

DR. ANTHONY JORDAN

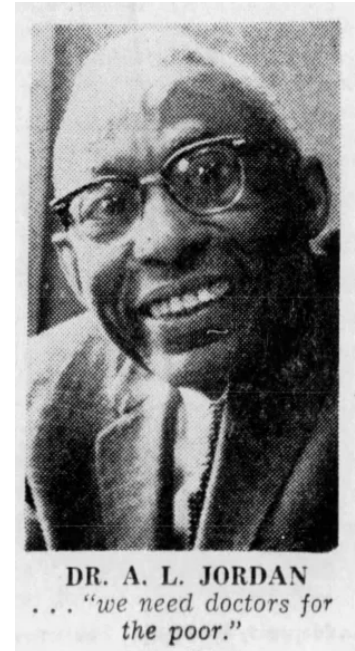
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WHO WAS ANTHONY LEOPOLD JORDAN?

Born in Georgetown, Guyana, Anthony Jordan went on to attend Queen's College to pursue training as a lawyer, which eventually brought him to Miami via Havana, Cuba in 1919. Jordan enrolled at Howard University to study law which was quickly shut down due to the fact that Jordan was Black, and that Black lawyers never got any clients. So, luckily for the community of Rochester, NY, where he would eventually land, Dr. Jordan switched his career endeavors to study medicine.

Jordan and his family first settled in North Carolina, after graduating in 1926 and obtaining a medical internship at Richardson Memorial Hospital in Greensboro. He went on to establish his own practice in North Carolina but he and his family moved to Rochester in 1932.

Dr. Jordan began his practice in Rochester as the second African American doctor in the city. His office was located at 136 Adams Street, with his office on the first floor and his family's home on the second. He became one of the only doctors in the area to still make house calls (which he did right up until his passing) and had a passion for helping those who couldn't afford medical treatment. He became known as "the doctor would would come" due to his dedication to the working class and poor members of his community. Many of his services were offered free of charge, spending many of his Sunday afternoons giving free exams to college students and children going off to summer camp. If someone needed a medical service and couldn't afford it, Dr. Jordan was known to spend his own money on the treatments for his patients.



Born: September 18th, 1896

Died: December 19th, 1971

ACCOMPLISHMENTS & LEGACY

- Presidential Citation from the New York State Medical Society for Outstanding Service
- Active supporter of the United Negro College Fund which provides funding to Historically Black Colleges and Universities
- Major financial backer of the Ralph Bunche Scholarship, established by Rochester's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to provide financial assistance for inner city youth to attend college
- Worked for greater minority hiring in the city, particularly among the Rochester Police Force
- Mentor to young Black professionals



The Anthony L. Jordan Health Center at 82 Holland Street

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