

FirstEnergy Corp.
76 S. Main Street
Akron, OH 44308
www.firstenergycorp.com

For Release: August 30, 2017

News Media Contact:
Chris Eck
(330) 384-7939

FirstEnergy Foundation Donates \$1,000 to Akron Urban League in Honor of Former Cleveland Indians Great André Thornton

Akron, Ohio – The FirstEnergy Foundation has donated \$1,000 to the Akron Urban League in honor of former Cleveland Indians star André Thornton, who recently spoke at FirstEnergy’s semi-annual executive staff meeting.

The event was held at the John S. Knight Convention Center in Akron and was attended by about 250 members of FirstEnergy’s leadership team from six states.

Thornton offered insights about his experiences as a minority business owner as FirstEnergy continues to work toward building and embracing a more diverse workforce into the future. In lieu of a speaking fee, Thornton suggested a donation to the Akron Urban League.

The mission of the Akron Urban League is to improve the quality of life of the citizens of Summit County, particularly African Americans, by advocating and facilitating programs that are economically and educationally transformational, impacting their lives and the lives of future generations.

The FirstEnergy Foundation is funded solely by FirstEnergy Corp. (NYSE: FE) and provides support to non-profit, tax-exempt health and human services agencies; educational organizations; cultural and arts programs and institutions; and civic groups in areas served by FirstEnergy’s 10 electric operating companies and in areas where the company conducts business.

FirstEnergy is dedicated to safety, reliability and operational excellence. Its 10 electric distribution companies form one of the nation's largest investor-owned electric systems, serving customers in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, West Virginia, Maryland and New York. Follow FirstEnergy online at www.firstenergycorp.com. Follow FirstEnergy on Twitter [@FirstEnergyCorp](https://twitter.com/FirstEnergyCorp).

(083017)