



# Urban League of Greater Cleveland

*Empowering Communities. Changing Lives.*

## **Marsha A. Mockabee** *President & Chief Executive Officer*

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 32-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 Northeast Ohio, 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 7<sup>th</sup> Edition of Who's Who in Black Cleveland as **"Woman of Excellence."** In 2018, Mockabee was tagged to write the Foreword for Who's Who in Black Cleveland. Crain's honored her as one of Cleveland's **"2012 Business Women of Note."** Additional honors include: **"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). Mockabee was recognized as a **"2014 Woman of Power and Influence"** at the 2014 National Urban League Conference. In 2017, she was inducted into the National Urban League's Quarter Century Club. In 2018 she was honored by the St. Louis Urban League at the Annual Salute to Women in Leadership Gala. In 2019, Mockabee was appointed by Governor DeWine as Commissioner to the 2020 Census. Most recently, she was one of eight esteemed women in Greater Cleveland honored with the **"2021 Women of Achievement Award"** YWCA (May 2021). Mockabee is known amongst her national Urban League colleagues as the "turnaround strategist."

Mockabee serves on many committees and community efforts: Member of the Board of Visitors Committee for Cuyahoga Community College; Member of the Access Center Advisory Committee for Cuyahoga Community College; Member of the Ohio ESSA Learning Community and the Community Chair of Ohio Education Leadership Learning Community; Member of Northeast Ohio Education Leadership Learning Community; Make Racism A Public Health Issue in the City of Cleveland (founding member); Member of the Cuyahoga County Citizens' Advisory Council On Equity Initiative; and Co-lead for the My Brother's Keeper Cleveland Initiative. 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.