



**LITTLE KNOWN BLACK HISTORY FACT:**

Reverend Dr. Leon H. Sullivan was the first African-American in the history of the United States to sit on the Board of Directors of any major international company. He joined the Board of Directors of General Motors on March 1st 1971 and served for over 20 years.



*Rev. Dr. Leon H. Sullivan with President Lyndon B. Johnson.*

The recognition of the history, impact, and influence of African Americans extends beyond one month. OIC of South Florida invites you to acknowledge the national and international reach of our founder, the late Reverend, **Dr. Leon H. Sullivan**. His vision for Building a Bridge - uniting two continents, crossing political party lines, and encouraging us to walk together in an effort to build a better country for all. He was committed to empowering communities to realize economic self-sufficiency, racial equality, economic access, and elevating the human condition. The vision and spirit of our founder stands strong today and OIC of South Florida continues to open the doors of opportunity to all as we train and support the development of a qualified and dynamic workforce. When you partner and support the work of OIC you help keep the vision of this pioneer alive.

*Click the button below to play a video highlighting the legacy of Rev. Sullivan.*

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*"Every man known or unknown, is capable of contributing to all, and all lives can be touched, however briefly by one man."*

-Rev. Dr. Leon H. Sullivan, civil rights pioneer and global leader



*Rev. Sullivan with President Jimmy Carter.*



*Rev. Sullivan with President Richard M. Nixon.*

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## About Opportunities Industrialization Centers of South Florida

Opportunities Industrialization Centers of South Florida (OIC-SFL) is a community-based workforce development, education and training organization that prepares individuals for the world of work by reducing barriers to employment, providing comprehensive vocational skills training and fostering youth aspirations through prevention and intervention strategies that support positive youth development and strengthen families.

OIC-SFL provides leadership, employment and vocational training to thousands of participants per year, including individualized case management and counseling, mentoring, and wrap around support services to address participant needs and barriers. To date, over \$40 million dollars have been secured to serve the South Florida community. Since 2001, OIC of South Florida has placed over 6000 community residents into high-demand occupations and serves over 4500 youth annually. Our goal is give everyone the opportunity to realize their potential; to offer a "Hand UP" not a hand out.

Opportunities Industrialization Center of South Florida (OIC-SFL) is an affiliate of OIC of America(OICA) and is a proud member of the over 50-year-old national network of employment and training programs bound together by a common commitment to help people realize self-sufficiency through training and jobs.

For more information, visit [www.OICSFL.org](http://www.OICSFL.org). Interviews and Media Coverage are available upon request. MEDIA CONTACT: Arlene L. Connelly, Director of Communications & Strategic Partnerships,[aconnelly@oicsfl.org](mailto:aconnelly@oicsfl.org)

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