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From our Director...

We haven't seen much of Ike these past few days. He has been busy lending a hand to the disaster efforts across Indiana. Kudos to all of the staff, volunteers and agencies who stepped in to assist the hundreds of Hoosiers in need. Here's a story from our fearless leader! Read more about his Good Works Adventures at www.goodworksindiana.blogspot.com.

Ike's Staff

I'm Just Glad I'm not Enochlophobic

I bet you've been wondering where I've been and what I've been doing for the last seven days. Or maybe not. Anyway, last Friday I was asked by Andy "Master of Disaster" Miller head of Office of

Disaster Recovery to oversee the one-stop shop up in Munster, Indiana for flood relief victims.



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Yesterday was my first day back and I want to share with you how things went. The site provided a place for flood victims to access State agencies such as FSSA for food stamps, Department of Insurance, BMV, State Department of Health, Salvation Army and FEMA. We operated from 8am-8pm from last Thursday to this past Wednesday and assisted about 600 or so families each day. While the crowds were large (we often had to cut off the line at noon) there were no major problems and no arrest - a testament to our State troopers, local law enforcement, political leadership and the individuals themselves.

Inside the facility dozens of FSSA employees worked 12-hour shifts processing food assistance requests. Sometimes without having a lunch break. I was fortunate to work with Brenda Franklin FSSA site supervisor who helped me understand the food stamp process and thanks to her help I was able to keep the inside running smoothly and efficiently. We wrapped up late Wednesday night and I was back on the road early Thursday morning for my 7am speaking engagement in Lafayette (more on that later). So as you can see after the flood waters recede there's still a lot of work to be done to assist victims as they try to rebuild their lives. For me, I'm just glad to help and of course be back home. Oh and in case you're wondering *Enochlophobia* is a fear of crowds.



Don't forget to check out upcoming training opportunities on the OFBCI website.

<http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2414.htm>

If you have a training opportunity you would like considered for inclusion on the Training Calendar, please send the information to lbeckwith@ofbci.in.gov

“To see if your event matches OFBCI Training Calendar criteria, [click here.](#)”

To unsubscribe to Friday Night Facts please visit: <http://lists.in.gov/mailman/options/ofbci>. To protect the privacy of all of our recipients we ask that you contact OFBCI at (317) 233-4273 for additional information or to reply to this publication.





Hoosier Cheer for Our Heroes

As fall begins and we quickly approach the holiday season, I want to show our troops how thankful Hoosiers are for their sacrifice. Last year, we collected over 15,000 letters and cards for our deployed men and women. Once again, I need your help to make this year's effort a success.

"Hoosier Cheer For Our Heroes" is aimed at sending our thoughts and prayers to our U.S. troops away from their homes and loved ones this holiday season. I encourage everyone to write a note to our troops and let them know just how much we appreciate the job they are doing for our country.



If you are interested in sending a letter of appreciation or a holiday card to our troops, please send them to my office by November 17th or visit my web page at www.in.gov/lgov/ for more information.

All mail can be directed to:
Office of Lt. Governor Becky Skillman
c/o Hoosier Cheer for our Heroes
200 West Washington Street, Suite 333
Indianapolis, IN 46204

If you send mail in bulk, we ask that you do not put each card in an envelope, and please do not include any money, candy, or other gifts.

Thank you for supporting our troops!

Until next time,

IPFW Dining Etiquette & Networking Dinner

IPFW Dining Etiquette & Networking Dinner October 22, 2008, 6-9pm Summit Club, Downtown Fort Wayne- 110 W. Berry St., National City Center Building, 25th Floor Career Services invites you to enjoy a great meal and have an opportunity to meet and inspire students who are seeking career advice from local employers. For employers, the evening begins with an optional dining etiquette presentation at 6 p.m., covering the basics needed to gracefully manage a formal meal. If you choose not to attend the dining etiquette presentation, the evening will begin at 7 p.m., with an opportunity to network with students and other employers, and then dinner will served at 7:30 p.m. The evening will conclude by 9 p.m., allowing you to briefly reconnect with anyone not seated with you for dinner.

By attending this event, you will have the opportunity to help students by providing them with career information, job search advice, and referrals. You will be an invaluable resource for students seeking advice on which educational path to pursue, daily activities of your job, current trends in your field, and your likes and dislikes about your career.

Cost for employers is \$25. To register go to <http://www.ipfw.edu/career/assets/files/Dining%20Etiquette%20Employer%20Registration%20Form.pdf>

For more information contact IPFW Career Services at 260-481-0689.

To All HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agencies:

The HOPE for Homeowners (H4H) program, authorized by the Economic and Housing Recovery Act of 2008, was announced on October 1st by HUD Secretary Preston. The H4H program is a new program intended to help borrowers at risk of default and foreclosure refinance into more affordable loans. The H4H program will allow borrowers who are having difficulty making their payments, to refinance their current mortgage into a new loan insured by HUD's Federal Housing Administration (FHA).

Distressed homeowners have four options to pursue participation in the HOPE for Homeowners program:

- Homeowners may contact their existing lender and / or a new lender to discuss how to qualify and their eligibility for this program.
- Servicers working with troubled homeowners may determine that the best solution for avoiding foreclosure is to refinance the homeowner into a HOPE for Homeowners loan.
- Originating lenders who are looking for ways to refinance potential customers out from under their high-cost loans and/or who are willing to work with servicers to assist distressed homeowners.
- Counselors who are working with troubled homeowners and their lenders to reach a mutually agreeable solution for avoiding foreclosure.

Detailed information about eligibility and other H4H requirements can be found on the FHA website: www.FHA.Gov. The FHA website also has information for consumers including fact sheets and frequently asked questions (FAQs).

IYI Annual Conference

IYI will celebrate its 20th birthday at this year's *Kids Count in Indiana* conference. Youth workers, teachers and others who work with children and families are invited to attend. The conference takes place December 2-3 at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. It will feature Coach Ken Carter and offer many workshops for those involved in philanthropy. Sessions like *Tomorrow's Leaders Today, How Generations Give Differently, Fundraising in Today's Economy* and *The Magic and Power of Philanthropy* are just a few of the many top quality sessions being offered. For more information go to:
<http://www.iyi.org/conferences/kids-count.aspx>



This 80th **National Child Health Day** is the right time for parents, caregivers, teachers, school nurses, faith-based and community organizations, and all adults who care about kids to join us in helping children

Eat Healthy and Be Active for a Healthy Future!

For more information on National Child Health Day, please visit

<http://mchb.hrsa.gov/childhealthday/>

For more information on the Surgeon General's *Healthy Youth for a Healthy Future* Community Checklist, please visit

<http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/obesityprevention/community.html>

Now Accepting Applications for Funding

Indiana RESPECT Grant Application and Request for Proposal—Federal Funding (FY2009-2010)—Now Available

Indiana RESPECT is pleased to announce the release of an application packet and request for proposal (RFP) for community-based organizations to implement programs that stress sexual abstinence until marriage and delaying pregnancy and parenting during the adolescent and teen years. Completed applications must be received by 4:00 PM E.S.T. on November 6, 2008. Applications postmarked on or later than November 6, 2008 will not be considered for funding. Applicants will be notified whether their application will be funded by December 15, 2008. Funding for projects will begin on January 1, 2009.

The application packet and RFP can be viewed by visiting:

<http://www.in.gov/isdh/21045.htm>

Indiana RESPECT is an adolescent pregnancy prevention initiative. Funded youth-serving organizations provide sexual abstinence education and adolescent pregnancy prevention education programs for youth and their parents.



Hoosier Heroes™

\$2,000 SCHOLARSHIPS

for Indiana High School Juniors and Seniors

Indiana
Dollars for
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Presents

Who's Your Hoosier Hero?

Indiana high school juniors and seniors may nominate a living Hoosier (a current or former resident of Indiana) who inspires them. Each student winner will receive a \$2,000 postsecondary scholarship and their hero will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to award to the Indiana high school of his or her choice.

DEADLINE IS
JANUARY 31, 2009



For more information visit www.HoosierHeroes.org or call toll-free (866) 877-1172.



“LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE”

2ND Annual Domestic Violence Rally

Sat. Oct. 11, 2008

12:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m.

(OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

CRESTWOOD VILLAGE WEST

AT THE COURTYARD

230 Welcome Way Blvd.

(off Rockville & Girlschool Road)

This event will go on rain or shine.

EVERY 9 SECONDS A WOMAN IS ABUSED

**Please support us by joining our Rally to help raise awareness
and stop the cycle of domestic violence in our community.**

**Beacon of Hope is preparing to open a Domestic Violence
Support Center on the West Side of Indianapolis**

**GUEST SPEAKER, INSPIRING SURVIVOR STORY,
KIDS GAMES AND GRAND PRIZE DRAWING**

www.beaconofhopeindy.org or for more information, call 201-8389



Give kids a place to go, and they'll go places.

For immediate release

Contact: David Klinkose, 317-920-0181, david.klinkose@yahoo.com

Local Celebration Commemorates National Lights On Afterschool Day

Date: October 16, 2008; 3:00-5:30 p.m.

Place: Garfield Park's Burrello Family Center, 2345 Pagoda Drive, Indianapolis

The Afterschool Coalition of Indianapolis will host the city's annual Lights On Afterschool celebration at Garfield Park on October 16 from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. The event includes educational activities, guest speakers and prizes for participants.

The event, open to students in local afterschool programs, will feature an address by Indiana Afterschool Network Executive Director David Klinkose and performances by NCAA Stay In Bounds, Indy Air Bears and Clarian Health Jump Kids Jump from 4:00 to 4:40 p.m.

Several local agencies will host interactive activities and information booths, including Peace Learning Center, Drug Free Marion County, Urban Mission YMCA, Mary Rigg Community Center, Starfish Initiative, Indiana Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Girl Scouts, IndyGo (IPTC), Jump Kids Jump Movement®, Indy PAL Club and IndyParks.

Nationally, the Afterschool Alliance created Lights On Afterschool Day nine years ago to rally for the importance of afterschool programs. The Afterschool Coalition of Indianapolis consists of local youth serving agencies and promotes Lights On Afterschool Day each year. For more information on these organizations, visit www.afterschoolalliance.org or afterschoolcoalition.onet.net/.



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR SECOND ANNUAL
PREVENT BLINDNESS INDIANA
SIGHT FOR LIFE LOOK OUT LUNCHEON**

**Friday, Oct. 17, 2008 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Crystal at the Riverwalk
6729 Westfield Blvd., Indianapolis, IN**

Learn about the importance of healthy vision from:

- Mary Hill, RN, Esq., Deputy Commissioner, Indiana State Department of Health
- Joyce Tombran-Tink, PhD, Professor, Neural and Behavioral Sciences and Ophthalmology, Penn State University College of Medicine
- Honorary Sight for Life luncheon chair Kionde Brooks
- Howdy Bell, Indianapolis sportscaster

Please select the level of support for you and your guests

Patron	\$75 per person
Supporter	\$50 per person
Friend	\$35 per person
Corporate Table of 8	\$750
Individual Table of 8	\$500
Nonprofit Table of 8	\$500
Sponsor a visually impaired individual for \$50	
Contribution of \$_____	

Register online at www.pbeye.org or mail this with your check to Prevent Blindness Indiana, 70 E. 91st St., Suite 204, Indianapolis, IN 46240 or call 317-815-9943 ext. 229.

FREE TRAINING - REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!!!!!!**2nd INDIANA RURAL RECREATION DEVELOPMENT TRAINING****ESTABLISHING NONPROFIT FUNDRAISING ORGANIZATIONS FOR
RURAL PUBLIC
RECREATION PARK BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS**

On **October 23, 2008**, InRRDP is hosting the 2nd Indiana Rural Recreation Development Training. This year's training will focus on establishing nonprofit fundraising organizations and establishing accounts with local community foundations for rural public recreation departments and park boards. Some of you may recall that this topic spurred from the 2008 Rural and Small-Town Agencies Roundtable at the Indiana Park and Recreation Association state conference. We are proud to be able to follow-up the 1 1/2 hour conference session with a full-day FREE TRAINING to rural Indiana communities!

The goal of this year's training is to assist 10-12 communities in actually writing their governing documents and completing their incorporation paperwork to establish a nonprofit park and recreation fundraising organization, such as a "Friends of Littleleespytown Parks and Recreation." Communities that are interested in participating will be required to send a minimum of two (preferably three to four) community leaders to the training. Also, registrants will have some "homework" prior to the training, so that communities that participate in the training can fully take advantage of the legal expertise of IU's nonprofit law students. The training will be informational for the first hour or two, and then will be a hands-on small group workshop where communities will work closely with an IU nonprofit law students to set-up their organizations.

The InRRDP is proud of our new partnership with the Indiana University School of Law's Nonprofit Law Clinic. Dr. Nathan A. Schaumleffel, Director of InRRDP, and Cindy Lott, Director of the IU Nonprofit Law clinic are collaborating to provide an important capacity building service for rural Indiana communities.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www1.indstate.edu/inrrdp/ruralrecreationtraining.htm>

**Family that “Prays Together, Stays Together”
REVIVAL**



Keynote speaker: Minister Marwin Strong

**Sunday October 26, 2008
4:00 pm**

**Mt. Zion Baptist Church
(Pastor Aston R. Chambers Jr.)**

**820 S. Penn St. Muncie Indiana 46302.
Music Selection: SPECIAL GUESTS**

***You are the only person on earth who can use your ability.
Zig Zigler***