

Piece of the PI: Newsletter

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From the Relationships Manager:

Greetings!

My name is Rita O'Donohue, the Relationships Manager for Prosperity Indiana, and I am writing to you this month in place of Jessica Love, our fearless (and beloved) leader, because she just made the world a little brighter. At 7:30 a.m. on November 11, Jessica welcomed her beautiful daughter, Harper Reese Love to the family. At 9 lbs 8 oz, 22 inches, and sporting a full head of hair, she is perfect!!



We are all so happy for Jessica, and while she's away the rest of us are determined not to miss a beat! We just launched our annual membership campaign and are thrilled to offer a "FREE ticket to Summit with renewal" again this year. By now, you should have received a renewal email and mailing, and we encourage you to act now. We are limited to 250 seats at Summit this year, and with membership and registration open to the public, we don't want you to miss the free ticket!

As Thanksgiving nears and you reflect on blessings this past year, know that your membership makes a difference. YOU are standing with the brightest and best leaders in Indiana community economic development, and together your voice IS being heard. As I traveled across the state this year, I was taken by the extraordinary work being done by Prosperity Indiana members to strengthen our communities. I am extremely proud to work on a team led with integrity and feel incredibly blessed to be here with you. So on behalf of the entire Prosperity Team, THANK YOU, and Happy Thanksgiving!

Warmest regards,

Rita O'Donohue

Relationships Manager

Upcoming Webinars

[Set for Fundraising Success](#)

Upcoming Events

[November 22: Hunger & Homelessness Community Symposium \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[December 3: Reaching Community Members with Sustained Debt Earlier \(Webinar\)](#)

[December 4-6: Mastering LIHTC Compliance Training \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[December 10: Promoting Mental Health Through Financial Well-Being \(Webinar\)](#)

[December 10-12: Navigating Difference - Cultural Competency Training \(Mitchell\)](#)

[January 14: Indiana Assets & Opportunity Network Statehouse Day \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[January 29: IPA Day at the Statehouse \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[April 14-17: Preserving Historic Places Conference \(South Bend\)](#)

[May 27-29: CSH Summit 2020 \(Philadelphia, PA\)](#)

Social Media Recap

[Borrowers need protection from predatory lenders. The Veterans and Consumer Fair Credit Act will accomplish just that by capping the astronomical, triple-digit interest rates](#)

November 22, 2019

Is your board set for fundraising success? In this webinar, participants will learn how to effectively engage board members in actively fundraising for annual campaigns, capital campaigns, and operational support. Board coaching prompts, communication plans, and board member personal fundraising plans will be shared and explored.

[Succession Planning Starts with Professional Development](#)

December 6, 2019

Professional development is essential to foster a cadre of staff - and volunteers - who can easily step into the role of CEO or executive director should those positions become vacant. This webinar explores ways to enhance your organization's stability and sustainability by grooming your successor from within.

[Building Backbone Support 101](#)

December 13, 2019

Backbone support is an essential component of collective impact. Backbone organizations support vision and strategy, support aligned activities, establish shared measurements, build public will, advance policy, and mobilize funding. This webinar delivers an overview of the backbone in supporting collective impact efforts, how to build backing for it, and its importance in keeping collective impact on track.

[In the Spotlight: Effectively Handling Special Presentation Challenges](#)

December 18, 2019

Being in the spotlight can be challenging - and a bit overwhelming. How do you speak to the news media on and off the record? What are the proper ways to moderate a panel or introduce speakers or emcee special events? This unique webinar provides tips and best practices for speaking in special situations.

Renew Your Membership Today!

[payday lenders charge Americans. The #VCFCA will #StopTheDebtTrap!](#)
[READ MORE:](#)
shorturl.at/gvIW2

[Starting at 10, the Interim Study Comm. on Fiscal Policy will examine the need for tax credit resources for workforce & affordable housing/review the NAP and IDA tax credit. Prosperity Indiana will be speaking up on behalf of our network!](#)

[Fiscal Policy Committee now: @IHCDA's Jake Sipe and Joseph Dant discuss workforce housing initiatives and needs](#)

[@INCommDev member and @PathfinderServ President, John Niederman, testifies on behalf of our network about the high cost burden and urgent affordable housing needs across Indiana. Housing is out of reach for avg. renters in 82 of 92 counties. @NLIHC #inlegis #affordablehousingnow](#)

[At hearing today on affordable housing needs in IN, a veteran shared his story of multi-generational poverty: how multiple moves due to evictions as a child affected his education, which affected his economic mobility into adulthood.](#)

[Following construction job loss, divorce, high childcare costs, and trying to find new work, he fell into homelessness.](#)

It's time to renew your Prosperity Indiana membership for 2020! Members get discounted rates on all Prosperity Indiana training and technical assistance, regular policy updates and action alerts, exclusive access to the Member Portal where you can find resources on a variety of topics, and [much more](#). PLUS, renew before February 12 and get one FREE ticket to the 2020 Prosperity Indiana Summit.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Attention Voting Members!

Your votes are due! Please return your votes for the annual Board of Directors slate as soon as possible.

Don't Forget to Register for the 2020 Prosperity Indiana Summit!

The theme this year is 20/20: Seeing Opportunity Through the Lens of Values with sessions focused on opportunities in asset building, affordable housing, and inclusive development strategies.

REGISTER HERE

Group hotel rate now available! [Click for details](#).

Calling All Presenters!

[Through a shelter provider, he was able to get a VASH voucher that provided him with stable housing for the first time in his life.](#)

[He says of the myth of people needing to just work a little harder to escape poverty, his life proves that is a lie. He and his family have worked hard all of their lives and remained poor.](#)

[He told his story to share how hard it is to break the cycle of poverty for his children. Housing impacts all facets of life & it shouldn't be this hard for families to obtain stability. Our point? Invest in affordable housing now because #OpportunityStartsatHome @NLHC @OppStartsatHome](#)

[Speak Up Today to Defend Fair Housing! Urge HUD to Withdraw Proposal That Would Undermine a Critical Fair Housing Enforcement Tool! Click here to Comment by EOD Tomorrow! #DefendCivilRights](#)

Piece of the PI Sponsored by:

Just a few days left to submit your session proposals for the 2020 Prosperity Indiana Summit. **Proposals are due by November 22** and should focus on innovative approaches to inclusive growth, affordable housing intersections with other sectors, and financial capability and asset building strategies. [Click here for details.](#)

Annual Award Nomination Form

Each year at the Prosperity Indiana Summit, we take the opportunity to celebrate leaders and innovators in the community economic development field. Know an extraordinary individual who deserves to be recognized for their work in the field? [Nominate them here!](#) Nominations due by November 29.

Sponsor the Summit

There are still a few sponsorship levels and advertisement spaces available for the 2020 Prosperity Indiana Summit! Learn more [here](#) or contact [Rita O'Donohue](#).

Register for Statehouse Day!



Join us at the Indiana Statehouse on January 14 to urge lawmakers to act on critical community development priorities! And don't forget to let us know if you'd like to schedule a meeting with your legislator.

[Register here](#)

General Assembly Org Day: Teachers, Big Announcements, and PI Priorities - Oh My!

There was a sea of red at the Statehouse yesterday on Org Day as tens of thousands of teachers rallied as lawmakers returned for the ceremonial start of the 2020 legislative session. Prosperity Indiana's policy staff shared our 2020 State Priorities with numerous legislators throughout the day as well and specific legislation we are working with lawmakers to craft to address the critical concerns of our members! [Click here for highlights from the day.](#)



Hoosier Veteran, Faith, Community Groups Applaud Federal Bill to Protect Consumers from Predatory Lending

A coalition of more than 100 Indiana-based veterans groups, faith-based organizations, non-profits, and civil rights organizations applauds the introduction of the Veterans & Consumer Fair Lending Act, a bipartisan bill sponsored by Senators Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Jack Reed (D-RI) and Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), as well as Representatives Jesus "Chuy" Garcia (D-IL) and Glen Grothman (R-WI). The coalition urges members of Indiana's federal federal delegation to add their names as coauthors of the legislation.

[Learn more about the bill here.](#)

House Passes Short-Term Extension Funding, Faces

Procedural Issue in Senate as Shutdown Deadline Looms

On Tuesday, Nov. 19, the House passed a month-long extension of the current short-term funding bill by a vote of 231-192. The bill, however, has hit a procedural snag as the underlying bill used as a means to pass the funding bill is a bill the Senate Republicans would like to avoid so as to keep it open to negotiations later in the year. [Read more here.](#)

Landmark Settlement in Fair Housing Case Regarding Land Contracts in Central Indiana

On November 11, the Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI) announced a record settlement in a lawsuit against a local business owner accused of targeting Latino communities with predatory land contracts for homeownership of properties that were frequently not in a habitable condition and inflated their sales price. [Read more here.](#)

Join the A&O Network!

Did you know that Prosperity Indiana members get a discounted rate on A&O Network membership? For just \$20, you can get discounts on trainings; a free registration for the 2020 A&O Statehouse Day; all A&O updates, alerts, and newsletters; networking opportunities and more all focused on building assets and increasing financial stability for low-to-moderate income Hoosiers.

[Click here to learn more](#)

Highlights from the Midwest Asset Building Conference

More than 140 people people attended the Midwest Asset Building Conference, a two-day professional development seminar that brought asset development specialists from across the Great Lakes region together to share industry knowledge, experiences, and best practices. [Queen Quet, chieftess of the Gullah Geechee nation](#), and [Anne Price, President of the Insight Center](#), served as keynote speakers and stressed the importance of racial and cultural equity as it relates to wealth.



The Indiana Assets & Opportunity Network played an integral role in the planning of the conference and Logan Charlesworth, Network Manager, participated in a panel related to public policy and predatory lending.

HUD Distressed Cities Technical Assistance

The Distressed Cities Technical Assistance (DCTA) Program is a new technical assistance opportunity from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) designed to build the administrative capacity of smaller distressed communities recently impacted by a natural disaster. [Click here to learn more.](#)

On the Cover: David Miller of Hoosier Uplands

Don't miss the fall issue of the [IHEDA magazine](#), featuring Prosperity Indiana member and winner of the [2019 John Niederman Rural Development Leadership award](#), David Miller of Hoosier Uplands as the cover story! Plus, the key to successful re-entry programs, highlights from the 2019 Indiana Housing Conference, and much more!



New Research: Estimating Health Returns

The potential health returns from community development investments are vast. This new research from the Build Healthy Places Network with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation estimates a nearly 300% rate of return from one such comprehensive development project in Washington D.C. and provides an ROI calculator to estimate health returns for other community development investments. [Read it here.](#)

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