## October 2022 Newsletter
## <u>Volunteer with us!</u>
### Annual Thanksgiving Distribution
### 11/9/2022

Email: tharm@ulpgh.org

## <u>Upcoming Events</u>
**Lunch and Learn:** 10/13/2022 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
**Operation Home:** 10/15/2022 9:00AM-5PM
*Scan the QR code for registration details.*

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**URBAN LEAGUE VOICE**

### Empowering Communities. Changing Lives.

**HOME OFFICE:** The Warner Center  332 Fifth Avenue, Fourth Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15222
**Duquesne Family Support Center:** 1 Library Place-Lower Level, Duquesne, 15110
**East Hills Family Support Center:** 2320 East Hills Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15221
**Northview Heights Family Support Center:** 437 Mt. Pleasant Road, Pittsburgh PA 15214



# "Our vote is our voice, and our voice is our power!"

**Spotlight:** Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh President & CEO Carlos T. Carter speaks at the National Voter Registration Day Press Conference

Various partners at the National Voter Registration Day press conference, mainly leaders of Black voter engagement organizations in Pittsburgh, iterated similar sentiments. All groups present stood unified in the belief of voting in each and every election – twice a year, every year.

Representatives from the following organizations were present: B-PEP, Pittsburgh Higher Ground, VEEEM, League of Women Voters, Wake Up the Vote, Pittsburgh Coalition for Peace, West End P.O.W.E.R and the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers

To get involved in our voter engagement activities, visit ulpgh.org/vote or contact ULGP Advocacy and Policy Officer  John Ukenye, at (412)227-4178  or  jukenye@ulpgh.org

## 5 STEPS TO RECLAIM YOUR VOTE

### Voting Checklist

- ☑ Register to vote
- ☑ Check your voting options
- ☑ Know the candidates and issues
- ☑ Find your polling location
- ☑ Vote, Vote, Vote!

# Success Stories



## The Urban League's Opportunity Brokers help a student out of poverty

Joshua (a nom de guerre) enrolled at the Trade Institute of Pittsburgh in February 2022 and was working two jobs at fast food restaurants trying to make ends meet. With a baby girl on the way, he was determined to change the trajectory of his life. With the support of the Urban League's Opportunity Brokers, Joshua was able to attend the Trade Institute of Pittsburgh and receive financial supports to assist him and his newborn baby with clothing and toiletry supplies while he was enrolled in the program. Joshua graduated from the Trade Institute of Pittsburgh in May 2022 and he is currently working at one of our Local Union Bricklayers now making $27/hr.

**STAFF SHOUTOUT:** Special thanks to **Mattie Woods** for her hard work in making this happen! Mattie is a ULGP Opportunity Broker.

## Duquesne Family Support Center reaches out to Afghani refugees in their area

For about three months, Duquesne Family Support Center has been serving Pashto speaking refugees from Afghanistan who have recently relocated to our community. Scott Fisher met these families while making regularly scheduled food and diaper deliveries in Duquesne. They do not speak any English and there is not a text translator for the Pashto language. All communication has been with minimal words and hand gestures. In this course of time, staff were able to provide; food, diapers and other household needs such as mattresses and cooking tools which he located at Shared Blessings Mission Store in Duquesne. Knowing that better communication would be required for the Duquesne Family Support Center  to better serve these families. Duquesne Family Center collaborated with Shared Blessings Mission Store and First Presbyterian Church of Duquesne to host a "Recruitment Day" where there were Arabic and Pashto translators help them communicate with these populations. Having translators allowed our staff to fully communicate  with the families.



If you are interested in learning more about our programs or would like to volunteer, please contact the Development Office at (412) 227–4229 or email **mbuzzelli@ulpgh.org.**

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