

## Urban League Family Mourns Passing of Anthony Brown

**Monday, March 15, 2010:** The staff and board members of the Urban League of Greater Madison were extremely saddened by the passing of Mr. Anthony Brown. Brown leaves a tremendous legacy of civil rights work in Greater Madison spanning nearly four decades.

Edward Lee, Interim CEO of the Urban League reflected on Brown's passing: "When I started working at the League nearly 15 years ago, I would call on Anthony to come out to our youth education programs as a role model and motivational speaker. I know how busy he was, yet he always made time in his schedule and the kids would hang on his every word. "

Incoming Urban League CEO Kaleem Caire also offered reflections upon hearing of Brown's passing: "I knew Mr. Brown since I was 16 years old and was friends with his daughter Stephanie. He always had great advice to share and was a mentor to me. I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to speak with him the evening before he passed. Anthony, his wife Brenda and their son Anthony, Jr. called me from Anthony's hospital room shortly before his transplant surgery to congratulate me when they heard I would be the next President & CEO of the Urban League. Anthony was shouting "congratulations" over and over again in the background and said he was looking forward to working with me. Here he was getting ready to have major surgery but he's calling me shouting like we won a championship. I will miss his fun, lively and fighting spirit...and his Cosby-like jokes. More importantly, I will miss his support and the opportunity to work with him again. Despite his passing, his spirit lives on."

The Urban League family extends its deepest sympathies to Mr. Brown's family and friends.