

## **Jacquelyn Calloway Shropshire**

*Civic/Urban League Executive*

Mrs. Jacquelyn Calloway Shropshire, by any measure, is an extraordinary alumna. She is well known for a number of celebrated achievements, not the least of which was becoming the first African American to work in an administrative capacity for Trans World Airlines.

Graduating from Lincoln University (MO) in 1957 with a baccalaureate degree in Business and Economics, she married Thomas Shropshire in 1961 and moved to New York where she earned a Master of Education degree from Hunter College. In 1968, she accompanied her husband to Lagos, Nigeria, where she helped to organize the first American Women's Club to volunteer in all aspects of community service. Of particular significance are her roles in offering parenting skills to unwed mothers and finding safe and loving homes for abandoned children. She was also founder and editor-in-chief of [**Fancy That**] a newsletter for women.

Returning from Africa in 1972, Mrs. Shropshire began a 30-year career with the Milwaukee, WI, Urban League, ultimately becoming the Executive Director and elected to serve on the Board of Directors. In collaboration with the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., she organized the first African American debutante cotillion in the Milwaukee community. She was the first African American female to serve as the Corporate Chair of Wisconsin for the United Negro College Fund. She also was founder and chief executive of Momentum Unlimited of Milwaukee, a firm specializing in management development, public relations and special event planning.

She has received a plethora of awards for social and civic service. Thanks to a resolution by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, the Goodwill International School for Boys and Girls bears her name in recognition of her protracted and dedicated service to her community.

Jacquelyn and Thomas Shropshire have two adult children Thomas and Terilyn and two grandchildren.