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[[image - two photographs of footballers during a game]]

Grambling defeated Norfolk State at 5th Annual Whitney M. Young Memorial Football Classic for the New York Urban League

[[images - three photographs from football game

1. Five referees in uniform
2. Band Parade
3. Crowd watching game]]

The New York Urban League is a professional agency founded in 1919 to secure equal opportunity for minority groups in fields of employment, education, youth guidance, housing and health. Non-profit and non-partisan, it is interracial in its leadership, staff and character. It offers concrete solutions to problems of the Black and Puerto Rican Communities. It provides many services in the desperately urgent task of securing equality, dignity and a decent standard of living for minority peoples. The N.Y. Urban League programs currently active in the community are as follows:

I. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT

On-the-Job Training Program

This program is designed to create jobs for the underemployed and the worker displaced by modern technology. O.J.T. not only recruits the disadvantaged job seeker, it retains him so that he may reach his maximum level of job performance.

Metro Jobs Project

This primary objective is the location and development of meaningful jobs for semi-skilled and unskilled minority workers now living in the five boroughs of New York City. This project attempts to provide the link between job availability and job accessibility in outlying areas.

Harlem Manpower Education Program

Provides adequate preparation for trainees to meet the requirements of potential employers. The service assures that the worker will suit his job and employer by thoroughly preparing trainees to meet prerequisites for jobs that presently exist or will soon be available.

II HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Neighborhood Youth Corps.

This is a city-wide agency designed to help youth solve their common problems of education, family, housing and employment. The summer employment provided help build self-esteem and motivation in the minds of young men and women.

Maternity and Infant Care Program

Exists to provide comprehensive services to pregnant young women under twenty years of age and serves to reduce infant mortality rate and pre-mature births among teenage mothers. The young girls and their children under one year old are rendered the following services: prenatal



care, delivery, post-natal care, family planning, abortion services, pediatrics care, dental care, and nutrition counseling.

Special Summer Feeding Program for Children
Supplies some 50,000 needy children with nutritious lunches during the non-school months.

Whitney M. Young Jr. Day Care Center
The Center provides a wholesome learning environment for pre-school children from low-income families on Staten Island.

III. HOUSING

Open Housing Center

The Center offers a variety of comprehensive housing assistance to meet employee needs in the following ways:

1. Personal counseling to find the best housing options for employees.
2. Provides extensive information on new housing and guides to housing opportunities.
3. Consulting with employee advisory programs which include staff orientations sessions on solving housing issues.
4. Intensive training of company staff with the goal of establishing a full-scale company housing program.
5. The assurance of legal protection against discrimination in applying for available apartments, co-ops or houses.

Housing Development Corporation

A non-profit corporation which is designed to:

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