



T. WILLARD FAIR . . .

is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Urban League of Greater Miami, Inc. A powerful voice in the effort to improve his community, he has worked for the Urban League since September, 1963.

Fair has served as an adjunct professor, at the Atlanta University School of Social Work, Bethune Cookman College, Florida International University, and the National Urban League's Whitney M. Young, Jr., Center for Urban Leadership.

Preparation

Fair is academically and professionally prepared, having attended local and elementary schools in his native home of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He received a B.A. degree in Sociology, graduating Cum Laude, from Johnson C. Smith University, in 1961. And the M.S.W. degree from Atlanta University School of Social Work, in 1963.

Media

Fair's published works includes articles in the "Miami Herald," "Miami Magazine," and "Tropic Magazine." He has been a host of both radio and television programs. As an analyst on some of the pressing issues of the day, he has been interviewed by "60 Minutes," the Tom Brokaw Show," "Ebony Magazine," and "National Geographic." Selected Icon of the Month by *Florida Trend Magazine*, The Magazine of Florida Business, September 2006.

Service Awards

Fair's 100, plus, service and recognition awards include: Family Christian Association of America (FCAA) Presidential Excalibur Award; The Greater Miami Region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews Community Service Award, 1995; Phillip Morris Companies, Inc. Community Service Award, 1992; The National Network for Social Work Managers, Inc., 1989 Award; Exemplar Award for Exemplary Leadership as a Change Agent, Coalition Builder, Creative Activist Award; Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Leadership Award, "Who's Who Among Black Americans"; National Council for Community and Educational Partnerships (NCCED), 2003; State of Florida's Outstanding Citizen Award, 2003; Whitney M. Young, Jr. National Urban League "Living Legend Award", 2006; National Urban League Distinguished Service Award 2007; Bethany S.D.A. Church Outstanding Service Award, 2007.

Current Leadership Positions

Chairman, Miami-Bayside Foundation BOD
 Chairman, Florida State Board of Education
 Black Alliance for Educational Options (BAEO) BOD
 Performing Arts Community Trust (PACT) BOD&EC
 Center for Immigration Studies BOD
 Association of American Colleges and Universities
 Forum Leadership Team

Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau BOD& Executive Committee
 Member, Miami Business Forum Board of Directors'
 Member, Center for Educational Performance & Accountability Advisory Committee
 Former President, Johnson C. Smith National Alumni Association
 U.S. Army Community Advisory Board
 Magic City Children's Zone, Board of Director's

Special Highlight

Fair is co-founder, with Governor Jeb Bush, of the first charter school organized in the State of Florida, The Liberty City Charter School.

Notable Quotes That Describe the Man

" . . . Throughout my life, I haven't done a lot of great things. But I have done a lot of small things, in a great way."

" . . . If I had to label me, I would call me a "Radical." "Radical" is the Latin word for "root." And I always focused on the root causes, rather than the symptoms. Never wanting to be a problem describer, always trying to be a solution finder . . ."