

International Service

The Links, Incorporated is an international, not-for-profit corporation, established in 1946. The membership consists of more than 16,000 professional women of African descent in 292 chapters located in 41 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, and the United Kingdom. It is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of extraordinary women who are committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry.

Our core values are friendship, integrity, honesty, service, commitment, family relationships, courage, respect for self and others, legacy, confidentiality, responsibility, and accountability. Links members contribute more than 1 million documented hours of community service annually - to strengthen their communities and to enhance the nation. The organization is the recipient of awards from the UN Association of New York and the Leon H. Sullivan Foundation for its premier programs. In 2019, The Links, Incorporated was nominated for a Luxembourg Peace Prize by the Schengen Peace Foundation and recognized by the late Congressman John Lewis as a distinguished organization of outstanding community service and influence.

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Celebrating More than 60 Years of Service to the Community

Our Vision

The New Orleans (LA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, installed on November 20, 1957, shares the vision of our National Organization, which is to impact the quality of life for humankind through community service. We are further committed to increasing the community awareness of our African and African American cultural contributions and heritage.

Our Mission

The New Orleans (LA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, is a volunteer service organization of concerned, committed, and talented women who are linked in friendship and strive to make a difference in the community through a focus on education, cultural enrichment, health and wellness and political action.



Linked in Friendship, Connected in Service
New Orleans (LA) Chapter



Serving the New Orleans Community Since 1957



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Transformational Programming



Miss Zaila Avant-garde won our local spelling bee in 2021 and advanced to win the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

The New Orleans (LA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated implements community programs that increase awareness of issues that affect the quality of life of African-Americans in the areas of education, income, health, employment, and other social indicators of well-being. The organization's Facets are: National Trends and Services, International Trends and Services, Health and Human Services, The Arts and Services to Youth. Our key initiatives include:

- Hosting the local competition for the Scripps National Spelling Bee.
- Partnership with Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary School
- Partnership with Watford Hill Primary School in Jamaica
- HBCU Artist Showcase at The Ogden Museum

Services To Youth

The goal of the Services to Youth Facet is to equip African-American youth to use their intellect and spirit of achievement to become successful and productive citizens. The Links implement aligned, integrated and transformational programs that are responsive to the academic, health, cultural, social awareness, career development, and mentoring needs of youth.



Program services include (clockwise from upper left): The Arts, National Trends and Services, Services to Youth and International Trends and Services (Children of Kenscoff Haiti - photo credit: COHEF)

The Arts

The goal of The Arts Facet is to increase and expand art activity, and elevate our programs through arts integration and effectively create an arts renaissance within our organization and programmatic efforts. Chapters partner with museums, symphonies, arts councils, educational institutions and corporations in order to support art programs, especially where there is a focus on artists of color.

National Trends and Services

The vision of the National Trends and Services Facet is to eliminate disparities by reducing barriers to services through advocacy, education, and service. Our mission is to empower our chapters to effectively empower the communities in which we work.



International Trends and Services

The mission of the International Trends and Services Facet is to expand the global platform for programs designed and developed to service the educational, health and cultural needs of people of African descent throughout the world.

Health and Human Services

The goal of the Health and Human Services Facet is to promote and facilitate programs that support the maintenance of good health and the elimination of chronic health disparities in communities of color through education, health advocacy, and optimal utilization of health resources.