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Dear Urban League Supporter,

As President and CEO of the Urban League of Northwest Indiana, I am pleased to announce and invite you to our 10th Annual Diversity & Inclusion Awards Luncheon scheduled on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. at the Avalon Manor in Hobart, Indiana. Joining me in this invitation is Yolanda Davis, Chair of the Board of Directors, and V.P. Community Reinvestment Act Officer at Centier Bank.

This annual event recognizes contributions from businesses, not-for-profits and civic organizations, and educational institutions that enhance our quality of life by encouraging, embracing, and promoting cultural diversity and economic opportunity and inclusion throughout Northwest Indiana. This one of a kind event promotes inclusion and collaboration and provides recognition for “Stellar Performance in Practicing Diversity.”

This year’s keynote speaker is Sue Ellspermann, President of Ivy Tech Community College on July 1, 2016. Prior to that she served as Indiana’s 50th Lieutenant Governor from 2013 until March of 2016.

As the Urban League’s efforts to honor and celebrate diversity and inclusion expand, we hope that you will not only join us as a sponsor, supporter, and attendee but you will also submit an application for your organization to be recognized and celebrated for its programs, policies, and results.

A Nomination Application can be located on the Urban League website at www.ulofnwi.org. During the event, recognition will be focused upon a number of organizations in all or one of the following areas.

- Community Impact Award – Award will be presented to an organization that actively creates, initiates, engages diverse citizens and develops opportunities for inclusion.
- Leadership Award – Award will be presented to an organization that influences diversity and inclusion on a national and/or global level and the influence highlights the Northwest Indiana region.
- Workforce Diversity Award – Award will be presented to an organization that implements innovative strategies to attract, select, promote and maintain employees from underrepresented populations.
- Moving the Needle Award – Nominees with exceptional effort in all above three categories
- Youth Award – This award will be presented to an organization or group which involves and engages the youth in activities that promotes diversity and inclusion.
- Lifetime Achievement Award – Award will be presented to one individual or organization for outstanding vision, dedication and lifelong commitment to advance diversity and inclusion.

We hope you will consider a sponsorship of your choice. Sponsorship commitment forms can be found on our website under the tab **DIVERSITY & INCLUSION/DIVERSITY LUNCHEON**. These forms can be faxed to our office at 219 887-0020 or emailed to Stella Simpson at ssimpson@ulofnwi.org.

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Again, we invite you to nominate your organization, youth group or an individual for one of our Diversity & Inclusion awards. The application process is outlined on our website at www.ulofnwi.org. The deadline for all applications is Friday, August 19, 2022.

Sincerely,

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