GIZELLE JONES, LISW-S, AKRON JEWISH FAMILY SERVIES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECEIVES 2014 WOMEN OF POWER AWARD FROM AKRON URBAN LEAGUE

The Akron Urban League is a non-profit social service agency, National Urban League affiliate, and United Way affiliate, which seeks to improve the economic, cultural, social, educational, and recreational conditions affecting all citizens of Summit County, particularly African Americans, other minorities, and those most in need. As an affiliate of the National Urban League, it reaches nationwide audiences and partners with the other 100 affiliates making it a strong proponent for programs that can be replicated across the country.

Women of Power Awards are granted to women who have made a difference in the organizations where they work and also to the community at-large. Award nominees can be of any age or level in their careers, they might be well known in the community or unsung heroes, but they are women who are committed to making a difference and giving back to their community..

Gizelle has been employed by Jewish Family Services for 13 years and had been the Executive Director for the past three years. Under her leadership, she has developed and implemented case management, counseling and community education services for seniors and their families. Her newest initiatives include outreach services for LBGT seniors and a financial program to help seniors avoid scams and fraud.

She implemented the Volunteer Guardianship Program in collaboration with the Summit County Probate Court the Department of Job and Family Services. She currently has a partnership with the Adult Protective Services Bureau to address the needs of at risk seniors.

Gizelle is a graduate of Bowling Green State University with a BA in Psychology and a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Michigan.