

Our programs focus on empowering families through programs and services in the areas of youth and education, economic self-sufficiency and community engagement. More than 17,000 clients are served by the ULPBC annually.



Urban League of
Palm Beach County, Inc.

*Empowering Communities.
Changing Lives.*

October Snapshot

This month, we would like to take a moment to welcome our new Vice President of Development and Communications: **Soulan Johnson**. Welcome Soulan to the Urban League team!

It has been a month of continued national protests, but Urban League of Palm Beach County has done its very best to keep you informed.

A Special Message from our President, Patrick Franklin

Our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive will be on Saturday, Nov. 18 at our main office in West Palm Beach:

1700 N Australian Avenue
West Palm Beach, FL 33407

We'll be collecting donated canned goods and raising funds to purchase turkey and trimmings for families who can't afford them. We look forward to seeing you there!

[Watch the full video HERE](#)



Client Spotlight: Jimmitry Lafontant

How does the Urban League help our youth? For Jimmitry Lafontant, we did a lot. We encouraged him to go back to school, find a job, and focus on his future. And that's just the start. He tells his story here.

[Watch the full interview HERE](#)



Palm Beach County Bar Association elects first African American female president

Rosalyn Sia Baker-Barnes was elected the 95th president of the Palm Beach County Bar Association. She is the first African-American female to

serve in this role. Baker-Barnes is a Florida native and mother of three, who began her law career even before earning her law degree, when she served former Governor Lawton Chiles as an intern in the Executive Office of Communication.

CBS12 News reported that she "focuses on pursuing justice for victims in personal injury, medical negligence and product liability cases in her legal practice at Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley PA." We are excited to see her succeed and excel in this new role!

[Read more about Baker-Barnes HERE](#)



Marc Morial
President & CEO National Urban League
on Affordable Care Act



While this bill is dead for now, what is alive and well is the dogged determination of some in Congress to fulfill their ideological agenda of repealing the Affordable Care Act, even at the expense of their very own constituents and without objective consideration for its many benefits and need.



National Urban League President Says New Executive Order Sabotages the ACA

On October 12, National Urban League President and CEO, Marc H. Morial, issued a statement on President Trump's new executive order allowing groups to buy cheap, unregulated health insurance plans. He concluded his remarks by saying, "We implore Congress to pass a bill that will improve Obamacare by making health insurance more accessible and affordable for all. Our communities need it."

[Read his full statement HERE](#)

Save the Date - Tuesday, November 28, 2017 Annual Meeting

Join the Urban League of Palm Beach County as we share highlights of this past year and look towards the future.

Manatee Lagoon
An FPL Eco-Discovery Center
6000 North Flagler Drive, 2nd Floor
West Palm Beach, FL 33407

Doors open at 8:00 am
Annual meeting 9:00 - 10:00 am

Sponsored by
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Complimentary breakfast provided by
Joshua's Catering Company



Affiliate Feature: Urban League of Broward

Urban League of Broward County treated residents of Ft. Lauderdale to lunch in the weeks after Hurricane Irma while many were still without power. Forty food trucks lined up at Dillard High School for a day filled with food, fun, and football. Urban League CEO Germaine Baugh said about the event, "We really just wanted to create an opportunity for family and friends and residents to come out and share a hot meal together."

The Urban League Broward affiliate will continue to help residents of Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, the west coast of Florida and the Keys in the coming weeks to recover and rebuild from the devastation of Hurricane Irma.

[Read more about their efforts HERE](#)



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