



Milton J. Little, Jr.

President
United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta

Milton J. Little, Jr. became the first African-American president of United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta in July 2007, after serving as president of United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley.

As president, Little has shaped the role of United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta in responding to economic and natural disasters alike. Within 48 hours of a tornado striking downtown Atlanta, Little brought community leaders together to craft a long-term recovery strategy. He also oversaw United Way's efforts to stabilize those lives devastated by the record flooding in north Georgia in September 2009.

In between these two events, he inspired thousands of philanthropists across metro Atlanta to join a Critical Needs Campaign that aided those hit hardest by the collapse of the housing and credit markets in the fall of 2008. Following the campaign's successful conclusion, he turned his focus to the development of a plan that would connect the entire region around the achievement of six community goals by 2014. Before joining United Way, Little served as chief operating officer and interim president and CEO of the National Urban League, the nation's oldest and largest civil rights and social service community-based movement. Prior to joining the League, Little had a career in corporate philanthropy at AT&T and Lucent Technologies and served as vice president for Field Operations at MDRC, a non-partisan education and social policy research organization.

A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Little graduated magna cum laude from Morehouse College with a B.A. in sociology. He earned an M.A. in urban sociology and social policy from Columbia University.

Little currently is a member of the Atlanta Mayoral Board of Service and co-chairs the Atlanta Regional Commission's Fifty Forward initiative. A member of 100 Black Men of Atlanta, Leadership Atlanta Class of 2010, and the Rotary Club of Atlanta, he also serves on the Georgia State University Nonprofit Studies Advisory Board, Emory Center for Ethics Board of Advisors, and the Executive Committee of the One Economy Corporation.

Little is a native New Yorker and is married to Traci Gibson Little. He is the father of two sons, Milton and Taylor.