



Marsha A. Mockabee

President & Chief Executive Officer
Urban League of Greater Cleveland

In February 2011, Marsha A. Mockabee was unanimously elected president and chief executive officer of the Urban League of Greater Cleveland by the Transition Board of Trustees. She is the first female to hold this position at the Cleveland affiliate. Mockabee served the League in an interim leadership capacity from August, 2009 until her permanent appointment in 2011. In this role, Mockabee leads an agenda empowering African-Americans to develop and exercise their potential on par with all other Americans through education, research, advocacy and provision of services. During her 29-year tenure at the League, Mockabee spent 17 years developing effective programs for youth, parents and community members; several of which have served as national best practice models. In addition to a portfolio of credible service delivery strategies, Mockabee has also provided leadership as a Community Convener for many collaborative efforts focused on economic and educational parity.



Mockabee's accomplishments have been recognized locally and nationally. Since 2010, Mockabee has served on the National Urban League's Education and Jobs Task Forces. In February of 2013, she was selected to lead an Equity and Excellence in Education initiative for the State of Ohio. Along with her CEO colleagues from Cincinnati and Columbus, Mockabee is helping to engage in statewide advocacy and policy issues affecting education in urban communities. In February 2012, she completed an African-American Leadership mission to Beijing, China. She was featured in the 7th Edition of Who's Who In Black Cleveland as "**Woman of Excellence**" and honored by Crain's as one of Cleveland's "**2012 Business Women of Note.**" Additional honors include: "**Nguza Saba Award**" Ashbury Senior Community Center (December 2013); "**Professional Woman of the Year**" Women of Color Foundation (November 2013); "**Woman of Vision**" National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. Greater Cleveland Chapter (March 2013); "**Woman of the Year**" National Association of Negro Business & Professional Women's Club (2012); and National Urban League "**Outstanding Newcomer CEO**" (July, 2011). Most recently, Mockabee was recognized as a "**2014 Woman of Power and Influence**" at the 2014 National Urban League Conference. She is known amongst her national Urban League colleagues as the "turnaround strategist."

Mockabee serves on many committees and community efforts: Workforce Investment Board for City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County; Executive Committee Member of the Construction Diversity and Inclusion effort for Community Benefits in Construction; Global Cleveland Board Member; Co-Chair of the Citizens for Cuyahoga Community College Committee; Cleveland Play House Board Member; and 2012-2015 MS Dinner of Champions Committee Member; and Stokes 50th Year Commemoration Project Celebration Member. She is also a member of the Leadership Cleveland Class of 2013.

Mockabee has more than 30 years of nonprofit leadership experience, as well as educational credentials that include a Bachelor's degree from Concordia University (cum laude), a CNM from Case Western Reserve University, and MBM from Indiana Wesleyan.

Mockabee and her husband, James, reside in Cleveland, Ohio. They have two married daughters, one grandson and two granddaughters.