



Rebuilding Indiana Monthly

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Legacy of Collective Impact

Greetings,

In 2013, Prosperity Indiana began a multi-year partnership with the [Legacy Foundation of Lake County](#) to design a program that uses a neighborhood-based collective impact approach to strengthen communities from within -- through planning, organizing, and human development. Four years later, the Legacy Foundation Neighborhood Spotlight program has seen four communities bring about transformation in local places, as residents, nonprofit organizations, and businesses came together to learn, plan, and implement change in their neighborhoods block-by-block.

The Gary-Miller Creative Arts District has been bustling with activity since its designation as a Neighborhood Spotlight community, completing so many of the action steps and goals of their quality of life plan that they've continued to set new goals and objectives to accomplish.

Miller Community Builder Jessie Renslow said, "Community buy-in has made these projects hugely successful since they are community-sourced programs."

Upcoming Events

[Jul 20: South Central Regional Member Meeting \(Bloomington\)](#)

[Jul 25: Affordable Housing Development for Homeownership \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Jul 27: Connection Point - Housing Counseling \(Conference Call\)](#)

[Aug 10: Northwest Regional Member Meeting \(Hammond\)](#)

[Aug 22: Abandoned Housing Strategies 201 \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Aug 29: Certified Green Building Professional \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Aug 31: Connection Point - Landbanking \(Conference Call\)](#)

Partners' Events

July

[Jul 20: OCRA Listening Session \(Lowell\)](#)

[Jul 25: IHEDA Real Estate Production Regional Meeting \(Huntington\)](#)

[Jul 25: OCRA Listening Session \(Sullivan\)](#)

[Jul 26: OCRA Listening Session \(Lawrenceburg\)](#)



Community builder Jessie Renslow (left) with Gretchen Sipp, manager of The Stage, a new small business incubator in Miller

Burgeoning on the former site of two abandoned houses in the Gary Downtown-Emerson neighborhood, another Spotlight community, are crops of herbs and vegetables (pictured below) at FAITH Farms. Currently tended to by a mixture of paid staff, students receiving spending money for the summer and upcoming school year, and community volunteers, members of this urban farm crew are building agricultural skills as they plant, tend, weed, and harvest their crops.



To read more about what these communities have been able to accomplish through the Neighborhood Spotlight program, [click here](#). Interested in planning for collective

[Jul 27: IHCDIA Creating Places: Learn From The Experts \(Webinar\)](#)

[Jul 29: AHAIN Site Manager Basics for TC Properties \(Indianapolis\)](#)

August

[Aug 1: OCRA Listening Session \(Sellersburg\)](#)

[Aug 2: OCRA Listening Session \(Plymouth\)](#)

[Aug 3: OCRA Listening Session \(Oakland City\)](#)

[Aug 4: United Way Day of Caring \(Porter and LaPorte Counties\)](#)

[Aug 9: IPA/GIFT Social Enterprise to Build Communities \(Webinar\)](#)

[Aug 15-16: Indiana Affordable Housing Council & IHCDIA Indiana Housing Conference \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Aug 17: FHCCI Indiana Response to Hate Conference \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Aug 23: Earth Charter Indiana Climate Leadership Summit 2 \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Aug 25: OCRA Indiana Main Street Exchange \(Cambridge City\)](#)

September & Beyond

[Sep 13-15: National Walking Summit \(St. Paul, MN\)](#)

[Sep 19: CHIP Celebration \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Sep 22: OCRA Indiana Main Street Exchange \(North Liberty\)](#)

[Oct 4-6: IAC Indiana Arts Homecoming \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Oct 5-6: Midwest Asset Building Conference \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[Oct 10-12: Aim Ideas Summit \(Evansville\)](#)

[Oct 18-20: APA-IN Fall Conference \(Lafayette\)](#)

[Oct 20: OCRA Indiana Main Street](#)

impact in your community? [Click here](#) to find more information on collective impact and the framework we use for comprehensive community development and [contact us](#).

Input Request: LMI Survey

Does your organization serve low- and moderate-income individuals? The Community Development and Policy Studies (CDPS) Department at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago requests your participation in the [Low- and Moderate- Income \(LMI\) survey](#). Your insights will provide a better understanding of regional conditions affecting LMI populations, key areas of concern for LMI populations, as well as organizations that serve marginalized populations. [Click here](#) to learn more and take the survey.

Coming Up Next



Concerned about the future landscape for housing counseling services in Indiana? Dial in at 1 pm ET next Thursday (7/27) to connect with

other housing counselors on pressing concerns that impact the future operational sustainability of this important resource. [Click here for more details and to register](#).

Regional Meeting Recap



Prosperity Indiana staff enjoyed the opportunity to connect with southeast region



[Exchange \(Jeffersonville\)](#)

Job Opportunity

[Central Indiana Community Foundation - Community Investment Officer](#)

Volunteer Opportunity

[Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis - Affordable Housing Advisory Council](#)

New Podcast Episodes

[Transportation Planning for Community Health](#)

[Tactical Urbanism: Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper Placemaking Solutions](#)

[Solar Uniting Neighbors \(SUN\): How to Apply for SUN Funding](#)

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Prosperity Indiana Annual Awards

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Social Media Recap

[Check out this impactful development and partnership with member Milestone Ventures- <http://www.milestoneventuresinc.com> #foodaccess #affordablehousing](#)

[Our new VISTAs Kaytlin \(I\) & Allegra \(r\) started this week! Allegra will work w/@IN_AO_Network and Kaytlin on member capacity bldg/outcomes.](#)

[More coverage for Out of Reach in Indiana. Our state needs #affordablehousing and living wage jobs. Great research @NLIHC #OOR17](#)

members (pictured above) in beautiful Jeffersonville. Thanks to all who came!

Regional Member Meetings have been a great opportunity to connect with other members and discuss resources for strengthening our communities, namely the Community Loan Centers and Solar Uniting Neighbors programs. [Click here](#) for the full list of this summer's regional member meetings and to register for the meeting closest to you. Upcoming meeting locations include [Bloomington \(7/20\)](#), [Hammond \(8/10\)](#), and [Evansville \(9/27\)](#).

Know of others who would benefit from being part of the Prosperity Indiana network? Invite them to attend the regional member meeting with you! Nonmembers can attend for free when they use the "BEOURGUEST" registration code.

Public Policy Update

During the summer and early fall, state legislators follow up on topics assigned to study committees during session. [Those committees](#) often produce findings that result in legislation for the next session or investigate issues that were not given much, if any, time during the condensed session schedule. [Click here](#) for the list of legislators assigned to each study committee that our advocacy team will be watching on behalf of your interests. Stay tuned to [our blog](#) for updates in the coming weeks.

Midwest Asset Building Conference



In partnership with Prosperity Now (formerly CFED), state leaders from Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, and Ohio will bring together representation from their respective memberships to share ideas, make peer connections, and learn from some of the leading minds in the asset building and financial empowerment fields. The conference will be hosted in Indianapolis on October 5-6 by the Indiana Assets & Opportunity Network. [Click here for more details and registration.](#)

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AmeriCorps*VISTA Members Join the Team

This month, Prosperity Indiana welcomes two AmeriCorps*VISTA members who will be serving with us for a year. Kaytlin Eastes will be working on member capacity building and outcomes and Allegra Maldonado (pictured below) will be supporting the work of the Indiana Assets & Opportunity Network. [Click here](#) to read Allegra's introductory blog post.



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