



**Sheldon L. Mitchell -**

**Dayton Urban League's 6th President and CEO**

The Dayton Urban League Board (DUL) is pleased to introduce Sheldon L. Mitchell as the new President & CEO of the Dayton Urban League. Mitchell succeeds long-time CEO Willie F. Walker who officially retired June 2008.

Mitchell comes to the DUL from the Urban League of the Upstate in Greenville, SC, where he served for six years as its Executive Director. He has a proven track record of building community services, forming strategic partnerships, and securing financial resources to help minorities and disadvantaged citizens become more economically stable. He believes in providing the best services in education, job training, financial literacy, and health and housing services in order to ‘Empower Communities and Change Lives!’ “The DUL Board is thrilled to have Sheldon and his family joins, not only our Urban League family, but the entire Dayton area community,” said Thomas Holton, Dayton Urban League Board Chair.

Mitchell, a native of Upstate South Carolina, has worked as a non-profit executive for the past 17 years. He is a committed executive who strives to assist individuals in reaching their highest potential by helping them become self-sufficient. He also strives to improve the community by connecting those with common interests in an effort to build its greatest resource – the people. “After the wonderful leadership Willie (Walker) gave to the DUL for over 20 years, we set out to find someone who is highly-skilled, with great vision and Sheldon Mitchell fits the bill,” said Sharon D. Howard, Chair of the CEO Search Committee.

Mitchell is a graduate of the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC, where he earned a B.A. in Political Science. He later earned his M.A. in Human Resource Development and Management from Webster University in Greenville, SC. He is married to Cassandra Shannon Mitchell, and they have three sons – Justin, Wesley, and Isaiah.