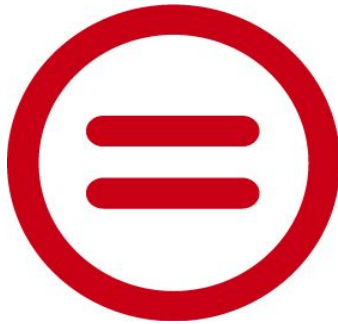


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## Indianapolis Urban League

December 5, 2014

### **Indianapolis Urban League Thoughts About the Passing of William G. Mays**

"Yesterday, Indianapolis and the state of Indiana lost a great man. Bill Mays was a forward thinking, visionary leader whose entrepreneurial ventures reached worldwide acclaim. He paved the way for many African-American business and community leaders, and he was one of the most respected business leaders of our time. I personally had the pleasure of working directly with Bill while leading the Circle City Classic. His guidance and support helped the Circle City Classic to become one of the most successful events of its kind in the nation. Bill was also a strong supporter of the Indianapolis Urban League. The thoughts and prayers of the board of directors and staff of the Indianapolis Urban League are with his wife, Rose and the entire Mays family during this difficult time."

*-Tony Mason, Indianapolis Urban League President & CEO*

"Mr. Mays served as a valuable advisor to the Indianapolis Urban League for many years. His insight helped the organization forge partnerships with numerous community leaders and businesses that have elevated our mission and vision. We could always call upon Mr. Mays to provide support for our various IUL initiatives ranging from our Equal Opportunity Day event, employment fairs, and community outreach activities. We celebrate his legacy and will forever be appreciative of his generosity and passion for the Indianapolis Urban League."

*-Linda Thomas, Indianapolis Urban League Board Chair*

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