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**DAYTON URBAN LEAGUE APPOINTS TWO NEW DIRECTORS**

On Thursday, January 5, 2006, **Leon Hardin**, program coordinator for the Dayton Urban League's Male Responsibility Program, was promoted to the position of Director of Employment along with **Sharmin Philpot**, program coordinator for the League's Alternative Learning Center Program coordinator, who was promoted to the position of Director of Education.

“Leon has been with the agency for a number of years and has proven himself to be a very reliable, hard working member of the League's team. He has shown his dedication to the work of the League in many ways and I look forward to working with him to take the employment program to another level,” stated Clarence Ray, Vice President of Operations. Although Philpot has only been with the agency a short period of time, she is not new to the field of education, “she has already proven herself to be one of the star players at the League. We are confident she will do well in this position.”

Hardin and Philpot will be joining Yvette Kelly-Fields who was recently promoted from Capital Campaign Director to Director of Development in September of last year. Kelly-Fields also received the prestigious designation of Certified Fund Raising Executive from CFRE International that same month.

Hardin received his degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration from Western Illinois University and is pursuing his Masters Degree in Public Administration from Wright State University. He has been at the League for over 10 years where he has received numerous award and commendations.

Philpot has been working with youth in the education field since 1999. She is an alumna of Central State University, where she received her bachelor's degree in Business Administration. She also has her Masters in Human Resources Management from Central Michigan.

Kelly-Fields is a graduate of Wright State University's Urban Affairs program. She has over 10 years of progressive fund raising experience.

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Picture and interview available by calling Yvette Kelly-Fields at 220 – 6665.