



Gary Chamber of Commerce

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“CONNECTING BUSINESSES TO THEIR CUSTOMERS”

Please visit us @ www.garychamber.com and catch a *lifeline*...

INDIANA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CEO TO ADDRESS

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON



The Gary Chamber of Commerce will hold its Monthly General Membership Meeting Luncheon on Monday, September 9, 2024, 12:00 Noon at The Chateau Banquets, 530 W. 61st Avenue, Merrillville, IN. Join the Chamber as we welcome Mrs. Vanessa Green Sinderson, president and CEO, Indiana Chamber as our guest speaker.

After 20 years in Washington D.C. at the center of politics and power, she returned “home” developing Green Sinderson Consulting, a firm specializing in crisis management, leadership development and coaching services. Vanessa became the Indiana Chamber’s first female president and CEO on January 5, 2024.

Vanessa’s knowledge of government affairs, working for Fortune 100 companies, and high-profile positions on Capital Hill makes her more than capable of her position, leading business and advancing Indiana. “Partners IN Prosperity” Let’s see how Northwest Indiana can benefit from Indiana Chamber’s agenda for economic development in our region.

The cost of the luncheon is **\$25 per person**. Call the Chamber office (219) 885-7407 to **reserve your seat(s) today**. Payment required in advance. **We now accept American Express, Master Card and Visa Credit and Debit cards.**

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NETWORKING STARTS AT 11:30PM

Gary Chamber Luncheon’s—More Than A Meal!



Marc Chase, Senior News Director of The Times News Media being interviewed by Pres/CEO Chuck Hughes at the August General Luncheon. Below: (l-r) Phil Taillon, President & CEO SouthShore Convention & Visitor Authority, Chuck and Marc.

It’s that time of the year again....The Gary Chamber of Commerce’ **16th Annual Lakeshore Classic and Corporate Luncheon**, at Hard Rock Casino, Gary, November 26, 2024 and enjoy two days of



Basketball Challenges on November 29-30, 2024 at West Side Leadership Academy, 900 Gerry Street, Gary.

The Classic features a dynamic Corporate Luncheon speaker, with 2-days of Basketball Challenges including a “Represent Night”, a “Greek Night” and more. **Sponsorship** opportunities are available, information attached. Call the Chamber office (219) 885-7407 for additional information on advertising opportunities, and game schedules.

There is also:

NETWORKING, NETWORKING & MORE NETWORKING!



What's time is it Chuck?

Gary Sports Hall of Fame ♦ Featured Heavy Hitters

Now that vacations and the golfing season is nearing a close, we anticipate all of our



luncheon supporters to return but a big shout out goes to the many of you who have been with us throughout. Gary Chamber of Commerce members and supporters are the absolute best, and we love and appreciate you.



The Gary Sports Hall of Fame 2024 Inductees: 2nd Left: Wallace Johnson (Roosevelt); Nick Strincevich (Lew Wallace); Mildred Ball (Roosevelt); Fred Mitchell (Tolleston); Manny Newsome (Roosevelt); Winston Garland (Roosevelt). Bottom left: Chuck with Hall of Fame inductee Winston Garland (3rd left) pictured with his sons: Darius (NBA Cavaliers) and Desmond. Bottom: Gary Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors award former IUN Chancellor Ken Iwama for his support of the Sports Hall of Fame.



**HAPPY
LABOR
DAY**

**The Gary Chamber Office
will be closed on
Monday September 2**



GARY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - UP COMING MEMBER ACTIVITIES Flyers Attached for Additional Information

► September 11, 2024 – 9/11 Remembrance Day!

► September 2024—Central Midwest Carpenters Apprenticeship Open House. Events locations across Indiana & Kentucky for Carpenters, Floor Coverers, and Millwrights apprenticeships. Hands on activities, tours & vendors. 8am-1pm. See attached flyer for dates and locations.

► Goodwill's Second Chance Program—A program for Youth & Young Adults who are Justice Involved or in Re-Entry, returning to the Gary region. If you are acquainted with someone with a criminal history seeking help in a career trajectory, contact LaTanya Coleman, lcoleman@goodwill-in.org or (219) 384-5198.

► PATH, Inc. (Positive Approach to Teen Health) have immediate openings for full-time program facilitators that support their mission to *equip, empower and encourage youth to make healthy choices*. Download the applications: <https://positiveteenhealth.org/jobopenings>. Submit a resume to: info@positiveteenhealth.org or call (219) 254-2678.

► September 13, 2024—SAVE-THE-DATE: The Brass Idol, a new restaurant at 5900 Miller Avenue, Gary and a member of the Chamber, celebrates it's opening with a Ribbon Cutting. More information will be forthcoming.

► September 21, 2024—A Ribbon Cutting for new Chamber member, The Rainey Center, 1-5:00pm, 2100 W. 11th Avenue, Gary. Fun for the entire family and community. Food, Games, Horse Rides, and Center Tour. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will take place at 2:30pm.

► September 19, 2024—Allies for Community Business (A4CB) 30th Anniversary Celebration. The Hatchery, 135 N. Kedzie Avenue, Chicago. 4:30-7:00pm. Tickets on sale now. Contact: Lauren Davis at: ldavis@a4cb.org.

► September 27, 2024—Girls on the Run "Sneaker Soiree 2024", wear your best sneakers. 6:00-10:00pm, Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana. Silent Auction, Live Music, Food & Drinks, World-Class Gaming. To purchase tickets visit: www.gotrofnwi.org/sneaker-soiree.

► September 27-28, 2024—Faith Works Network ,4th Annual Business Summit, 10am-3pm, 1351 W. 11th Avenue, Gary. Vendors welcome, included is a complimentary lunch and the opportunity to showcase your business. Space is limited, register early. Register at: leadershipunleased.eventbrite.com.

► October 5, 2024—Sons of David Foundation 4th Annual Scholarship Dinner honoring the legacy of a remarkable woman who dedicated her life to education. Keynote speaker: Dr. Olusola Ogundipe, MD, a leader in Cancer Research. To purchase tickets, call David Lewis 219-629-1946.

► October 11, 2024—HealthVisions' Vision of Health Banquet. Dinner, awards, a wine pull, and more, 6-10:00pm, Hellenic Banquet Center, 8000 Madison Street, Merrillville. Tickets can be purchased online at www.hvusa.org or by calling 219.947.8560.

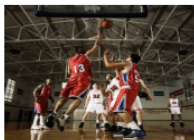
Lakeshore Classic

CASH SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Signature Sponsor—\$35,000

- 40 two-day tickets, good for all games.
- Naming Rights to Lakeshore Classic.
- Most prominent name/logo placement on all printed materials related to event promotion.
- 1 Full-page ad your choice on back or inside front cover program book (first come, first serve).
- Most prominent name/logo placement on event website with hyperlink.
- Booth/Display space at College/Vendor Fair.
- Additional banner display (sponsor provides) in high traffic areas.
- B/W logo on t-shirts given to players, guest and sold at the event.
- Opportunity to provide giveaway items for "goodie bags" given to players, guest and attendees.
- Public recognition at start of days' game activities and throughout each day.
- Opportunity to provide flyer/coupon insert inside event program (provided by sponsor no later than Nov. 1)
- Opportunity to present award to invited celebrity guest.
- Opportunity to provide prizes for promotional contests (e.g. free throw contest, three-point shot contest, etc.)
- Verbal recognition at Corporate Luncheon..
- 1 VIP Table (10 guests) at Corporate Luncheon.
- Corporate Recognition Plaque.

For more information or to sign on as a cash sponsor contact the Gary Chamber of Commerce at 219.885.7407, chughes@garychamber.com or jbowden@garychamber.com



Full Court Shot Sponsor—\$15,000

- 35 two-day tickets, good for all games.
- Premier name/logo placement on all printed materials related to the event promotion.
- 1 Full-page ad in souvenir program book.
- Name/logo placement on event website with hyperlink.
- Name/logo placement on signage for the event.
- Booth/Display space at College/Vendor Fair.
- B/W logo on t-shirts given to players, guest and sold at the event.
- Opportunity to provide giveaways for "goodie bags" given to all players, guest and attendees..
- 1 Premier Table (8 guests) at Corporate Luncheon.
- Verbal recognition at Corporate Luncheon.
- Verbal recognition throughout games.
- Corporate Recognition Plaque.

Half Court Shot Sponsor—\$10,000

- 25 two-day tickets, good for all games.
- Name/logo placement on all printed materials related to event promotion.
- 1/2 page ad in souvenir program book.
- Name/logo placement on event website with hyperlink.
- Booth/Display space at Vendor Fair.
- B/W logo on t-shirts given to all players, guest and sold at the event.
- Opportunity to provide giveaways for "goodie bags" given to all players, guest and attendees.
- Prominent Seating (6 guests) at Corporate Luncheon.
- Verbal recognition at Corporate Luncheon.
- Verbal recognition throughout games.
- Corporate Recognition Plaque.

Slam Dunk Sponsor—\$5,000

- 15 two-day tickets, good for all games.
- Name/logo placement on all printed materials related to event promotion.
- 1/4 page ad in souvenir program book.
- Name/logo placement on event website.
- Booth/Display space at Vendor Fair.
- B/W logo on t-shirts given to players, guest and sold at the event.
- Opportunity to provide giveaways for "goodie bags" given to all players and guest .
- Opportunity to provide giveaways to attendees.
- 6 VIP Tickets to Corporate Luncheon
- Verbal recognition at Corporate Luncheon.

Three-Point Shot Sponsor—\$2,500

- 10 two-day tickets, good for all games.
- Name/logo placement on some printed materials related to event promotion.
- 1/4 page b/w ad in souvenir program book.
- Name/logo listed on event website.
- Opportunity to provide giveaways for "goodie bags" given to all players and guest.
- 4 Tickets to Corporate Luncheon
- Verbal recognition at Corporate Luncheon

Fast Break Sponsor—\$1,000

- 5 two-day tickets, good for all games.
- Name/logo placement on some printed materials related to event.
- 1/4 page b/w ad in souvenir program book.
- Opportunity to provide giveaways for "goodie bags" given to all players and guest.
- 2 Tickets to Corporate Luncheon.
- Corporate Recognition Certificate.

Student Block Tickets

Buy a block of tickets to donate to students or support your favorite school for 2-days of games. Call (219) 885-7407 for details.

- \$300 - 30 students
- \$400 - 40 students
- \$500 - 50 students

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8AM-1PM LOCAL TIME



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- Must have a 2.5 GPA or higher & be a Core 40 graduate
- Must have completed 30-40 hours of Community Service/Volunteerism
- Must complete FASFA annually
- Must Maintain a 2.5 GPA annually at Indiana University Northwest

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For More Information :
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<https://www.urbanleagueofnwi.org/>

Dr. Vanessa Allen-McCloud
President/CEO
Urban League of NW
Indiana



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Matt Schuffert, President - Hard Rock Northern Indiana

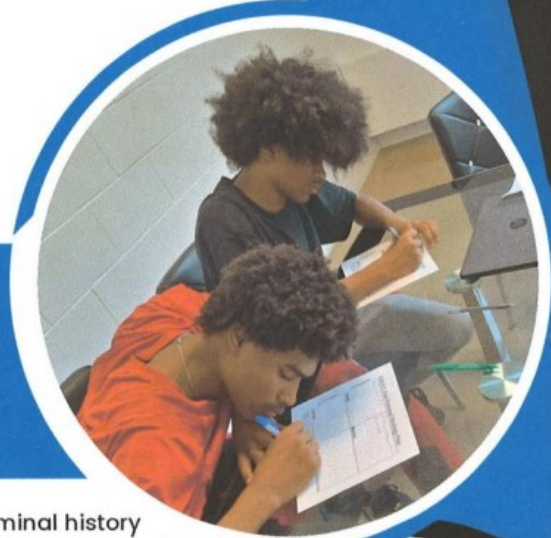


Urban League
of Northwest Indiana, Inc.

EARN AND LEARN

NO COST TO PARTICIPATE

The Goodwill Youth & Young Adults Second Chance program aids young individuals returning to the Gary region. Referrals can also come from the judicial or justice systems.



If you are acquainted with someone who has a criminal history and is seeking help in determining a career trajectory, we encourage you to visit our office or schedule an appointment.

Eligible participants must:

- Be at least 15 years old and not older than 24 years of age on the date of enrollment.
- Reside in Gary, Indiana
- Have been expelled from a school OR had juvenile or adult justice system contact.

THE GOALS OF SECOND CHANCE ARE TO:

- Increase conflict resolution skills and develop strategies to prevent and avoid violence.
- Introduce and prepare for the world of work.
- Identify career interests, attain relevant skills and gain work experience.

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Allies for
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Toast to Community Business

4:30 pm - 7 pm
Thursday, September 19, 2024

The Hatchery
135 N. Kedzie Ave., Chicago, IL 60612



Join us on September 19 to celebrate our 30th anniversary!

Allies for Community Business (A4CB) is celebrating our 30th year of service to neighborhood entrepreneurs who create jobs and wealth in our communities. Join us on Thursday, September 19 at The Hatchery for our annual Toast to Community Business event, which will gather small business owners, community leaders, and organizational partners who support our mission. We will celebrate three decades of supporting businesses that strengthen our communities and highlight our plans to serve even more entrepreneurs in the future. This event will feature drawing prizes and delicious food and beverages provided by A4CB clients. Our work is possible thanks to your support.

Early bird tickets are on sale now. We look forward to seeing you this September!

If you are interested in sponsoring Toast to Community Business or have questions about the event, please contact Lauren Davis at ldavis@a4cb.org.



We're excited for the start of a new school year as PATH, Inc. continues to grow in our services to the schools and youth serving organizations of Northwest Indiana. As we work to accomplish the mission of PATH to *equip, empower and encourage youth to make healthy choices*, we are seeking individuals with a heart for youth and a passion to make a difference. We have immediate openings for full-time program facilitators who want to make a difference in the lives of young people by providing them with risk prevention programming that is holistic, impactful and engaging. We need your help in finding these reliable, hard-working and passionate individuals.

The following positions are open and currently accepting applications:

RUSH (Positive Potential): 2 full-time program facilitators.

The RUSH project focuses on risk prevention education for middle school students.

Relentless: 2 full-time Mentor Coaches to assist in facilitating this program to high school freshmen and to work with our High School Mentors.

OJJ YM - Life Lanes 1: 1 part-time program facilitator to assist with the final stretch of this grant. This is perfect for the person looking for something part-time, and still wanting to make a difference by working with middle school youth regarding drug and alcohol prevention.

If someone you know comes to mind, or maybe you are interested in learning more yourself, you can find out more about the programs and the work of PATH on our website. (www.PositiveTeenHealth.org) If you have questions and would like to learn more, feel free to email or call me directly.

FINDER'S FEE: PATH is offering a \$250 'finder's fee' to anyone who refers a successful candidate. The Finder's Fee will be paid once the onboarding process of the new hire is complete.

Applications can be downloaded via our website: <https://positiveteenhealth.org/job-openings>

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