

# **SORRAYA E. SAMPSON**

Sorraya Sampson, Class of 1984, was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of the Urban League of Westchester County (ULWC) in January, 2013.

At White Plains High School Ms. Sampson was instrumental in launching the first African-American Awareness week. She went on to Stony Brook University where she earned Bachelor's Degrees in both Economics and the Integrated Social Studies of Anthropology, Sociology and Psychology, and a Master's in Policy and Management.

Ms. Sampson's professional career reflects her devotion to improving the socio-economic position of marginalized populations and championing social justice. She worked for a decade with the Long Island Minority AIDS Coalition, serving as the Founding Executive Director of the advocacy and educational group for eight years.

Ms. Sampson joined the ULWC as Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer in 1999, and was Interim President for one year before assuming the top post. The ULWC, founded in 1918, serves African-American and other disenfranchised communities by advocating for and providing services that enhance academic and social development, promote economic growth and foster racial inclusion and social justice.

Among the Urban League programs under Ms. Sampson's leadership is the Homeless Student's Educational Success Program that has provided advocacy and case management for all White Plains school age children living in shelter facilities for the past 20 years.

Ms. Sampson currently serves on the Westchester-Putnam Workforce Investment Board, the Black Scholars Community Partnership, the Ruth Taylor Award Fund Committee, the New York State HIV Advisory Committee and is Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Long Island Minority AIDS Coalition.

Her former board appointments include the Westchester County Youth Bureau, the African-American Women's Conference Committee, the National Organization of Women – Women of Color Task Force, and We Are Westchester.

Ms. Sampson lives in White Plains with her husband and their two children who attend schools in White Plains.