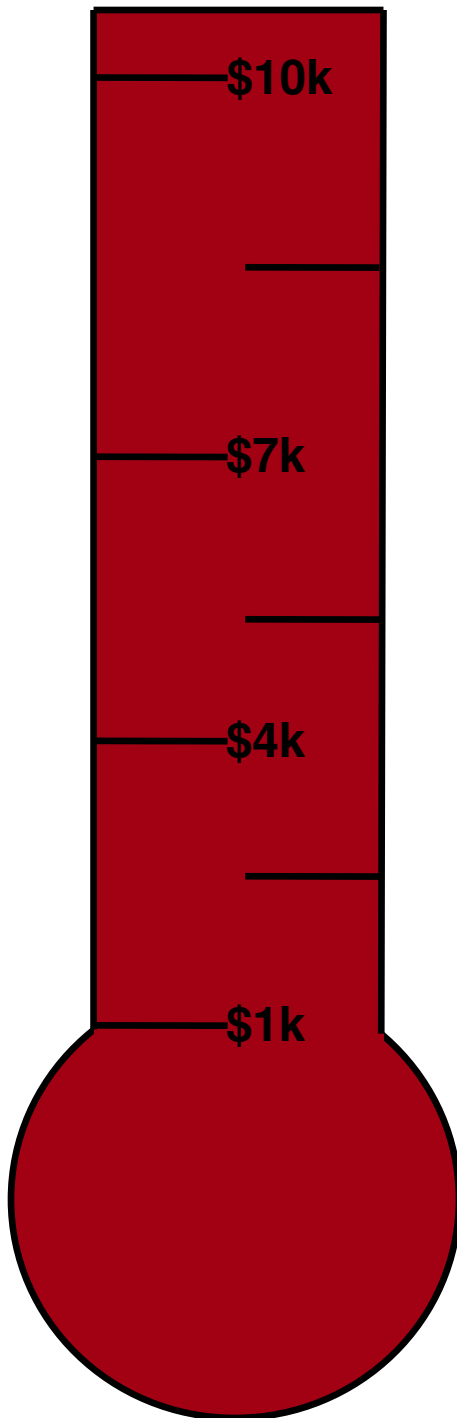




**Thursdays Network**  
Greater Washington Urban League

*Empowering Communities.  
Changing Lives.*

## THURSDAY NETWORK'S 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GIVING CAMPAIGN 17 CIVIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS - 17 REASONS TO GIVE \$17



Since its inception on Feb. 27, 1992, *Thursday Network* has made great strides as one of first the young professional auxiliaries within the National Urban League family and the first of many groups created in the Washington, DC metropolitan area with the purpose of bringing together like-minded young adults for civic service, political engagement, and personal and professional growth. The following *17 accomplishments from its 17 years* are just a few of the many ways Thursday Network has *empowered young professionals to serve:*

- 1. March 1992:** Thursday Network creates the I EMPOWER Scholarship Fund, an annual college scholarship program that has awarded over \$130,000 to support local high seniors entering their freshman year in a 4-year college/university.
- 2. May '94:** Thursday Network hosts the 1st Young Blacks Give Back Month, an annual month-long campaign in which members participate in a community service activity each weekend throughout the month of May. This campaign has occurred every year since 1994 and is recognized annually by DC Mayoral Proclamation.

**3. March 2000:** Thursday Network's most successful fundraising year - allowing it to award \$19,000 in collegiate scholarships through its I EMPOWER Scholarship Fund.

**4. April '00:** Adel Patillo Felder, former two-term Thursday Network president, is chosen by Ebony Magazine as a Top 30 Under 30 and receives the Unsung Hero award from DC's WB-TV affiliate.

**5. Dec. '00:** Thursday Network launches its Annual Blankets for the Homeless Drive & Distribution Event, collecting close to 100 blankets to benefit the Washington area's homeless community during the cold winter months.

**6. July '01:** Ryan Myers, Thursday Network co-founder and founder of the Los Angeles chapter of the National Urban League Young Professionals is elected as the 2nd national president of the NULYP and creates Know Your Money, an official NULYP financial empowerment program.

**7. Feb. '02:** Thursday Network celebrates its 10th Anniversary with a series of ten fundraising and community service events, including a gala at the historical H.H. Leonard Mansion.

**8. Sept. '02:** Thursday Network's kicks-off the inaugural year of the NULYP Know Your Money financial empowerment program with a reception hosted by NBA champion Ervin "Magic" Johnson.

**9. Sept. '02:** Thursday Network co-founder Steven J. Casey creates the NULYP chapter of Milwaukee, Wis. and reactivates the Chicago Metropolitan Board as an official NULYP chapter.

**10. July '03:** B. Michael Young, a former two-term Thursday Network president is elected as the 4th national president of the NULYP - doubling the number of NULYP chapters and creating the NULYP National Day of Service.

**11. Oct. '03:** Thursday Network's first theatrical production and fundraiser - The Colored Museum - raises over \$5,000 towards the organization's 2003-2004 community service initiatives.

**12. Oct '04:** Thursday Network creates the I EMPOWER Wristband. The red silicon wristbands - representing Thursday Network's dedication to civic engagement - raised more than \$5,000 in revenue towards the organization's 2004-2005 initiatives.

**13. March '05:** Thursday Network redesigns its logo and website - aligning itself with the Urban League mission of empowering communities and changing lives.

**14. Oct. '05:** Thursday Network presents a musical production of The Wiz - the largest fundraiser in the organization's history, raising more than \$22,000 in revenue and close to \$15,000 in profits towards the I EMPOWER Scholarship Fund and the Greater Washington Urban League.

**15. July '06:** Out of close to 60 chapters, Thursday Network is named the 2006 NULYP Chapter of Excellence for community service, fundraising, and outreach achievements made during its 2005-2006 term.

**16. July '07:** Former president, Larry Meadows, is elected as the 1st Thursday Network member to serve as the NULYP Eastern Regional Vice President - overseeing management of NULYP chapters in Conn., Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Mass., New York, New Jersey, Penn., Rhode Island, and Va.

**17. Sept. '07:** Thursday Network creates the I EMPOWER Education Enhancement Program (IEEEP) - employing members to year-round tutoring and mentorship of local elementary-school aged children.



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