



# July 2023 AFFILIATE REPORT

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### JUNETEENTH EVENTS

We participated in multiple Juneteenth recognition events including-Keynote spokesperson for the Community Action Agency Association of Arkansas' annual meeting and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock recognition program.



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#### Where Orange Gun Violence Awareness Event

We participated in the Moms Demand Action wear Orange event to bring awareness about gun violence in our communities-Orange is what hunters wear so they don't get shot in the woods-we must find ways to eliminate the pandemic of gun violence and deaths.



# Rotary International

Keynote speaker for the Little Rock Metro Rotary Club's annual meeting. Discussed the importance of Advocacy by all.



# Pine Bluff Community Meeting

Panel speaker for City of Pine Bluff community meeting hosted by State Representative Vivian Flowers



### Malik Marshall Day Thrasher Boys & Girls Club

Recognition event for Malik Marsha LR Youth who led efforts to attain funding for the restoration of the Thrasher club's swimming pool. The ULSA supported and helped guide his efforts over the past two years.



### Recognition for Legislative Session Efforts

We were awarded a Champion for Children Certificate from the Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families for our efforts during the 2023 Arkansas legislative session – focused on good policy for youth



#### US Supreme Court Decision on Affirmative Action

The US Supreme Court ruled that race can no longer be a factor in enrollment decisions for federally funded institutions of higher education. We are seeing additional impacts with this ruling. The ULSA is taking steps to highlight and seek strategies to protect the gains in our society from Affirmative Action.

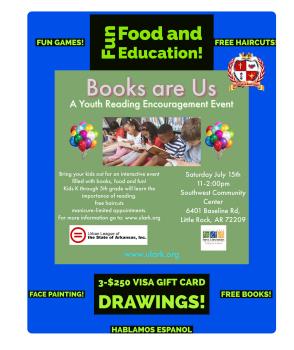


Supreme Court Rules Against Affirmative Action

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