



CBTU Fact Sheet #2

Women in the Movement

Women are front and center in CBTU.

- 40 percent of the delegates who attended the first CBTU conference in 1972 were women.
- 7 of the 16 top elected CBTU officers are women
- 22 of the 53 local CBTU chapters are led by women

Women have their own voice in CBTU through the National Women's Committee, chaired by Denise Berkley (CSEA/AFSCME).

- The committee sponsors an annual National Women's Conference, which is held during the International CBTU Convention and is attended by more than 700 participants (including many men).
- The CBTU National Women's Conference is the largest gathering of Black working women in the United States.
- The 2022 National Women's Conference is a landmark occasion -- a celebration of the 40th Anniversary of what began as one workshop in 1982 has now grown to an all-day women's conference,

CBTU women are proud leaders, activists and role models for this generation, providing a unique perspective that centers Black working women in their unions, in politics and in their valuable community work.

Community Service

CBTU is a bridge and a community-builder. Chapters are actively:

- Organizing food drives
- Donating clothing to unhoused people and homeless shelters
- Collecting school supplies for disadvantaged students
- Registering and educating new voters
- Sponsoring job fairs for building trades occupations
- Distributing toiletries to domestic violence survivors at centers
- Boosting community awareness and participation in Covid testing and vaxing
- Leading rallies for Black Lives and for police accountability

Every year, CBTU raises more than \$10, 000 to support the college dreams of deserving students and their proud CBTU families. CBTU has raised more than \$250,000 for college scholarships.