



Curtis D. Robinson

President & Chief Executive Officer

BIOGRAPHY

An American Entrepreneur and Philanthropist

Early Life and Beginnings

Curtis D. Robinson was born in Birmingham, Alabama, and moved to Hartford, Connecticut, in 1958, seeking better opportunities. Young and ambitious, Robinson knew that achieving his dreams would require hard work and tenacity. For three years, he juggled two full-time jobs and one part-time job to save enough money for his first business venture. At eighteen, he purchased a small grocery store at the corner of Capen and Vine Streets in Hartford.

Expansion and Diversification

Robinson didn't stop at owning a grocery store; he later bought the entire building that housed his store and expanded by opening Curtis' Little Pub and Curtis' Pizza House. By the age of twenty-two, he was the proud owner of a restaurant, grocery store, dry-cleaning service, an apartment building, and a construction supply company.

Pioneering Business Development

In 1969, he started the Small Business Development Program, which was instrumental in creating over one hundred small businesses in the greater Hartford and Springfield areas. His initiatives didn't just boost his profile; they enriched the communities around him by creating jobs and opportunities for others.

EDUCATION

Greater Hartford Community College

Manchester Community College

University of Hartford

Business Administration

United Technologies Corporation

Hartford, CT

Mech. Engineering



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AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS

NAACP - Award

100 Most Influential African Americans in CT

Hartford Business Journal

Diversity Award Winner 2009

Washington Aid to Higher Education

Lions Club of Hartford, CT

Past President

One Hundred Club

Who's Who Among Black Americans

Listed Member AMAC

Re-Entry Ministry - Bridgeport, CT

Urban League of Greater Hartford, CT

CMAA

Southington, CT Chamber of Commerce

Greater Hartford, CT Chamber of Commerce

Eastern Chamber of Commerce



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Breaking Barriers

In 1976, Robinson broke new ground by becoming one of the first downtown entrepreneurs of color in Hartford. He opened the Staircase Lounge Supper Club on Asylum Street, overlooking Bushnell Park, bringing a unique blend of sophistication and cultural diversity to the downtown scene.

Current Endeavors

Today, Robinson is the owner, operator, and President of C&R Development Company, the largest minority-owned construction management company in the eastern United States. His other businesses include the C&R National ATM Company, Inc., licensed to operate in thirty-eight states, and a portfolio of retail shops at Bradley International Airport, including a Brooks Brothers and CNBC store. Robinson also owns the Air Exchange Building at Bradley International Airport, a 55,000-square-foot facility.

Philanthropy and Community Service

Robinson's business acumen is equaled by his philanthropic efforts. A former President of the Hartford Lions Club, Robinson's charitable contributions have benefited numerous organizations such as the Urban League of Greater Hartford, The Doc Hurley Scholarship Fund, the NAACP, and the Sickle Cell Anemia Association, among others. Robinson also serves on the Board of Directors for St. Francis Hospital & Medical Center in Hartford, the Board of Regents at the University of Hartford, and the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Hospital Association.

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St. Francis Hospital, Hartford, CT
Trustee, Board of Directors

St. Francis Foundation, Hartford, CT
Board of Directors

St. Francis Corporation, Hartford, CT
Board of Directors

University of Hartford, CT
Trustee

Harvard Medical School, Cambridge, .MA
Board of Directors

Carson Scholars Fund -Towson, MD
Board of Directors

Tuskegee George Washington Carver
Humanitarian Award 2011

International Ministerial Alliance
2011 Drum Major Award

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Recent Achievements and Future Projects

In a landmark development, Robinson became the second African American to ever receive a gaming license in the United States. Before the end of the year, he anticipates breaking ground on a new hotel, casino, conference center, and an 18-hole championship golf course on the Island of St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Legacy

Curtis D. Robinson's life story is a remarkable tale of entrepreneurial spirit, community involvement, and philanthropy. His achievements have not only elevated his status but have also positively impacted the communities he serves. From a young man working multiple jobs to a successful business tycoon and philanthropist, Robinson's journey is a testament to what can be achieved through hard work, vision, and a commitment to giving back to the community.



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