share with the Urban League. It inspires and motivates us to continue serving to make dreams come true through the enhanced programs that we offer.

## **OUR MISSION AND STRATEGY**

The Urban League of Detroit and Southeastern Michigan mission is to enable African Americans and other persons of color to achieve their fullest potential. We accomplish our mission with your support by following these five-point strategies:

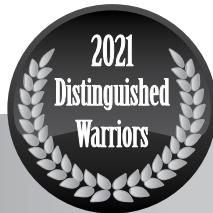
- Education and Youth Empowerment: Ensuring that our children are well educated and prepared for economic self-reliance in the 21st century through college preparation and life-skills programming.
- Economic Empowerment: Empowering individuals in attaining economic self-sufficiency through job training, financial literacy and wealth accumulation.
- Health and Quality of Life Empowerment: Working to build healthy and safe communities to eliminate health disparities through prevention and healthy eating.
- Civic Engagement and Leadership Empowerment: Empowering clients to take an active role in determining public policy and leadership in their community. Through participation as citizens, exercising voting rights and through active community service and leadership development.
- Civil Rights and Racial Justice Empowerment: Promoting and ensuring our civil rights by actively working to eradicate all barriers to equal participation in all aspects of American society, whether political, economic, social, educational or cultural.

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- Workforce Career Development Center: Provides screening, employability skills training, counseling, job referrals and placement. The ULDSEM also hosts specialized career/job fairs throughout the year. Providing employability resources to candidates in the WCDC database.
- College Club-Project Ready: started in 1988 as a local youth development initiative. The goal of College Club is to increase educational opportunities for the number of minorities pursuing post- secondary degrees. It also creates positive and educational enrichment activities for students. College Club offers a variety of information about scholarship programs to assist students every year and their parents with college tuition, leadership development, life-skills training and financial literacy training.



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- Women, Infants & Children (WIC): WIC helps provide assistance to income eligible expectant mothers, breastfeeding mothers, women who have recently given birth, infants from birth to 5 years old who are at risk due to inadequate nutrition. WIC provides supplemental food, professional nutritional education, promotes breastfeeding and makes referrals based on health screening and assessment needs. WIC serves 14,000 children and families every month.
- Urban Seniors Job Program (USJP): Provides assistance to adults ages 55 and older who meet the U.S. Department of Labor income eligibility guidelines. The participants throughout Wayne and Oakland counties receive training and are placed with government, nonprofit, faith-based and community organizations to develop and enhance their skills.

## URBAN LEAGUE SPECIAL EVENTS:

**Annual Health Fair:** An event that takes place in October and is designed to provide health and wellness resources to the community. The event includes nutrition & healthy eating seminars, postpartum health, bottle and sippy cup weaning, lead screening, dental health, immunizations, physical activity and the importance of healthy sleep.

**National Urban League's Youth Leadership Summit:** This has become the signature culminating experience for ULDSEM youth participants. This four-day summit is designed to reinforce and support a college going culture all while providing opportunities for personal and leadership development.

**Legacy Breakfast:** An event that highlights the success of our work in the community and the lives that have been forever changed through your generosity.

**On the Course for Academic Achievement:** A golf event that is held in August. The resources received as a result of our golf outing are used to support and enhance our academic programs, particularly our College Club. This event is in its 30<sup>th</sup> year.

**Do the Right Thing "Guild Gala":** An event that is held in December and is a collaboration with our local Urban League Guild auxiliary group. It is a celebration to recognize over 200 youth for "Doing the Right Thing" in the areas of:

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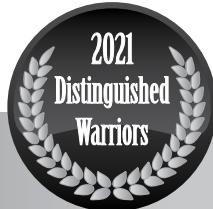
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**Youth Dialogue:** A dialogue engaging youth and civil rights advocates that leads up to our annual Salute to Distinguished Warriors Dinner. This event hosted by the ULDSEM, allows high school aged students and counselors an opportunity to interact with civil rights and civic activists. The activists share their wisdom and advice on achieving success and impacting our community.

**Salute to Distinguished Warriors:** This annual dinner honors individuals 65 and older who have made significant contributions to human and civil rights advancement within our community. Past honorees include Rosa Parks, the Honorable Judge Damon Keith, Eleanor Josaitis, Grace Lee Boggs, Aubrey Lee, Sr. Will Robinson, John Rakolta, Jr., the Hon. Carl M. Levin, and Dr. Roberta Wright just to name a few.



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- Provide employability resources to candidates in the Workforce Development database.
- Assist youth to achieve their fullest potential, by providing a variety of higher educational resources. Assist students every year with college tuition, leadership development, life-skills training and financial literacy training. Last year the Urban League's College Club high school seniors acquired over \$1 million in scholarships.
- Provide assistance to adults ages 55 and older who meet the U.S. Department of Labor income eligibility guidelines by providing training and marketable skills to enhance their employment opportunities.
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