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The Urban League of Greater Cleveland is Hosting its Community-Focused Annual Meeting at the Karamu on Thursday with a Focus on Education and Youth Development

May 24, 2023, Cleveland, OH – The Urban League of Greater Cleveland is excited to host its Community-focused Annual Meeting Thursday, May 25, 2023, (6:00 pm) at the Karamu Performing Arts Center with the theme, ***“From Success to Significance”*** and a focus on the ULGC Education and Youth Development department.

“Through our Education and Youth Development department, our goal is to offer opportunities for students to reimagine what their path to success looks like,” said Bryson Haynes, Senior Director, Education & Youth Development. “There are many roads that young people can go down and our job is to educate and expose them to the tangible ones that lead them to success.”

The Annual Meeting will include the relaunch of My Brother’s Keeper-Greater Cleveland Chapter (MBK) and the launch of Saving Our Daughters. Special guests include the Honorable Mayor of Cleveland Justin M. Bibb and the director of the MBK Ohio, Kyle Strickland.

“There is nothing more important that we can do in our community than encouraging, mentoring, and providing opportunities for our youth,” said Kevin Clayton, ULGC Board Chair. “Supporting My Brother’s Keeper and Saving Our Daughters, are critical partnerships for us to equip the next generation with the skills, resources, and exposure that will guide them during their journey.”

Two Education Champions will also be recognized. Honey Bell-Bey, Poet Laureate Poet Laureate Founder and Director for The International, Distinguished Gentlemen of Spoken Word, and Habeebah R. Grimes, CEO, of the Positive Education Program, are this year’s Honorees.

“When you look at the amazing accomplishments of our award recipients, you will also see community leaders and role models with an array of gifts, talents, and wisdom to truly impact the lives of our youth,” said Marsha A. Mockabee, ULGC President & CEO.

There will also be an insightful panel discussion with thought leaders and educators on ***“The Power of Program Expansion Through Partnerships.”*** On the panel is Naomi Sigg, Vice President, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging John Carroll University, Damon L. Holmes, M.Ed., Principal, Ginn Academy High School, Autumn Russell, Executive Director, Greater Cleveland Career Consortium, and DaLisa Delk Cann, National Coalition of 100 Black Women.

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