



THE AUGUST "LUNCHEON LOTTO" TURNED OUT TO BE A WINNER!

The August "LUNCHEON LOTTO" turned out to be a winner for 6 Chamber members who were the lucky ones who's winning numbers were drawn to showcase their business/organization. A chance for free advertisement and to enjoy a delicious lunch, you couldn't go wrong. "You have gotta do this again," said one luncheon attendee. Pictured are those lucky winners:



Torian Barnett
CEO Financials



Cheryl Anderson
FUEL Media



**Dr. Vanessa
Allen-McCloud**
Urban League
Northwest Indiana



Brittany Sanetta
Geminus



Stephanie Hulett
Gary Public
Transportation Corp.



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This is the smile we get from the winners of our door raffle grand prize, a \$100 gift card. Pictured l-r: Chuck Hughes, Dorothy Hulett, GPTC, and Nate Shaw, Notre Dame FCU, sponsor of the gift card.

What's Up Chuck?



In the business, this is called "A Teaser": Stay tuned for an important announcement regarding The Gary Chamber of Commerce and our President/CEO, Chuck Hughes.



Jersey Mike's Subs in Crown Point turned sandwiches into support during their annual Day of Giving to United Way NWI, donating 50% of all sales to United Way Northwest Indiana. A \$2,800 check was presented to support programs that help local families achieve stability and success.

RIBBON CUTTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Ray Lewis Foundation, a local nonprofit dedicated to creating a safer community, hosted a groundbreaking event for the Lewis Estates and Townhomes at 49th and Tennessee Street in Gary.

Pictured: Chris Lewis, Lewis Construction, and Aniah Lewis, Lewis Estates' Realtor



The Ray Lewis Foundation is breaking ground for the Lewis Estates and Townhomes at 49th and Tennessee Street in Gary.

GARY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & UP COMING ACTIVITIES BACK TO SCHOOL FESTS & MORE. SEE ATTACHED FLYERS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Allies or Community Business** (A4cb) offer term loans and lines of credit to emerging and established businesses. For information, contact A4cb at 312-929-1952.
- **Ivy Tech Community College** is offering Certified Production Technician (CPT) training. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9/9/25 - 12/16/25, 3 pm - 8 pm. Contact lakecounty-careerlink@ivytech.edu.
- Check out the attached advertisement for **The DNA Man**, DNA & Drug Testing Collections, 219-232-688 or www.thednaman.com, and also **OEO Energy Solutions** offering Free LED and ROI Lighting Upgrades, 800-553-2112 or info@oeo.com.
- **September 9, 2025 - Belvedere Senior Housing** celebrates National Assisted Living Week with a Classic Car Show & Fundraiser for the Merrillville Police Department. 11 am - 2 pm, 343 E. 90th Drive, Merrillville. All food purchase proceeds will be donated to the Merrillville Police Department for their Therapy Dog. For additional information, please get in touch with Andrea at 219-769-2145 or visit www.belvedereseniorhousing.com.
- **September 11, 2025 - The Salvation Army Northwest Indiana** "Chip In Fore Hope" Golf Outing. White Hawk Country Club, Crown Point, Indiana. Money raised at The Salvation Army's Golf Outing has dedicated the last 11 years to providing support and opportunities for families at our community centers. Sponsorships Available. Register today. Contact Denise.Vanek@usc.salvationarmy.org.
- **September 13, 2025 - Broadway Area Community Development Corporation** presents its Diamond Gala Fundraiser, 5:30 pm, Marquette Park Pavilion, One North Grand Blvd., Gary, IN. Tickets \$150 per person. Entertainment by Altovise Ferguson & F.A.M. For more information, contact Broadwayareadc.com/gala.
- **September 14, 2025 - Urban League of Northwest Indiana, Inc.** presents: Gospel Extravaganza. Special guests: Chicago Mass Choir and Comedian Ron Baker. 4:00 pm, St. Timothy Community Church, 1600 W. 25th Avenue, Gary. Tickets on sale at Eventbrite. Contact 219-887-9621 for additional information.
- **September 17, 2025 - HealthLinc Health Center** hosts a Recovery Health & Wellness Seminar, "Recovery is For Everyone". **September 26, 2025 - HealthLinc Health Center** Healthy Cooking Class for Kids! Both are from 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm, 2301 Broadway, East Chicago Harbor, in the Community Room. Vendors, Giveaways, Health Resources, and more. Contact www.healthlincchc.org or 888-580-1060.
- **September 26-27, 2025 - Faith Works Network** invites you to the 5th Annual Business Summit, "Vision 2025: A Summit for Resilient Leaders". 10 am - 3 pm, 1351 W. 11th Ave., Gary. A collaboration among local community leaders, with a focus on new and existing business growth. For additional information, contact Brooklyn Russell at 219-742-8123 or faithworksnetwork@gmail.com.



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THE SALVATION ARMY NORTHWEST INDIANA

CHIP N FORE H PE

White Hawk Country Club | Crown Point, Indiana

Thursday, September 11, 2025

Money raised at The Salvation Army's Golf Outing has dedicated the last 11 years to providing support and opportunities for families to experience art, music, sports, character building and worship at our community centers.

REGISTRATION

Entry fee includes sack lunch, dinner, cart,
2 drink tickets/golfer

Prices before July 9, 2025

\$180 single golfer before July 9, 2025
\$335 per twosome before July 9, 2025
\$685 per foursome before July 9, 2025
\$50 dinner only.

Prices after July 9, 2025

\$195 single golfer after July 9, 2025
\$350 per twosome after July 9, 2025
\$700 per foursome after July 9, 2025



SPONSORSHIPS

Event Sponsor - \$3,000

Banquet Sponsor - \$1,250

Hole Sponsor - \$200(1) | \$300(2)

Honoring Heroes with 10% off
all golf registrations for First Responders
Please contact Denise Vanek for assistance

Visit salarmy.us/chipinforehope
to register online or scan QR code



The names of golfers in my twosome/foursome(s) are as follows:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

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2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

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Any Questions, please reach out to Denise.Vanek@usc.salvationarmy.org

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6PM - 8:30PM

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SPEAKER:**

DR. CYNTHIA ROBERTS

Dean of The School of
Business Economics IUN



Diamond **GALA** **FUNDRAISER**

TO BENEFIT THE BROADWAY AREA CDC

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 13, 2025
MARQUETTE PARK PAVILION
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- 💎 **COCKTAIL RECEPTION**
- 💎 **FORMAL ATTIRE**
- 💎 **DIAMOND RAFFLE**
- 💎 **LIVE PERFORMANCES**
- 💎 **GALA DINNER**
- 💎 **BATON PASSING CEREMONY**



TICKETS
\$150
PER PERSON

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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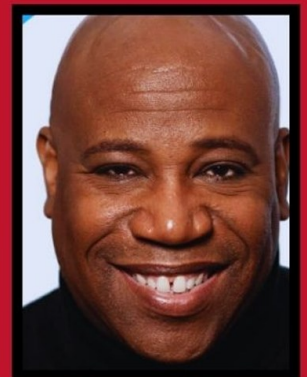


Urban League of
Northwest Indiana, Inc.

Presents

GOSPEL EXTRAVAGANZA

Special Guests:



Comedian
Ron Baker

Sunday, September 14, 2025
4pm

LOCATION: St. Timothy Community Church
1600 W 25th Ave. Gary, IN 46404

VIP TICKETS \$75

RESERVE SEATING, PARKING, RECEPTION & RECOGNITION

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gospel-extravanga-tickets-1353361313119>

GENERAL TICKETS \$25

Additional information contact 219-887-9621



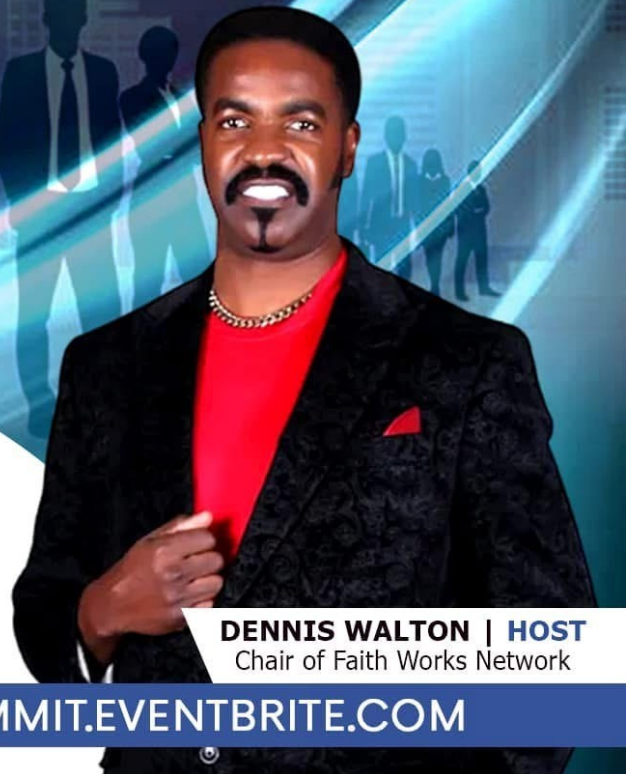
Faith Works Network
Together, creating a brighter future for Gary
2025 BUSINESS SUMMIT

VISION 2025

A SUMMIT FOR RESILIENT LEADERS

SEPTEMBER
26TH - 27TH
2025
10AM-3PM

FAITH COMMUNITY CENTER-NORTH
1351 WEST 11TH AVENUE,
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Natali Alvarez

nalvarez@hvusa.org

219-844-2698 ext. 116

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Friday, September 26

3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. CST

HealthLinc East Chicago Harbor

Community Room - 2301 Broadway St.



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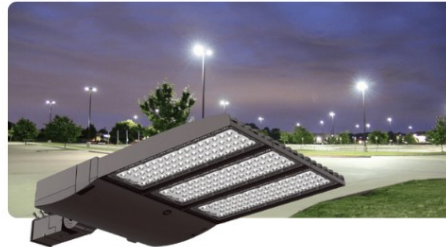
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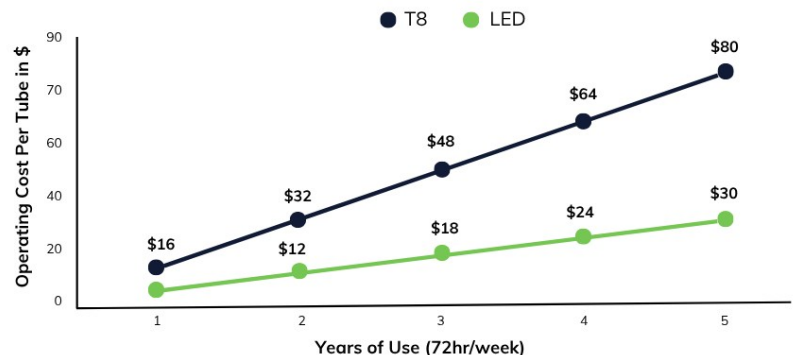
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Legacy Foundation Celebrates Record Year of Growth and Community Impact

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. (Aug. 25, 2025) – Legacy Foundation announced historic achievements at its 2025 Annual Celebration, highlighting a year of unprecedented growth and impact in Lake County, IN. Over the past 18 months, the foundation completed its largest fundraising campaign in history, raising \$9.3 million with support from donors and a matching gift from Lilly Endowment Inc. Of that total, \$5.87 million strengthened the foundation's unrestricted endowment, providing flexible resources to meet Lake County's current and future needs.

This campaign has supported a variety of projects, including the Tolleston Opportunity Campus, expanded food pantries at Tradewinds and the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana, renovations at Calumet College of St. Joseph and Ivy Tech Community College East Chicago Campus, environmental fellowships at Dunes Learning Center, Northwest Indiana Symphony's summer concerts, and preservation efforts at Friends of Marquette Park and the Marquette Greenway.

"Lake County's progress is built on the collective commitment of our neighbors, nonprofits and businesses," said Kelly Anoe, Legacy Foundation president and CEO. "These achievements are possible only because people continue to invest their time, talent and resources in our community. There is still more to do, and we are grateful to walk alongside our partners in this work."

In 2024, the foundation awarded \$6.6 million in grants and scholarships, supported by 792 donors, and grew its managed assets to \$130 million, a 55% increase in 18 months. Foundation leaders emphasized that continued community support is essential to sustaining the long-term impact.

Legacy Foundation also highlighted major programs in Lake County IN. The NWI Thrive project, supported by a \$20 million Lilly Endowment grant, will expand trails, connect communities and promote nature, culture and wellness across three counties and 11 municipalities. Cedar Lake became Indiana's first Heart & Soul community, engaging residents in shaping the town's future.

As part of the celebration, the foundation honored outstanding community leaders with the Heart of Lake County Awards. Beth A. Casbon, president and attorney at Komyatte & Casbon P.C., received the Excellence in Nonprofit Board Leadership Award; Dana Rifai, attorney at Rifai Law Group, received the Gold Key Award; Dr. Michael McGee, medical director of the emergency department at the University of Chicago, Crown Point received the Community Spirit Award; and Centier Bank received the Corporate Philanthropy Award. For more information and to support Legacy Foundation local initiatives, visit www.legacyfdn.org.

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Legacy Foundation

Since 1992, Legacy Foundation has connected people with the resources and opportunities they need to build a thriving Lake County. The foundation manages charitable funds, awards grants and scholarships and partners with nonprofits and community leaders to create lasting impact.



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