

JANET E. JACKSON
President and CEO
United Way of Central Ohio



Janet E. Jackson is president and CEO of United Way of Central Ohio, one of the largest United Way organizations in the country with an annual fundraising campaign that exceeds \$50 million and a diverse board of 32 community leaders. She is the first woman and the first African American to head United Way of Central Ohio. Under her leadership, United Way is mobilizing the central Ohio community to reduce poverty. To do this work, Janet manages an annual internal operating budget of \$6 million and 85 employees.

Prior to coming to United Way, Janet served six years as Columbus City Attorney, a first for a woman in Columbus. Her election to that office was also a first for an African American. As Columbus City Attorney, she represented all municipal entities and oversaw the criminal prosecution of misdemeanors. She managed an annual budget that averaged just over \$9 million per year during her tenure and a staff of 150.

Before her appointment as City Attorney, Janet served nearly ten years as a Franklin County Municipal Court judge, making her the first African-American female judge in Franklin County history. As judge, her jurisdiction included all of Franklin County.

Janet graduated from Wittenberg University in Springfield, OH, in 1975 with a Bachelor's Degree in History. In 1978, she received her law degree from the National Law Center at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Upon graduation, Janet served as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Ohio. During her nearly 10 years with the Attorney General's Office, she directed three divisions: Crime Victims' Compensation, Workers' Compensation and Civil Rights.

Her honors and awards include: Allies of Equality Award from Equality Ohio, Woman of Achievement Award from the YWCA of Columbus, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award from the Columbus Education Association, 2013 Professional Woman of the Year by the Women of Color Foundation and the Robert M. Duncan Distinguished Leader Barrister Award from the John Mercer Langston Bar Association. She was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame in 2001. She also received the 2015 Mortar Board Alumni Achievement Award.

Janet's community service includes serving as a board member of The Center for Family Safety and Healing and on the Family Services Planning Committee, an advisory board for the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services. She was also a member of the Greater Columbus Infant Mortality Task Force. She chaired the board of UPIC Solutions, a shared services technology firm of United Ways and serves on the board of directors of Installed Building Products, Inc., a publicly traded company. Janet is also active in committees that help to guide the United Way movement on the national and international level. She is also a member of the International Women's Forum, IWF Ohio and Women Corporate Directors. She is a convener of Thrive, a Collective Impact initiative that is creating a poverty reduction road map for Franklin County. She is a member of the Strategic Advisory Council of the Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio.