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Celebration of Leadership

Leadership Everyone proudly presents the 24th annual Celebration of Leadership brought to you by Fifth Third Bank.

The Celebration of Leadership is a conscious effort to seek and honor individuals, projects, programs, businesses, and organizations that make significant collaborative contributions to our community.

This region is full of people working within organizations and on projects. It is Leadership Everyone's intention to demonstrate and celebrate the depth of our citizens' commitment to our community by identifying as many nominees as possible. Therefore, a special thanks to those people who took the time to recognize and nominate tonight's honorees. Without them, there would be no celebration.

Leadership Everyone

The mission of Leadership Everyone has remained viable over a number of years. The organization has realized that its meaning continues to change as we discover new ways to build and sustain our community into the future. Founded in 1976 by a group of future-thinking local leaders, Leadership Everyone's original commitment to community-wide betterment remains unique and strong. Today, effective 21st century leadership programs exist to strengthen and transform communities and to make them "leaderful." To do this, Leadership Everyone :

- Brings together people with different talents, gifts and perspectives;
- Transforms these individuals into servant leaders who embrace the concept of community trusteeship and the collaborative process;
- Develops in them an understanding of how today's leaders function and teaches them the skills to apply this knowledge;

- Teaches effective processes, especially envisioning a preferred future, consensus decision making and collaboration;
- Provides real-life opportunities to use the knowledge, skills and processes through practice and performance; and
- Inspires people to identify their passion for community betterment, to make a commitment to create a better community and to take responsibility for making sustainable changes.

Leadership Everyone, through its staff and volunteers, teaches these attitudes, skills and processes to adults, youth, organizations, not-for-profits, businesses, educational institutions, neighborhood associations, churches and other leadership programs locally and at the state and national levels. Leadership Everyone is committed to making its programming available to all who want to be 21st century leaders.



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Diverse servant leaders transforming community.

—Leadership Everyone Mission Statement

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Stephanie Roland	Scott Wylie
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March 14, 2019

5:20 p.m. **Entertainment**

5:30 p.m. **Welcome—**

Court Kull, *Fifth Third Bank City President & Celebration of Leadership Co-Chair*
Lynn Miller Pease, *Leadership Everyone Chief Executive Officer*
Marilyn Brenton, *Celebration of Leadership Co-Chair*

5:40 p.m. **Recognition of Nominees and Nominators—***Stephanie Roland and Scott Wylie*

Presentation of Celebration of Leadership Awards—*Event Underwriters*

Special Award—*The Spirit Award*

Individual Awards—*Arts • Community & Neighborhood • Education •
Government, Public Service & Environment • Health & Social Services*

Individual Division Award—*Winternheimer/LaMar Public Service Award*

Project or Program Awards—*Arts • Community & Neighborhood • Education •
Government, Public Service & Environment • Health & Social Services*

Project or Program Division Award—*Community Collaboration Award*

Business or Organization Awards—*Arts • Community & Neighborhood • Education •
Government, Public Service & Environment • Health & Social Services*

Business or Organization Division Award—*Integrity Award*

Special Awards—*Event Underwriters*

Sam Featherstone Youth Awards

Bryce Jordan Servant Leader Award

Susan Kelley Jordan Courage Award

Leader in Technology Award

Lt. Col. Reginald Gibson Award

Willie Effie Thomas Diversity Award

Shirley James "Greening the Community" Award

Nancy Sieben Koehler Sustainability Award

Darrell Ragland Visionary Award

Sara B. Davies Award

Outstanding Innovation Award

Transformational Inclusion Award

Regional Impact Awards

Civic Engagement Awards

Lifetime Award

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7:00 p.m. **Closing—***Stephanie Roland and Scott Wylie*



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"Leadership is not necessarily a title or a powerful position, it is a process, it is relational, it is making something happen."

— Leadership scholar Dr. Lorraine Matusak

And the Nominees Are...

INDIVIDUAL

ARTS

Jeffrey Berger—A father and proud volunteer, Jeffrey Berger is a humble and effective leader of our community. He selflessly and wholeheartedly throws himself into projects as a financial sponsor or volunteer regardless of role or level. He strives to set a good example as a great leader as well as a humble follower. *Nominated by: Jon Hamby*

Liz Ertle—Liz Ertle, a local photographer, promotes awareness of nature, art, and the importance of trees through her collaborative efforts with the William C. Halbrooks Arboretum and Oak Hill Cemetery. She was able to draw attention to the arboretum by organizing a free photo walk for the community that displayed photography of all different kinds from all skill levels. The event not only promoted art but the cause of protecting nature's beauty as well. Through Liz's hard work, they were able to raise additional funds to save the ash trees in Oak Hill Cemetery. *Nominated by: Chris Cooke*

Todd Huber—Todd Huber and his girlfriend, Kate, moved back to Evansville after many years for the sole purpose of creating PG—a diverse, inclusive, and safe venue for artists, locals, and misfits of all ages to co-create and co-exist. For six beautiful years, PG served as a true home for the local music and art community. Although the space no longer exists, Todd's vision will continue to grow, because now, "PG is everywhere." *Nominated by: Kate Horvath and Kenny DeMoss*

Ashley Jordan—Despite being new to the community, Dr. Ashley Jordan has gone above and beyond her role as Executive Director of the Evansville African American Museum. She has been a champion for new programming, promoted diversity and inclusion, and engaged middle school students. Dr. Jordan seeks to take the EAAM to a higher level and tell its story all across the country. *Nominated by: Alex Burton*

Deena Laska-Lewis—As the founder of the non-profit Children's Center for Dance Education, Deena Laska-Lewis strives to fulfill their mission of allowing every child to learn to dance regardless of race, creed, or financial background. She believes that dance offers many physical, mental, and social benefits. Aside from teaching dance, Deena coordinates with local entities to spread dance and cheer through performances in the community. *Nominated by: Sally Olson*

Shaunda Lynch—Shaunda Lynch is an active participant in and champion of arts in our community. From singing in the EPO to becoming Co-Chair of the Arts Council of Southwest

Indiana, Shaunda is a non-stop force for the arts. She has worked with countless organizations and projects over the past years, serving wherever there is the greatest need. She is currently the president of the Reitz Home Museum Board. *Nominated by: Mark Foster*

Alfred Savia—Maestro Alfred Savia has been the Music Director of the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra, the region's largest arts organization, since the 1989-90 season. His innovative programming, including the creation of the youth orchestra program, concert programs such as the Nutcracker, and two Music Alive residencies, has brought new life to the EPO. After 30 years of leading this important institution, he is retiring at the end of the current season. *Nominated by: Scott Wylie*

COMMUNITY & NEIGHBORHOOD

Greg Allen—Greg Allen is a servant leader who takes responsibility for fellow community members that others cast aside. For instance, Greg chose to care for a mentally ill man he met in his community. Without hesitation, he empathized with the man and committed to helping him with medications, job hunting, appointments, and more. His selfless attitude encourages others to follow in his footsteps and remember to treat others with kindness rather than hostility. *Nominated by: Sheri Tanner*

Laura Anderson—Laura Anderson truly embodies servant leadership in our region. This year she gained Vectren's support to partner with the American Cancer Society as campaign chairperson for Vectren's Real Men Wear Pink Campaign. Although she credits her success to the team she led for the campaign, Laura was instrumental in the planning and execution of an overwhelmingly successful fundraising and cancer awareness effort. Laura's commitment and drive toward service are rare. *Nominated by: Christina Mayes*

Teri Barnes—Running a company and a household doesn't slow down Teri Barnes. Teri has been a member of 100+ Women Who Care, a group dedicated to bringing awareness to nonprofit organizations and donating yearly to a nonprofit of the group's choice. She is an encouraging friend and employer as well as example-setter as she can be found serving as board president of the non-profit, Granted. *Nominated by: Toni Thompson*

Carisa Campbell—Carisa Campbell is an advocate for the citizens of Evansville relying on the public transportation system. She understands first-hand how frustrating it can be. This is why she worked tirelessly to petition for Sunday bus services for those who needed it. She sought support from citizens before meeting with the city council and the METS director to propose the funding necessary for the service. With her unlimited determination, her visionary campaign was a success. *Nominated by: Vera Campbell*

Nominees, continued

Fred Cook—Fred Cook promotes an image of hope for Evansville and is working toward it in his role as the leader of the Coalition of Inner-City Neighborhood Associations. His work has created a pathway for inner-city residents to improve their living conditions. Two of the large events he helps organize every year are the COIN Banquet, which raises money for scholarships, and Christmas in the Hood, which serves hundreds of families. *Nominated by: Mary Allen*

Megan Danks—Megan Danks has mentored over 300 adolescent girls as the leader of Grace for Girls, an organization dedicated to teaching girls of troubled backgrounds how to be servant leaders. They devote their time to discussing topics like self-love, character-building, values, and leadership. Bringing in female speakers, funding and organizing outings and shopping trips, Megan goes above and beyond to make sure every girl feels safe, included, and empowered to be who they are. *Nominated by: Joe Danks*

Xavier Davidson—Xavier Davidson, a Junior Program Assistant for Southside Stars Youth Zone, is all about connecting and bringing compassion to others. Xavier gives adult leaders a youth perspective on issues, and makes them think about the needs of the next generation to ensure the neighborhood thrives. During his free time, Xavier walks the neighborhood with his mother to spread the word about safety, growth, and visions for their neighborhood. *Nominated by: Lisa Barnett*

Phyllip Davis—Phyllip Davis, fueled by his past struggles, gives endlessly to the community focusing on homeless and troubled youth while working with countless organizations in the community. Phyllip recently raised over \$3,000 for the YMCA's boxing program that provides an outlet for at-risk children, while also coaching and mentoring the students to help them realize and reach their full potential regardless of their circumstances. *Nominated by: Melissa Zint*

Amy DeVries—Amy DeVries is the outspoken leader of CAJE, a charitable interfaith organization, responsible for organizing volunteers and events. Through her role at CAJE, Amy has formed strong relationships with community members from all walks of life. Her organization boasts diversity in the forms of gender, race, and religion, and her business partnerships include nonprofits as well as city leaders. *Nominated by: John DeVries*

Marci Hall—Marci Hall doesn't let her Down Syndrome hold her back from making a difference in the lives of others in the community. She volunteers in several organizations and leads in her Neighborhood Association and on the Special Olympics Athlete Council. Marci's enthusiasm, cheerfulness, belief in others and involvement in the community have established her as a servant leader who inspires others to keep on going and do great things no matter what life affords. *Nominated by: South Dexter Neighborhood Association & United Neighborhoods of Evansville*

Linda Happe-Drake—Linda Happe-Drake is a servant leader for man's best friend, looking out for them when no one else can. She is an animal lover with a heart of gold. She goes above and beyond for the homeless dogs of Evansville by grooming stray animals, volunteering, and fostering. She is a matchmaker and counselor rolled into one for animals and their forever families. She has worked tirelessly to support causes benefiting animals and humans alike. *Nominated by: Alisa Webster*

Stacee Hooper—Stacee Hooper is the director of the Foster Grandparent Program of Evansville, a group of senior volunteers who assist children with exceptional needs in the classroom. More than just a program director, Stacee is a true friend to the Grandparents. She treats them like royalty, making them handmade gifts and staying on call 24/7 for emergencies. Her genuine love for the Grandparents, the children, and the community is ever present in her work. *Nominated by: RaShawnda Bonds & Glenna McNeill-Leach*

Ruth Howard—Ruth Howard is a dedicated volunteer at United Caring Services. She has helped the shelter in many ways, but one of her greatest contributions is the meals she cooks three times a week for the people of UCS. Ruth has inspired those around her to continue serving, and even more importantly, to start serving, because of her excellent example of servitude and patience. *Nominated by: Melissa Zint*

Hannah Jaramillo—Hannah Jaramillo, an outstanding go-getter, not only participated in the assembly of the new Mickey's Kingdom playground but served on several of its committees as well. Jaramillo shows no fear of commitment when it comes to developing projects. She dedicates her head and heart to bettering the lives of those in her community. Hannah is a team player, dedicated project manager, and has a passion for bringing joy and fun to Evansville. *Nominated by: Jeff Purdue & Lise Powers*

Lance Kollker—Lance Kollker is the current chair of the Hard Hats and High Heels Gala, which raises money for Habitat for Humanity's Millennial Build. With anything that needs to be done or any position that needs to be filled, Lance is there to do it. His positive attitude while volunteering is infectious. He is constantly expanding his borders by serving with Youth First, Evansville Rotaract, and more. *Nominated by: Alex Schmitt*

Brandon McClish—Brandon McClish is involved with many organizations in the area including the Southwest Indiana Chamber and Purple Aces Sports Properties. Brandon maximizes his time by becoming involved with organizations such as the Young Professionals Chamber. He actively leads in not one but all of these organizations. He puts his all into every activity he tries and refuses to give up until he has helped as many people as possible. *Nominated by: Abby Maravich*

Nominees, continued

Daleigh Miller—When Boonville High School Senior, Daleigh Miller, discovered that over 8% of Warrick County citizens live in poverty and over 420 are homeless, she began to connect with local shelters and coordinate projects to aid the needy. Her service provided local families with donations of toys, books, clothing, and more. She has challenged her peers to stand with her in addressing these issues in making their high school the main drop-off point for donations. *Nominated by: Summer Williams*

Missy Mosby—Missy Mosby has worked tirelessly for years with animal shelters in the Tri-state to help and save animals that have been forgotten, lost or neglected. She has raised tens of thousands of dollars for these shelters as well as being a constant animal advocate. She has personally fostered 76 dogs over the course of time, and she recently started Furever Home, a non-profit that advocates for several shelters in the Tri-state, so that she could help more of her four-legged friends. *Nominated by: Jake Hicks*

Delisa Payne—With a mindset to accomplish anything despite setbacks, Delisa Payne has excelled in her dreams of entrepreneurship and leadership. She left a corporate career to be a better single parent to two autistic girls and to launch her new community event app, W2DO, which has become one of the fastest-growing apps in southwest Indiana. Her determination and love for innovation, which is also used in volunteering, is an inspiration to others. *Nominated by: Christopher Johnson*

Melinda Roberts—Dr. Melinda Roberts integrates her passion for ending rape, sexual assault, and domestic violence in her teaching, research, and service. Volunteering with organizations such as the Evansville Police Department, Southern Indiana Regional Coalition Against Trafficking, Willow Tree of Posey County, Albion Fellows Bacon Center, and Churches Embracing Offenders, Melinda helps both victims and offenders of violent crimes in our community. *Nominated by: Zachary Zint*

Larry Samples—Once Larry Samples retired, he knew exactly what to do with his free time—volunteer. Larry has served 4,000 volunteer hours in eight years in everything from substitute teaching to officiating athletic events, supporting non-profits, and more. He's always willing to explore new challenges and is a prime example of what it means to love and give back to your community. Larry goes above and beyond the call of duty and he's an inspiration to us all. *Nominated by: E is for Everyone*

Dave Schutte—Dave Schutte is the director of the EVSC Foundation's Hangers program, a clothing resource for EVSC students. He works tirelessly to create partnerships and programs that impact thousands of students a year, ensuring

they all have the basic necessities. Dave is always there to welcome students who come to Hangers and through his leadership and caring attitude, he inspires students and reminds them that people do care about them and want them to succeed. *Nominated by: Sara DeWitt*

Jason Southwell—Jason Southwell is a philanthropic art lover who gives back through many community organizations. He serves on multiple boards where he gives selflessly and is not afraid to get his hands dirty. Passionate about theater, he assists with ARC's Really Big Show and EVSC and Reitz theatre. His dedication to both the craft and the students has allowed him to continue for over ten years. One of his crowning achievements was designing 110 costumes for Reitz's Wizard of Oz. *Nominated by: Jill Rawley*

Stacey Stratman—Stacey Stratman, the leader of the Founding Five for 100+ Women Who Care, has driven the group towards its great success. Today the organization stands at 175 members thanks to the great leadership behind it. Stacey is an advocate for every voice; she believes every member has something to offer the group. She encourages participation and giving because the best way to be involved is to use your voice. *Nominated by: Founding Five*

Lorelei Taylor—12-year-old Lorelei Taylor is a champion of giving. Since she was 6 years old, Lorelei saves her allowance for the whole year in preparation for a donation at year's end. Her saved allowance goes to a local charity every year in December, like this year's recipient, Albion Fellows Bacon Center, every year in December. Lorelei little fundraisers to help her cause, so she may have more money to donate to the worthy cause when she makes her annual donation. *Nominated by: Sarah Kluemper*

Mark Turner—Mark Turner has brought waves of improvement to many Salvation Army programs including the daily soup kitchen to better serve those in need. Mark works without delay or complaint for the chance to bring a better holiday to those who can't afford one. He is determined to improve all community initiatives from Adopt-a-Family to Coats for Kids until there is no need for programs such as these. *Nominated by: Rhonda Schenk*

Lorie Van Hook—Lorie Van Hook is the Executive Director for the Evansville Trails Coalition. Her work has led to successful collaborations with the West Side Improvement group. She has worked with many teams during her time in the nonprofit world in order to boost development of the urban community. As a community leader, her passion is to share her vision of Evansville with the rest of the world. It is a vision of a more connected Evansville. *Nominated by: Jeremy Kunz*

Nominees, continued

Samantha Whitcomb—Samantha Whitcomb is an encouraging Big Sister to her Little Sister through Big Brothers Big Sisters. Samantha has worked with this group for the past three years. Her determination sees her through the difficulties of tough communication, and her confidence helps her stay an active voice as a board member. She wants those involved to have the best experiences they can, so she remains at the forefront of event planning and fundraising. *Nominated by: Jessica Laughlin*

Alli Wilsbacher—Alli Wilsbacher, a 17-year-old junior at North High School, is a fearless and outspoken advocate for kindness, community, and openness. Alli was awarded the title of Riley Champion 2018 from Riley Children's Hospital for her tireless efforts to fundraise, speak candidly with children about health challenges, and more. Beyond her work with Riley, Alli also serves the community by singing the National Anthem at various events around town, including the Honor Flight Reunion Breakfast. *Nominated by: Amy Wilsbacher*

Melissa Zint—Melissa Zint has an incredible heart and compassion for the poor and hurting, and she seeks ways to provide for their physical and emotional needs. She frequently serves at the United Caring Shelter and often participates in Habitat builds. Her desire to see people better taken care of led her to start a group called See a Need, Fill a Need. She is a gatherer and a leader who truly exemplifies the title of Servant Leader. *Nominated by: Joe Danks*

EDUCATION

Stephanie Barrentine—Stephanie Barrentine enriches the lives of all her kindergarteners through the pursuit of reading. Stephanie creates and hosts several fundraisers a year to ensure there are enough funds to provide every single one of her students with a book of their own. She wants students to know they can succeed and have a life-long love for learning no matter their circumstances. *Nominated by: Kent Brenton*

Alex Burton—As Program Manager for EVSC OptIN, Alex Burton works one-on-one with students to help them identify their interests and develop skills to be successful in the workforce. He inspires the students to stay focused and engaged to complete high school, so that they can be matched with high-quality employers in the community. *Nominated by: Gloria Gibson*

Debbie Calhoun—Debbie Calhoun operates a computer club for youth ages K-12 called MDCDC Bits and Bytes. Twice a month, she teaches kids coding, app-building, robot-programming, and more! This club opens doors for students and adds education to their curriculum that they don't get at school. She often funds the club herself because she

knows the education it provides is something most children will never experience in K-12 school. Debbie is a champion of empowerment and positivity for all. *Nominated by: E is for Everyone*

Kyle Capin—Kyle Capin is the organizer of "Catchin' with Capin", an organization dedicated to the inclusion of children with special needs in sporting activities. The organization began with a one-day event but has since grown to over 300 participants. Capin coordinates with schools in an effort to engage as many students in the area as possible. Like a true servant leader, Kyle's real desire is to provide Evansville's children with the opportunity to be involved. *Nominated by: Kimberly France*

Sean Georges—Sean Georges, Senior Vice President of Human Resources and In-House Counsel for Shoe Carnival, is devoted to sharing messages of leadership. He has been the middle man for collaborations within his work at Shoe Carnival as well as the Evansville community. Sean is regularly presenting materials whether it be with TedxEvansville or at leadership retreats to share his message of, "how can we best achieve our mission?" *Nominated by: Zac Parsons*

Rebekah Hodge—Rebekah Hodge has spent her career going above and beyond for her students. One of her achievements is the success of her academic team. Her team has accomplished great things because of the close connections between teammates and a positive bond with their teacher. She spoke at the Cypress Anti-Bullying Project conference in 2015 to discuss the need for more awareness in the never-ending cycle of bullying in today's school systems. *Nominated by: April Cannon & Larry Hodge*

Zac Parsons—Zac Parsons shows compassion and care for his community through his work with Tedx. By bringing these lecture series to Evansville, Zac is not only boosting entertainment but cultural and societal education in Evansville. His goal is to bring in speakers who help create an environment where residents can learn what makes others tick, how to find their niche, and most importantly, ways they can help others. *Nominated by: Alex Schmitt*

Susan Phelps—Susan Phelps has been a critical behind-the-scenes character in the lives of EVSC students. She was responsible for the implementation of social-emotional learning in all classrooms across the district which has since impacted the lives of over 20,000 students. Her efforts have attracted the attention of Yale University, and she has been working with one of their top neuroeducation professors to discuss new strategies for successfully implementing these styles of learning. *Nominated by: Jason Woebkenberg*

Nominees, continued

Erica Schmidt—Erica Schmidt is the executive director of the Ivy Tech Foundation. From her people-first attitude to her collaborative practices, Erica is a cheerful force to be reckoned with. She worked with the Latino Collaboration Table to bring scholarship opportunities to Ivy Tech for first and second-generation Latino students. Erica always has time for her staff whether that means answering questions on the fly or taking the time to acknowledge their accomplishments. *Nominated by: Liesl Disch*

Marvin Smith—Marvin Smith is an educator at Lincoln who goes above and beyond his call as a teacher. He embraces the diversity of his classroom with open arms by simply treating students as though they are family, whether that means cheering them on at games or extending invitations to spend time with his family. Mr. Smith creates a sense of belonging for his students. *Nominated by: Sarah Bombick*

Lori Sutton—Lori Sutton, Vecten's Director of Diversity, Inclusion, and Human Equity, has been a leader and champion for diversity and inclusion. She brought a new approach to the company called "human equity" as a way to leverage individual characteristics to everyone's advantage. Since its implementation, Vectren has seen increased engagement scores and initiatives proving that using employee strengths and talents is a win for all. *Nominated by: Susan Hardwick*

Jim Walling—Jim Walling, a teacher at Reitz Memorial High School, is an unsung hero for many of his students. Mr. Walling dedicates many hours of his home life to write the band shows—rather than merely buying rights—because he understands the need to make his program affordable to everyone who wants to participate—not just those who could afford to. His classroom is a safe haven, a place to cool off, and a space to work. *Nominated by: Michelle Schymik*

LaNeeça Williams—LaNeeça Williams, the Chief Diversity Officer at UE, exemplifies leadership in the community. She has made it her personal mission to make diversity and inclusion the clear standard on and off UE's campus. She has implemented classes through the Changemaker program to train students to become masters of diversity. LaNeeça has been able to help bring the Diversity House to life, work with first generation college students, and create unique experiences for awareness. *Nominated by: Lisa Marie Hale*

GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC SERVICE, & ENVIRONMENT

Mark Foster—Mark Foster has been a consistent advocate for the Mental Health Court established in 2013. He has committed nearly 125 hours every year to guarantee those in need receive fair treatment in their cases regardless of their financial situation or mental health status. He is more than a defender; Mark Foster is a compassionate, loyal community member who wishes to see the rights of all people respected. *Nominated by: Jill Marcrum*

Kris Holzmeyer—Kris Holzmeyer is truly a public servant as he dedicates his time to helping Evansville's men in blue. Kris has been a volunteer chaplain with the Evansville Police Department for over five years. He believes all police officers could benefit from a helping hand. After listening to the discussions amongst officers, he designed and created a smartphone app specifically for officers' needs. *Nominated by: April Hendricks*


Cathy Myers—Cathy Myers exudes a passion for helping the underprivileged. Her most important commitments are made through her work at her nonprofit organization, HopeDotCom. She works to provide monthly meals for over 175 local individuals. She has met with homeless people to provide them with sleeping bags, backpacks, and other essentials. Cathy branches outward and onward with Camp for Champs, an outreach bent on providing activities for children living in hotels. *Nominated by: Bret Myers*

Neil Reichel—Neil Reichel has transformed his communities through his encouragement of a more inclusive, diverse workplace collaborates and engages with programs for minority workers such as the LGBTQ+ population, women, and more. He hosts innovative leadership meetings that build teamwork and communication skills by creating a positive environment in a high-stress world. Neil has also volunteered with the CASA program because he believes every child deserves an advocate. *Nominated by: Jacqueline Reichel*

Brent Schmitt—Brent Schmitt, Evansville's civil engineer, provides the community with a valuable servant leader. Outside of his normal duties, Brent dedicates his time to overseeing street, sewer, and sidewalk projects aimed at connecting the community. Brent actively listens to the concerns of residents affected by his projects. He attends and hosts meetings and regularly responds to requests for interviews or online questions because he believes in fairness and values input. *Nominated by: Chris Weil*

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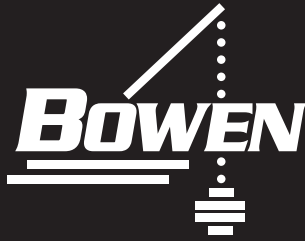
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Nominees, continued

Dave Wedding— Sheriff Dave Wedding has taken his call to duty seriously since his election to the job in 2014. He has helped implement several programs such as the use of online sites like NextDoor to promote security within neighborhoods. He has increased courthouse security and he helped develop the public safety partnership program with USI. Sheriff Wedding has worked tirelessly to address the concerns of Vanderburgh County citizens by using his voice to address legislators. *Nominated by: Noah Robinson*

Jeff Whiteside— Jeff Whiteside is a collaborator and mentor at heart. He doesn't want to simply "distribute funds"; he wants to drive initiative in the community. He has contributed to programs that inspire cities across Indiana including an architectural competition in which architects have the chance to design affordable housing for residents of Indiana. Jeff has kept the interests of his company and community at heart in all that he does. *Nominated by: Hillary Krantz*

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Katryna Braun—Katryna is a smart, talented, and wonderful young leader. She has a big heart and loves to be of service—she especially enjoys helping out with her grandparents. Although young, she is already an example of servant leadership. *Nominated by: Jamie Braun*

Christa Kramer—Christa Kramer is an inspiration to all who attend her fitness classes because of her open, cheery attitude and willingness to listen. She works hard to be in tune with her clients whether that means playing their favorite song or picking a routine that suits their needs that day. Her class is able to welcome everyone regardless of age, physical condition, or fitness level. *Nominated by: DanYelle Hart*

Jack Miller—Jack Miller is an ABA therapist with Hopebridge who helps clients grow and graduate from 1-on-1 sessions. No matter how demanding his work may be, he always brings a positive attitude to his clients. His impact on the children can be seen by the smiles on their faces. If one needed proof of the difference he makes, they'd need to look no further than his clients. As one put it, "I just wanted to say that you are the best." *Nominated by: Deleah Payne*

Arlinda Payne—Arlinda Payne is a local activist who fights for the recognition of women and men of color in the Evansville area. With the rights of Evansville's minorities on her mind, she committed her time to creating the Black Nurses of Evansville. The program recently achieved the ultimate dream of being recognized as an official non-profit. Arlinda's servant heart has led her to focus her strength and helping hands on the youth. *Nominated by: Helen Azarian & Mickle Rabuck*

Danielle Rascoe Williams—A true advocate for mental health with a passion for compassion, Danielle Rascoe-Williams uses her time to host important talks concerning mental health. Danielle believes communities need to raise awareness about mental health and its effects. Danielle has been serving the elderly and those with disabilities in the community by offering her assistance with healthcare plans. She has guided clients as they enrolled in Medicare plans and provided personalized answers to their questions. *Nominated by: Kimberly France*

Kelly Salee—Kelly Salee has served as the executive director at United Methodist Youth Home since 2014. She has made significant changes to help both the young people and the staff members. Salee has implemented a Staff Appreciation Committee and writes personal notes to staff members. She has implemented a plan to grow UMYH to serve more of the community. Results from this plan can already be seen in new programs such as Aftercare. *Nominated by: Allison Harrison*

Marina Tieken—Marina Tieken is a nurse and leader at the Heritage Center whose passions include providing better healthcare and opportunities for the elderly and adolescents. Tieken collaborated with other professionals in order to develop the first Certified Nursing Assistant program at AIS, a program which has provided many students with the ability to explore the healthcare field and focus on graduation. This program drives young people towards an independent, strong career after high school. *Nominated by: Lisa Taylor*

PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

ARTS

2018 ParksFest Music Festival—ParksFest is a proud supporter of the creative community in Evansville. ParksFest is held in the beautiful Garvin Park at no cost. The focus of the festival is to involve all who want to attend. Community is the top priority for the hosts and performers. Their passion for diversity is expressed best through their acts. The performers come from all genres of music and cultures of art to provide an experience all communities can enjoy. *Nominated by: Nathan Jochum*

ARTS-N-THE PARK—Individuals are what make a community, and ARTS-N-THE PARK is striving to make the Glenwood neighborhood feel like a home for residents and beyond. The event boasts activities such as face painting, basketball games, and musical performances from rappers, vocalists, and dancers alike. The event has been made possible thanks to the volunteers and members of the Glenwood Neighborhood Association donating time and talent to organize and execute this event. *Nominated by: Lu Porter & UNOE*

Nominees, continued

Evans Virtual Angel Tree—Angel trees are a wonderful way to give back during the holidays, but an EVSC social worker was searching for a way to make it more accessible. The end result was Evans' Virtual Angel Tree. People across the community were able to easily share the information with one another, and in the end, 104 students were adopted and received their special gifts. *Nominated by: Kelsey Wright*

EVSC Spark Program—EVSC's Spark Program was installed four years ago to encourage students' reading and speech development. By providing the opportunity to experience music education, students can reap the benefits that come with studying music from better focus to discovering a passion and talent for instruments. The students can even select to play the harp, a rare program to be offered. *Nominated by: Sara DeWitt*

Joshua Academy STEM Projects—The collaborative STEM Projects presented at Joshua Academy by Mandy Ford were one-of-a-kind. Students were able to fully embrace their interests in science and technology. The project went above and beyond to teach students how to build and participate in a science fair as well as design their own electrical circuits. This out-of-the-box thinking gave students a way to combine all of their interests into a common goal to achieve both fun and learning. *Nominated by: Jake Kohlmeier*

New Harmony Project—The revitalized New Harmony Project is tackling new projects from musicals to plays to workshops. With so much negativity in today's world, their goal is to bring back the positive views of humanity through the fine arts. They are re-engaging with the residents and challenging them to explore new aspects of life. One of their latest productions was a reading exploring gender and diversity which brought audience members from near and far into similar mindsets. *Nominated by: Scott Wylie*

New Harmony Theatre—The New Harmony Theatre, produced by USI since 1988, has brought a small-town feel to the dominion of theater. NHT collaborates with high-quality actors to bring top notch productions to the community that inspire residents to find joy in everyday things. The group was recently awarded a grant from the Actor's Equity Association and premiered a play by Thom Thomas. Their work has brought significant artists, critics, and producers from all over. *Nominated by: LaNell Lucius*

UE's Mad Hot Ballroom—Students participating in UE's Mad Hot Ballroom program learn collaboration skills. The students come from a variety of backgrounds and learn to interact with one another through partnered dancing. Their partner may be from a different social circle, but their barriers are broken down to form healthy connections. The program concludes with a performance for friends and family to demonstrate the skills they've spent many hours learning. *Nominated by: Chelsea McLear*

COMMUNITY & NEIGHBORHOOD

100 Guys Who Care/100+ Women Who Care—100 Guys Who Care and 100+ Women Who Care are two programs in Evansville dedicated to supporting non-profits. Each of the 300+ combined members pledge to donate \$100 to a charity or non-profit that is selected at their quarterly meeting. Last year, they were able to donate \$52,000 and \$21,000, respective to their recipients. Some of their lucky organizations have been Chemo Buddies, Honor Flight of Southern Indiana, and Cops Connecting with Kids. *Nominated by: Phyllip Davis*

A Year of Hip Hop (AYoHH)—A Year of Hip Hop seeks to unite neighborhoods through a mutual love of music. Their multi-program events have given residents a new outlook on the culture of hip-hop music. Partners like the African American Museum, Wired, and PG have helped voices speak out through hip-hop podcasts, mixtape concerts, and more. By sharing the joy of hip hop, A Year of Hip Hop is breaking down barriers and creating a friendlier, more musical environment. *Nominated by: Heather McNabb*

AstraZeneca VitAliZe Team—AstraZeneca was determined to give back to a community that gave so much to them, so they created their VitAliZe Team. Collectively, the team has helped raise over \$25,000 and provided over 3,400 hours of volunteer work for the community. VitAliZe members have served with Chemo Buddies, Holly's House, and eighteen other non-profits. Outside of volunteering for organizations, they host programs on their own by taking wellness walks, hosting health seminars, and more. *Nominated by: Keith Rawley*

Born Learning Trails—The Born Learning Trails of Evansville were established with the intention of creating more learning opportunities for early learners outside of a classroom, but they have become engaging activities families can complete together. The determined spirit of the Young Leaders United Committee and their dodgeball tournaments raised the funds for these projects. They will provide a more inclusive experience with one of their next trails by creating it in both Spanish and English. *Nominated by: Lee Riddle*

Castle High School Riley Dance Marathon Board—The Castle High School Riley Dance Marathon Board works year-round to raise money and support for their main event: the dance marathon. Their board is made up entirely of Castle students determined to make a difference in the lives of Riley Kids. The group has hosted runs, Christmas caroling, and many other creative fundraisers to show their community that giving back is not only rewarding but fun. *Nominated by: Helen Zimmerman*

Nominees, continued

Cypress Pen Pal Program—The Cypress Pen Pal program brings joy to children from all over through the exchange of letters. The letters provide students with a sense of friendship, belonging, and compassion. When an earthquake struck Italy, the pen pals were able to provide comfort to one another. By creating connections across the globe, the Cypress Pen Pal Program shows a deep respect for diversity and inclusion no matter your nationality, language, or religion. *Nominated by: Linda Negro*

Evansville Day of the Dead—Evansville's Day of the Dead was created to fill the need for cultural education and experience. The community felt culture could only be taught so much in schools, yet it wasn't enough. The solution to the problem was an event filled with positivity and inclusion. The program has grown to reach over 1,000 community members and is run completely by the community with help from local businesses such as La Campirana, Fiesta Evansville, and more. *Nominated by: Kerry Sensenbrenner*

Evansville Lost Pets - Facebook Page—The Evansville Lost Pets Facebook Page is redefining the term "Good Samaritan". ELP has helped reunite lost pets with their owners by giving those who find pets a place to share photos and spread the word. A perfect example of the ELP's magic is the case of the blind Boxer. With the help of the page, the dog's owner was found in 43 minutes. *Nominated by: Alex Schmitt*

Festival of Nations—Festival of Nations seeks to showcase the beautiful diversity within Evansville. They celebrate uniqueness with a day of eating international cuisine and exploring cultural artifacts. The festival started five years ago as a small school initiative but has since grown to a local event. Recently, they were able to incorporate the contributions of over fifteen restaurants, six businesses, and three universities. They were able to represent twenty-six countries in 2018 with tables, dances and songs. *Nominated by: Jacqueline Barrette*

Free Thanksgiving Meal in Haynie's Corner—With gracious teamwork and a little generosity, the neighbors and businesses of Haynie's Corner were able to host an extravagant Thanksgiving meal event. 250 free meals were gifted to individuals and families who may have otherwise gone without a Thanksgiving feast. Local restaurants like Sauced provided chefs and bartenders to cook for the community. The commitment to helping thy neighbor, in this case, not only made it a real possibility but a true success. *Nominated by: Mary Allen*

Glenwood Leadership Academy Affordable Christmas—A partnership between Glenwood Leadership Academy and Crossroads Christian Church has enabled low-income families to purchase the perfect gift for their children with

the Affordable Christmas program. The gifts are donated by church members, so the school can offer each gift for \$2. All the money made from the event goes back to support the school to create an endless cycle of giving for the families of Glenwood. *Nominated by: Jason Woebkenberg*

HCAD Christmas Tree Lighting—The HCAD Christmas Tree Lighting came into existence in November 2018. Around 200 people gathered in Haynie's Corner to light the tree, sing carols, and simply be together under the glow of holiday cheer. Countless volunteers worked together to secure the tree, the lights, and decorations, so people from all neighborhoods could make their way to the lighting and enjoy it. *Nominated by: Alex Schmitt*

Healthy Harvest—Healthy Harvest is a relatively new initiative bringing big change to Evansville. The program seeks to bring fresh, healthy produce to those with little access to nutritious foods. Recipients are taught how to properly store and maximize their produce. A collaboration with Seton Harvest distributing fresh produce to St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and several other food banks makes this process flow. *Nominated by: Ashley Tenbarge*

Jacobsville Kids Zone—The Jacobsville Kids Zone is a collaborative project aimed at helping families meet their education goals and improve the neighborhood. The Kids Zone works cohesively with the Dream Center and HOPE of Evansville to develop a well-rounded community program. Families and volunteers connect with one another and form positive partnerships that focus on developing goals for progression, transporting children to school, cleaning up the neighborhood, and empowering everyone to be self-sufficient. *Nominated by: Joshua Case*

Lincolnshire Front Porch Festival—Lincolnshire Front Porch Festival is focused on showcasing the musical diversity of Evansville's residents, past and present, through historical musical presentations as well as current, hip selections. The event was created by a collaboration of residents in the Lincolnshire area looking for a way to share their neighborhood. Guests found they were able to participate in a wide range of activities beyond music from a yoga class to a pedicab ride. *Nominated by: Sarah Klumper*

Little Lambs—Little Lambs is a local store dedicated to the youngest among us. Little Lambs has allied itself with prenatal and pediatric care services to provide clients with necessary information. Their services include nutritional and behavioral information as well. The program has grown beyond advocacy for babies' health. Little Lambs now hosts parenting classes. Through these classes, they are able to provide new parents with advice from diapers to baby food. *Nominated by: Keely Griggs*

Nominees, continued

Mickey's Kingdom Playground—Mickey's Kingdom, the new all-abilities playground downtown, was a huge community project coordinated by a dedicated group of construction captains. The volunteer captains gave their time before the construction even began and then they and the 3,500 trained volunteers worked tirelessly for twelve hours a day to meet the deadline. The result is a beautiful, new play place that the entire community feels a part of. *Nominated by: Kelly Yarde, Phillip Davis, & Franklin Zinanni*

SMILE A Night of Stars and Style—A Night of Stars and Style is a celebratory project that brings together local celebrities and SMILE's self-advocates at Eastland Mall for a night of glam, glitz, and empowerment. The night brings families, the media, and other community resources together to spread the message of awareness and inclusion. The goal of the night is to empower young children with disabilities, and the program has been succeeding in its mission for the past 4 years now. *Nominated by: Alex Schmitt*

Test Drive Evansville—Test Drive Evansville is a brilliant way to uplift the local nonprofits and charitable services located in the Evansville area. The project was set up to help raise awareness of various organizations around town. A deserving program is selected one at a time to be their featured organization. Test Drive then uses their advertising capabilities for their featured organization to spread the message and information out to the community. *Nominated by: Lorie Van Hook*

UNOE Candidates' Forum—The United Neighborhoods of Evansville understand the importance of local elections, so as a response to contested elections, they created the Candidates' Forum. During the forum, candidates in any contested race are given time to speak to constituents about their campaign, key issues, and their concerns regarding neighborhoods. Citizens in attendance are given the time to ask candidates questions face-to-face in order to build connections and trust. *Nominated by: United Neighborhoods of Evansville*

W2DO—The W2DO app has helped solve a problem plaguing residents and visitors to Evansville alike: what is there to do this weekend? The creators of W2DO have partnered with several community organizations to create an app that is a one-stop resource for providing information about entertainment, positive attractions, and more for visitors or residents. By introducing this app, the team has gone above and beyond to keep the Evansville party alive. *Nominated by: Christopher Johnson*

West Side Nut Club Santa Land—The Friday after Thanksgiving the West Side Nut Club sets up a winter wonderland at Acorn Plaza to create Santa Land. The community is invited to explore, eat cookies, drink cocoa, and take pictures with Santa. The group event organizes costumed characters for

spreading joy and cheer to all. The event is a simple way to kickstart the holiday season for all who visit Franklin Street in December. *Nominated by: Alex Schmitt*

YWCA Live Y'ers—The Live Y'ers program is a collaborative, diverse project that works with three schools to empower girls and show them the impact they can have. The program focuses on helping girls use their voice to make a positive contribution to their community. They serve over 200 at-risk third through eighth graders with their after-school mentoring program. Their efforts have helped girls graduate high school, combat teen pregnancy, and focus on living a drug-free life. *Nominated by: Renae Land*

EDUCATION

AstraZeneca Mt. Vernon Network of Women—AstraZeneca Mt. Vernon's Network of Women is an organization created to provide support and development opportunities to women. They recently helped organize and host the Women's Summit where employees from multiple sites were educated about creating a diverse and engaging environment. The women and men of the conference were able to learn more about themselves as well as their co-workers through lessons on effective feedback, acceptance, and adjustment. *Nominated by: Kathleen Irwin*

Aviation-Themed STEM Camp—The Evansville Regional Airport felt it needed to provide an opportunity for future pilots, and the result was a partnership with Evansville's Children's Museum to create their aviation-themed STEM camp. Campers work together on problem-solving projects and experience the basic principles of flight. The camp has seen great success as it continues to sell out and grow. *Nominated by: Leslie Fella*

Carver Community Organization AARP Foundation Experience Corps—Volunteers 50 and older use their literacy skills to teach K-3 students struggling with reading through a collaborative relationship with the students and teachers. Each volunteer works in small groups or one-on-one situations depending upon the needs of students. However, they are more than just reading buddies. They are supporters and inspire confidence in their student matches. The twenty-five-plus volunteers with the Carver Community Organization encourage the next generation to become strong students and eventually strong employees with time, talent and patience. *Nominated by: Keely Griggs*

Changemaker Challenge at the University of Evansville—The Changemaker Challenge has incentivized students across the country to think hard about the problems devastating their communities and come up with innovative ways to solve them. The challenge has created leaders and inspired

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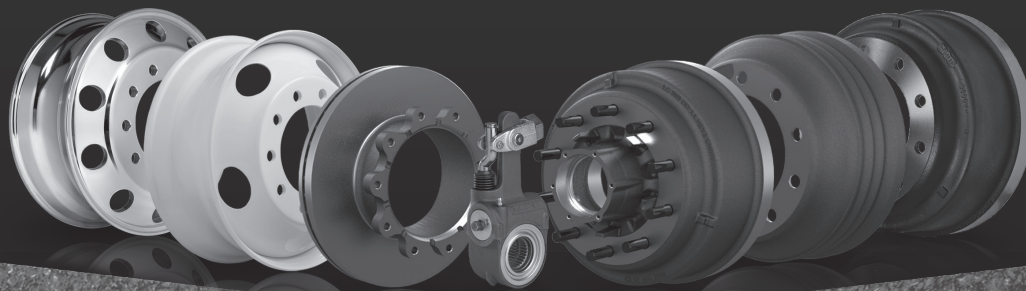
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Nominees, continued

shy students to step into the spotlight. The winners of the challenges have brought growth to Evansville by proposing new modes of transportation like the bike share program and internet access to the outdoor community through the CommuniTree at Mickey's Kingdom. *Nominated by: Scott Wylie*

Dare to Dream—The Dare to Dream program has become a stand-alone mentoring program in recent years that challenges students to think of their futures. They help students research and explore careers and universities they may enjoy after high school. The sixth to twelfth grade students are able to go through the campus tours together to build friendships and realize they're not the only ones going through struggles in life. *Nominated by: Keely Griggs*

Day Treatment - United Methodist Youth Home—The Day Treatment Program at United Methodist Youth Home is preparing young people for their TASC (Test Assessing Secondary Completion). The program takes in former students who struggled with traditional school or who can no longer attend to prepare them for the GED-replacement test. They provide lessons on resume building and taxes, and their partnership with Vincennes University provides a free enrollment in a certification program. *Nominated by: Allison Harrison*

EVSC Fine Arts Honors Programs—The EVSC Fine Arts Honors Program encourages students' love and passion for the arts. They encourage student collaboration across school lines to form an inclusive group that draws on everyone's strengths. Students helping students has been one of the many positive outcomes of the honors program. The experience of learning to lead and collaborate is the real prize for these students. *Nominated by: Emily Smith McCormick*

EVSC OptIN Program—The EVSC OptIN Program explores high-paying, high-demand careers with students. By discussing opportunities with students, they are creating options for success, but they're also showing students they can have a successful career right here in their hometown. Some of Evansville's biggest names in business joined forces with the program to give first-hand accounts of the big opportunities that await them after they complete high school, college, or a post-secondary certificate. *Nominated by: Sara DeWitt*

EVSC Wee Care—The EVSC Wee Care program was a response to the cry for affordable, accessible daycare. The service provides low-cost childcare for employees of the EVSC year-round until the children are ready to enter kindergarten. Wee Care teachers focus on creating lessons that encourage literacy development and important life skills. Children are cared for as individuals with different learning styles and interests because Wee Care believes every child deserves the best. *Nominated by: Sara DeWitt*

Glenwood Leadership Academy—Glenwood Leadership Academy has dedicated itself to its students' education through their new wave of teaching based on socio-emotional learning. Students work in teams to focus on a daily learning goal, and they use peer support as a way to work through academic struggles. Thanks to the willingness of Glenwood teachers to take a more hands-off approach, students are able to be leaders in their own education. *Nominated by: Kelsey Wright*

Health Science Institute—Since it was established in 1991, the Deaconess Health Science Institute has provided hundreds of students with the experience of working with certified physicians and observing their practices. Through the institute, students are able to become aware of their interest in the medical profession before choosing a college major. The program collaborates with staff from several departments and coordinates field trips to hospitals such as the IU School of Medicine- Evansville and Eskenazi Health Campus. *Nominated by: Linda E. White*

Historic Main Street Tour—Kelley Coures and Josh Armstrong felt the history of downtown Evansville was too important to be lost, so they began their Historic Main Street Tour on a whim. They brought in crowds to share long-forgotten facts about the heart of downtown. They reminded folks that nearly every building on Main Street had caught fire at one point. The pair volunteered to share the past out of kindness and a passion for Evansville. *Nominated by: Alex Schmitt*

Holy Family Center for Life FertilityCare Program—The FertilityCare Program helps women and families understand fertility. The center can also help individual families understand how their own fertility is working. With this understanding, they can work together to achieve any fertility goals they have. The advice and consultations of the practitioners at the Holy Family Center for Life comes at a reduced cost because they wish to help their patient understand their health. *Nominated by: Kelli Lovell*

iEngineering 2.0 Summer Experience—An engineering camp experience like none other. iEngineering 2.0 is a two-week camp for seventh and eighth graders that guides them through the wonderful world of the engineering fields. Their experiences include robotics, architectural fundamentals, CAD software, and much more. All students in the surrounding area are welcome to the camp as the goal of iEngineering is to inspire a community to become the next generation of engineers and manufacturers. *Nominated by: Jason Woebkenberg*

Nominees, continued

Pathfinders Project— A collaboration of individuals banded together to help young minds explore careers in the STEAM field. Pathfinders wanted to find a way to break through and give children the choice to experience new fields of learning. The ability to explore their interests gives students the tools needed to make important decisions later in their educational career. The program shows initiative by bringing applicable, real-world focuses and field trips.

Nominated by: Karese Johnson

Second Saturday Stories— Second Saturday Stories is a next-level book club. Those attending meet at the airport to listen to stories, but they sing songs, create art pieces, and play robotics as well. The event promotes literacy as well as use of the public library. The EVPL awards books, t-shirts, and frequency cards to encourage children and their parents to love reading again.

Nominated by: Leslie Fella

The Collegiate Men of Distinction— The Collegiate Men of Distinction aim to create role models and scholars out of students. They create strong leaders by laying the group's foundation at their feet. Members are in charge of leading and presenting meetings and deep-thinking and reflection practices. By entrusting their men with all of the aspects of the organization, they are encouraging them to seriously take charge of their lives while simultaneously examining their own goals and how far they've come.

Nominated by: D'Angelo Taylor

Young & Established's Backpack Drive— The backpack drive hosted by Young and Established each August has helped provide over 500 children with the necessary supplies needed to start the school year. They encourage students to seek out reading and its resources by signing them up for a library card at the Evansville Central Library. Countless volunteers collaborate with one another to make this event as wonderful as possible because they feel a child's education should never have to suffer. *Nominated by: Sarah Kluemper*

Youth Resources Teen Power— Youth Resources' Teen Power project is aimed at helping young leaders stay drug-free. It is the only youth-led substance abuse prevention program in southwestern Indiana that doubles as a leadership development program. The group behind Teen Power organizes interactive activities for their peers using evidence-based information. Members collaborate with one another as well as faculty to create effective programs for students to help them participate in a drug-free lifestyle.

Nominated by: Alex Schmitt

GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC SERVICE & ENVIRONMENT

American Red Cross Services to Armed Forces Totes of Hope—

The Totes of Hope program took off in Evansville thanks to Robin Roth's work with the American Red Cross Services to Armed Forces. The program trusts selfless volunteers to bring attention to the cause and encourage donations. Recently, their efforts resulted in around 375 totes with necessities like toiletries being delivered to homeless veterans in the Evansville community. *Nominated by: Kimberly France*

EVSC Solar Field Project—The EVSC, in partnership with the Energy Systems Group, has become the first in the area to bring solar power to its schools. As an effort to save money and conserve energy, the EVSC has implemented two solar fields. These fields will drastically reduce the amount of energy used by the EVSC, so they are free to spend money on improving the education and learning environment of students. *Nominated by: Jason Woebkenberg*

Honor Flight of Southern Indiana, Inc.—Since 2014, the Honor Flight of Southern Indiana has been providing America's Veterans with what one veteran calls "the honor of a lifetime"—a trip to Washington D.C. to honor their sacrifices. Flights are funded by donations from individuals, corporations, foundations and other groups who wish to be an important part of honoring these heroes. HFSI also hosts alumni meals, activities, and more. The collaboration among the board, volunteers, and committees for HFSI is second to none.

Nominated by: Leslie Fella

Lincoln Food Pantry—The Lincoln Food Pantry is an easy-access, on-site food pantry for families in need. The pantry does more than provide food for these families. Their trove of resources is always available for families to find support. With the Tri-State Food Bank, Lincoln School, and the EVSC working together, families are able to receive a monthly package.

Nominated by: Kelsey Wright

SICTC Public Safety Program—The SICTC Public Safety Program is an incredible opportunity for high school students to explore careers in public safety. Through a collaborative partnership with local departments, students can learn and train with current firefighters, police officers, and emergency responders. The program provides courses in nearly all public safety fields, so students from surrounding counties can find their passion for protecting their fellow citizens.

Nominated by: Sara DeWitt

Nominees, continued

Vanderburgh Humane Society Low-Cost Spay & Neuter Clinic—The VHS Low-Cost Spay & Neuter Clinic has been working relentlessly since 2007 to help stop the ever-growing population of homeless animals. They have performed around 73,000 surgeries on animals in their care and beyond to prevent more litters of homeless puppies and kittens. They understand these operations at a private vet can be expensive, so they provide the operations at a lower cost in hopes of assisting more owners. *Nominated by: Leslie Fella*

WeTip Anonymous Crime Hotline—The WeTip Anonymous Crime Hotline has become an invaluable program since its inception in 2015. The hotline's anonymity provides callers with a sense of safety and trust knowing they won't be put at risk for reporting a crime. WeTip has united the EPD, the VC Prosecutor's Office, and the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department in an effort to reduce crime. By increasing reporting, they are fostering a safer and better community. *Nominated by: Jess Powers*

Young Professionals Conference—The Young Professionals Conference was developed for aspiring professionals to connect with one another and top leaders in business. Organizers from multiple networks came together to create a program that featured an Evansville native as the keynote speaker and a CEO luncheon where young professionals had the opportunity to sit with current leaders. The 150 people in attendance were able to gain valuable advice on what it takes to be a successful leader. *Nominated by: Nate Hahn*

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

"Meat" the Need 2018—1 in 5 households with children in Indiana struggle to meet the food needs of their family, so "Meat" the Need 2018 is helping combat this statistic. The goal of the program is to provide nutritious food to local families. They have provided over 15,000 meals and around 4,000 pounds of meat to low-income families around Posey County. The program would not be as successful without the assistance of local farmers and businesses. *Nominated by: Jason Wilson*

Community Job Link through The Arc of Evansville—Community Job Link is a local organization dedicated to encouraging and supporting employers in the hiring of employees with special needs. The goal of job coaches with Job Link is to collaborate with both the employee and employer throughout the hiring process by providing training, scheduling, and making matches between two parties that fosters a healthy work environment. Many of their placements have gone on to become successful, long-term employees. *Nominated by: Jamie Sills*

Deaconess Classic for Women's Health—The Deaconess Classic for Women's Health, a women's golf tournament for women's health, is completely volunteer-based and has helped raise millions for women around the region. The tournament funds have helped provide more than 12,000 necessary mammograms and ultrasounds to women who couldn't afford them. Physicians were able to purchase new digital and 3-D equipment to better serve their patients and find answers to women's most important health questions. *Nominated by: Mark Moore*

Deaconess Multidisciplinary Breast Cancer Program—The Multidisciplinary Breast Center Program provides with faster, more expansive treatment options as possible. By collaborating with physicians around the county, doctors within the program can find the best option for their patients. The program has helped women find answers by reducing their wait times significantly. To provide patients with this level of care they developed a multi-physician approach to appointments that emphasizes clarity, communication, and patient-centric practices. *Nominated by: Lindsey Johnson*

iCare—The iCare program comes from the minds of volunteers and the Albion Fellows Bacon Center staff. The program was focused on two important goals: raising awareness to the severity of domestic violence and sharing the truth that it can happen to anyone regardless of status. To share this important and often understated message the volunteers created a rally. They encouraged residents to register and show support for victims by wearing symbols of solidarity. *Nominated by: Rob Henson*

Medication Assistance Program—When patients have nowhere else to turn, the Medication Assistance Program is there to help. MAP works with other services to find prescription medication at a sufficiently reduced cost for their patients. The program is free for said patients, and thanks to the dedicated pharmacists with the Medical Assistance Program the equivalent of nearly \$55 million in medication has been provided to those in need. *Nominated by: Lynn Lingafelter*

Neighborhood Baby Shower—Launched in 2018, the Neighborhood Baby Shower event series is facilitated by the Vanderburgh County Health Department. Connecting at-risk mothers and infants to community resources and education to reduce the infant mortality rate, the shower series fosters community collaboration with over 20 local partnerships accomplishing this purpose. The first part of the shower resembles a health fair, while the second half includes a classic baby shower. Food, cake, games, and prizes are all donated to take the event to the next level. *Nominated by: Arlinda Payne*

Nominees, continued

Reclaimed Lives International—Reclaimed Lives International is a heartfelt organization for the rescued women of Myanmar. They make goods and crafts for Love Loom House, which are then brought to Evansville and sold, and the profits are used to provide these women with the essentials. They are able to make a livable wage, afford food and a place to live. *Nominated by: Alex Schmitt*

The Vanderburgh County Health Department's Pre to 3 Program—The Vanderburgh County Health Department's Pre to 3 Program is working for mothers and babies to improve the outcomes for babies in Southwestern Indiana. They meet with mothers-to-be to answer questions and discuss important concepts like bonding. Recently, they have expanded their borders to include the same Pre to 3 services in Spanish. Now more mothers can receive the care and attention they need without the struggle of a language barrier. *Nominated by: Fred McCool*

United Against Opioids—United Against Opioids is a collaborative project involving the mayor's office, United Way of SWI, and other local partners. Their mission is to dedicate their resources to aiding those affected by the opioid crisis. Their compassion extends to both addicts and their families. Their main goal is to help families cope with their loved one's illness and to help those experiencing addiction take responsibility and find a route to sobriety. *Nominated by: Sarah Klumper*

BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS

ARTS

Evansville Civic Theatre, Inc.—Evansville Civic Theatre doesn't just enrich our community through its high-quality, thought-provoking productions. They partner with other community arts groups, are actively working on improving their neighborhood,

and utilize theatre to promote ideas such as anti-bullying. Productions are chosen with community input and are made to appeal to diverse audiences. And all of the actors, and those that make magic happen behind the scenes, are volunteers! *Nominated by: Laura Scott*

Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana—Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana are inspiring local young ladies to connect, contribute, and celebrate southwest Indiana in the spirit of e is for everyone. They recently attended the Unleash Strong event, where the community rallied to unleash the strength within every G.I.R.L. Girl Scouts were asked to create their own 'e' and explain what they like about their community. They're now in the process of designing their own e is for everyone badge for troops. *Nominated by: e is for everyone*

New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art—The New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art is one of a kind. The only nonprofit gallery dedicated exclusively to new contemporary artwork in the area, the gallery has dedicated itself to showcasing artwork from a diverse network of artists hailing mostly from the Midwest in order to celebrate this region. Their open atmosphere presents an opportunity not only for artists to share their work but for the community to receive an education. *Nominated by: Scott Wylie*

COMMUNITY & NEIGHBORHOOD

A+Derr Heating and Cooling—A+Derr Heating and Cooling understands the hardships many veterans face when they return from active duty. Last year they hosted a contest in which they donated and installed a new heating & AC system to a veteran in need. Aside from the aid, their secondary goal was to increase awareness and inspire other businesses to provide similar help to local veterans. *Nominated by: Mary Casteel*

Bearded Villains of Indiana—The Bearded Villains of Indiana set out to raise money for local charities by organizing all kinds of fundraisers. One of their recent ideas was both fun and unique: they hosted a beard competition that brought donations and awareness to Soldier Dogs for Independence. A man with a beard and a need to create change is all it takes. *Nominated by: Megan Scott*

Common Ground Community Kitchen—A home-cooked, locally grown meal is what you'll find at Common Ground Kitchen. This organization, run by a compassionate mother-daughter duo, is dedicated to providing fresh, healthy meals for community members while simultaneously collaborating with local farmers and growers. Common Ground does more than provide meals at low cost—they offer cooking classes, recipes, and meal ideas to help families eat healthier, fresh, plant-based meals. *Nominated by: Robin Mallory*

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Nominees, continued

The Daily Grind—Tara Gore built The Daily Grind, in the Professional Building behind the Civic Center, as restaurant that seeks to understand the dietary needs of her customers and provide excellent food within those guidelines. She sources all of her natural ingredients locally, working with other businesses to provide the finest and healthiest food to her customers. She has emphasized hiring a diverse workforce to complement her diverse menu. *Nominated by: Joe Danks*

Diamond Galleria—The Diamond Galleria, through its owner Burt Wheat and his late wife, Tyna, inspires support of area charities through its robust program of event sponsorships and event support. A diverse array of charities are supported by the Galleria, from the arts to human services. The business is unique in its level of engagement with philanthropic efforts and a great example for all businesses in the community. *Nominated by: Scott Wylie*


Evansville Teachers Federal Credit Union—The Evansville Teachers Federal Credit Union raised more than \$80,000 and volunteered hundreds of work hours in constructing Habitat home No. 492. Each year, the bank challenges its employees to volunteer by donating portions of their paycheck to Habitat for Humanity in order to raise money for new home builds.

Inspired by these challenges, employees willingly devote their time to raising awareness and increasing funding for the Habitat project. *Nominated by: Tim Ethridge*

Golf Gives Back Inc.—Since 2012, Golf Gives Back has been collaborating with the PGATOUR and various sponsors to create an out-of-this-world golf tournament. In 2018, the tournament impacted regional charities with donations rounding out at \$400,000. The mission of the Golf Gives Back board is to increase the brand awareness of our region, provide a world class experience for golf enthusiasts, and contribute significant funds to regional charitable organizations. *Nominated by: Jack Pate*

Granted—Granted is an exceptional organization dedicated to bringing joy to children who are facing terminal illnesses. Every Wish is a carefully thought out collaboration of the child, family, medical professionals, staff, and board. Granted team members form relationships with the child and family that offer ongoing, sustained encouragement and connection, making Granted a unique and special organization. *Nominated by: Maggie Long*

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Nominees, continued

Union's priority and mission is volunteering. HFCU employees, their friends and families, along with the Board of Directors and Supervisory Committee members, volunteer together without compensation as HFCU's Sea of Red. Year after year, HFCU has a record of volunteering through their People Helping People program, with over 2,000 volunteer hours to many outstanding nonprofits. This program allows them to support as well as engage with the community.

Nominated by: Holly Smith

High Score Saloon—After just one year in business, High Score Saloon has already raised over \$11,000 for local charities. Once a month, the pub/arcade holds a charity event for a local organization from VHS to the American Cancer Society. The cover charges and money collected from pinball machines are donated to various charities in the area. Beyond this event, they've hosted supply drives for children in need and donated the collections to EVSC and CASA.

Nominated by: Sarah Kluemper

Mothers At War Ministries and Resource Center, Inc.—Mothers at War Ministries provides group counseling to mothers whose children have been incarcerated. The focus of the group is to listen and encourage mothers who need to heal emotionally. They also supply the means for these women to visit and connect with their children. Their hope is to lend mothers comfort during the most challenging times of their lives.

Nominated by: Angela Watson

Our Times—Our Times Newspaper is a local newspaper founded by Sondra Matthews that emphasizes diversity. Despite the current climate, Our Times continues to deliver sincerity in its reporting every other week. The paper is dedicated to informing citizens of current events as well as teaching the value of history and its preservation. The cultural significance Matthews' newspaper brings is one of its most important qualities. Our Times is a visionary way to bring the community into "the know," united.

Nominated by: Kimberly France

River Kitty Cat Café—The River Kitty Cat Café is a remarkable little café with a big heart for animals and animal-lovers. The café has collaborated with the Vanderburgh County Humane Society to provide adoptable cats a comfortable setting for interacting with the public. Thanks to their efforts, over 200 cats have been successfully adopted.

Nominated by: Tim Black

St Vincent Early Learning Center—The St. Vincent Early Learning Center is an accredited care center dedicated to the success of children. The center has been providing families with affordable, educational options for daycare. St. Vincent works with low-income families who cannot afford the costs of childcare. Beyond caring daily for the the

children, the Early Learning Center starts these young minds on a path toward education by teaching them basic skills so they are prepared for their school career.

Nominated by: Sarah Kluemper

SouthSide Stars Youth Zone—The youth of the Tepe Park neighborhood needed an engagement program that would explore leadership skills and educational opportunities. Community members Lisa and Cathy recognized this need and stepped up to the plate. They founded Southside Stars Youth Zone to draw in young people with fun yet life-skills-friendly activities. In recent years, the program has grown to become a part of the Promise Zone. *Nominated by: Alisha Aman*

Tepe Park Neighborhood Association—With determination to spread good throughout its neighborhood, Tepe Park Neighborhood Association has helped reduce crime and raise trust in their region of the city. They have focused on creating positive alternatives for the area children. Tepe Park Neighborhood Association is a shining example of what all neighborhood associations should be: inclusive, focused, and positive. *Nominated by: Helen Azarian*

Townsquare Media And 911 Gives Hope Charity—Townsquare Media is a staunch supporter of our community. Sponsoring Guns and Hoses and supporting 911 Gives Hope For The Holiday Toy Drive, Townsquare Media has provided these non-profits with a voice. For 10 years, they have assisted in filling a 53 foot semitrailer with Christmas toys for hospital-bound children. *Nominated by: Franklin Zinanni*

United Methodist Youth Home—United Methodist Youth Home has been serving at-risk adolescents in our community for 40 years. They provide life skill resources to enable these youth to choose a successful future. Partnering with community connections, UMYH is able to provide training in interviewing and career skills as well as the opportunity to earn job certificates. *Nominated by: Tia O'Neil*

William Wilson Auction-Reality—Wilson Auctions serves the community by providing auction services for some nonprofit fundraising events, where they go above and beyond to ensure the organizations have the best tools to run the best fundraiser possible. They recently helped The Literacy Center complete their biggest fundraiser of the year. Their kindness and generosity toward the community is uncommon.

Nominated by: Sarah Timmons

Yoga and More—Kathi and Randy Gerth co-built Yoga & More with one goal in mind: to create a mindful, healthy space where all people could learn how to relax in their everyday lives. Their studio presents an open environment where all are welcome to escape the looming stresses of their busy lives. And every holiday, they offer a donation-based class with a different nonprofit as the beneficiary.

Nominated by: Michelle Kirk

Nominees, continued

Young Life—Young Life begins with adults who are concerned enough about kids to go to them, on their turf and in their culture, building bridges of authentic friendship. Young Life reaches middle school aged kids through college aged students across all denominations, providing the opportunity for them to feel loved and included. *Nominated by: Joe Danks*

EDUCATION

Harwood Career Preparatory High School—Harwood Career Preparatory's approach to learning is one that engages not only students' minds but hearts as well. The school offers unique opportunities from CNA certification to performing arts. Full of staff that embraces servant leadership, this school is dedicated to providing its students with a life-changing education. *Nominated by: Jake Kohlmeier*

Optimal Rhythms/ACCESS Academy—Optimal Rhythms and ACCESS Academy have collaborated to give non-verbal autistic children a chance at better communication. Children that once couldn't communicate with their parents now have a way to do it all on their own. Overall, the organization is dedicated to providing children on the autistic spectrum with a place to learn, thrive, and feel exceptional. *Nominated by: Paula Lemmer & Bobbi Hatfield*

Sharon Elementary School—The staff at Sharon Elementary School goes above and beyond for every student. They involve local churches, banks, and businesses to help support their students. They have implemented "The Crusader Way" to make sure every student knows they are loved, have a safe place, and a safe person at school. "The Crusader Way" is a multi-faceted, multi-tiered approach utilizing data-tracking to improving relationships of all stakeholders, taking staff, student and parent concerns into account. *Nominated by: Ashlee Bruggenschmidt*

GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC SERVICE & ENVIRONMENT

Downtown Evansville Economic Improvement District (EID)—After years of fighting for formation and funding, the Downtown Evansville Economic Improvement District became a reality. EID garnered neighborhood support for their initiatives to serve the interests of their businesses and residents. Their starting projects included logo and brand development for businesses, installing festive decor downtown for a cheery holiday, and removing waste to freshen up the downtown environment. *Nominated by: Otha Warren*

Energy Systems Group (ESG)—"Push Further. Think Beyond." is the slogan of the Energy Systems Group. With a customer-focused business, ESG makes time to give back to their customers and community. They support employees with time

to give back to their community and the very customers they serve during their day job. From tutoring students to contributing monetarily to Habitat for Humanity, the employees and administration at ESG are focused on bringing positive change to their community. *Nominated by: Meram El Ramahi*

EPD Mounted Patrol—The EPD Mounted Patrol serves as an attraction and conversation starter in downtown Evansville as many residents stop to pet the horses and end up forming connections with their officers. By protecting and serving our community on horseback, the officers bring joy and diversity to the community while providing peace of mind. *Nominated by: Don Crankshaw*

Family Matters of Posey County—Family Matters of Posey County is an entirely donations-based organization dedicated to helping families by providing services that range from job searches to the Backpack Event that brought in over 400 donated backpacks, haircuts, and more. The organization coordinates with several others around the county including the Salvation Army and their bell ringers to bring in donations and resources for all. *Nominated by: Marissa Priddis*

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

414 Collective—The 414 Collective (formerly the Hadassah Group) is a team of women seeking to serve other women of the community by providing guidance, a listening ear, or a helping hand to those in the local sex industry. Their aim is to help women achieve their life-long goals, whether it be by helping secure important forms of ID, to apply for future jobs or finding counseling centers. *Nominated by: Mary Arnold*

BrainPower Neurodevelopmental Center—BrainPower is all about involvement and quality service for children with autism and neurodevelopmental disorders. Their mission has been to provide children with free or low-cost events and therapies because all children deserve to develop their skills and explore their limitless potential. At the heart of it, BrainPower cares for their patients and parents more than anything else, and the happy outcome is the most satisfying reward. *Nominated by: Leeann Butrum*

CAJE: Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment—Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment is an interfaith organization devoted to serving the community. Their belief is that no matter a person's background they deserve to feel safe and respected. This is why they have collaborated with other local establishments such as Aurora, ECHO Housing, and the Department of Metropolitan Development in an effort to increase the amount of funding available for low-income housing. Their efforts have succeeded and ensured \$500K for the affordable housing budget in 2019. *Nominated by: Amy DeVries*

Nominees, continued

Deaconess Heart Group—The Deaconess Heart Group is one of the largest, most experienced heart health providers in the area. Thanks to their numerous resources Deaconess is able to provide a much-needed outreach program that gives patient care close to home. The group doesn't shy away from asking for help in providing services to patients. Making sure patients have the access to the services and specialists they need is always their number one priority.

Nominated by: Jared Florence

IN ATV Safety Coalition—The IN ATV Safety Coalition is a collaborative force with one mission: protect the community by informing the community. The team, with representatives from the Vanderburgh County Health Department, St. Vincent and Deaconess Injury and Prevention, IN DNR, Play for Kate, etc., has worked tirelessly to promote ATV safety and help pass helmet legislation. The efforts have begun to spread nationally with states as far as New Mexico requesting a Safety Sam of their own.

Nominated by: Ashlee Bruggenschmidt

Just Stylin' Salon—Just Stylin' Salon has gone far beyond just cutting and styling hair. The salon partners with Children with Hair Loss to create awareness, raise money, and donate its services to provide free wigs to children in need. Using hair donated by customers, they create, cut, and style the wig as closely to the child's natural hair as possible. The Salon also does free cuts for veterans and helps empower youths with their image at United Methodist Youth Home.

Nominated by: Jake Hicks

Linda E. White Hospice House—Having to utilize hospice is never an easy decision, but the Linda E. White Hospice House is dedicated to helping patients and their families have the smoothest experience possible. The staff go above and beyond in caring for patients by providing sunlit rooms and around-the-clock care. They also have dedicated, comfortable, adjoining family rooms so those who wish to be by their loved one's side always can.

Nominated by: David Schutte

MASIHA Speciality Clinic—The Muslim Association of Southern Indiana for Health Advancement (MASIHA) and its specialty health clinic exist to eradicate illness in the Evansville community by providing free, high-level medical care with 13 specialties to low-income residents. The clinic operates with a Zero Discrimination policy—services are provided without regard of race, gender, religion, nationality, or sexual orientation. *Nominated by: Helen Azarian*

Parenting Time Center—Children are often the lost victims of court battles and feuding families, but the Parenting Time Center is determined to change that. The organization was created by attorney Kathryn Kornblum-Zelle as a safe place for parents to exchange or spend time with their children, and receive relationship counseling. The center works to provide a secure environment that stops the cycle of familial conflict many children of addiction, domestic violence, or divorced households may experience.

Nominated by: Amy Bouchie & Dave Walker

Willow Tree of Posey County—The Willow Tree of Posey County is a phenomenal supporter for victims of domestic violence and abuse. They provide a wide range of services to educate, comfort, and help victims with the aid of local relationships from public affairs agencies to law enforcement. The hope of the organization is to provide enough resources to reduce and eventually eradicate sexual and domestic violence in Posey County. *Nominated by: Tom Latham*

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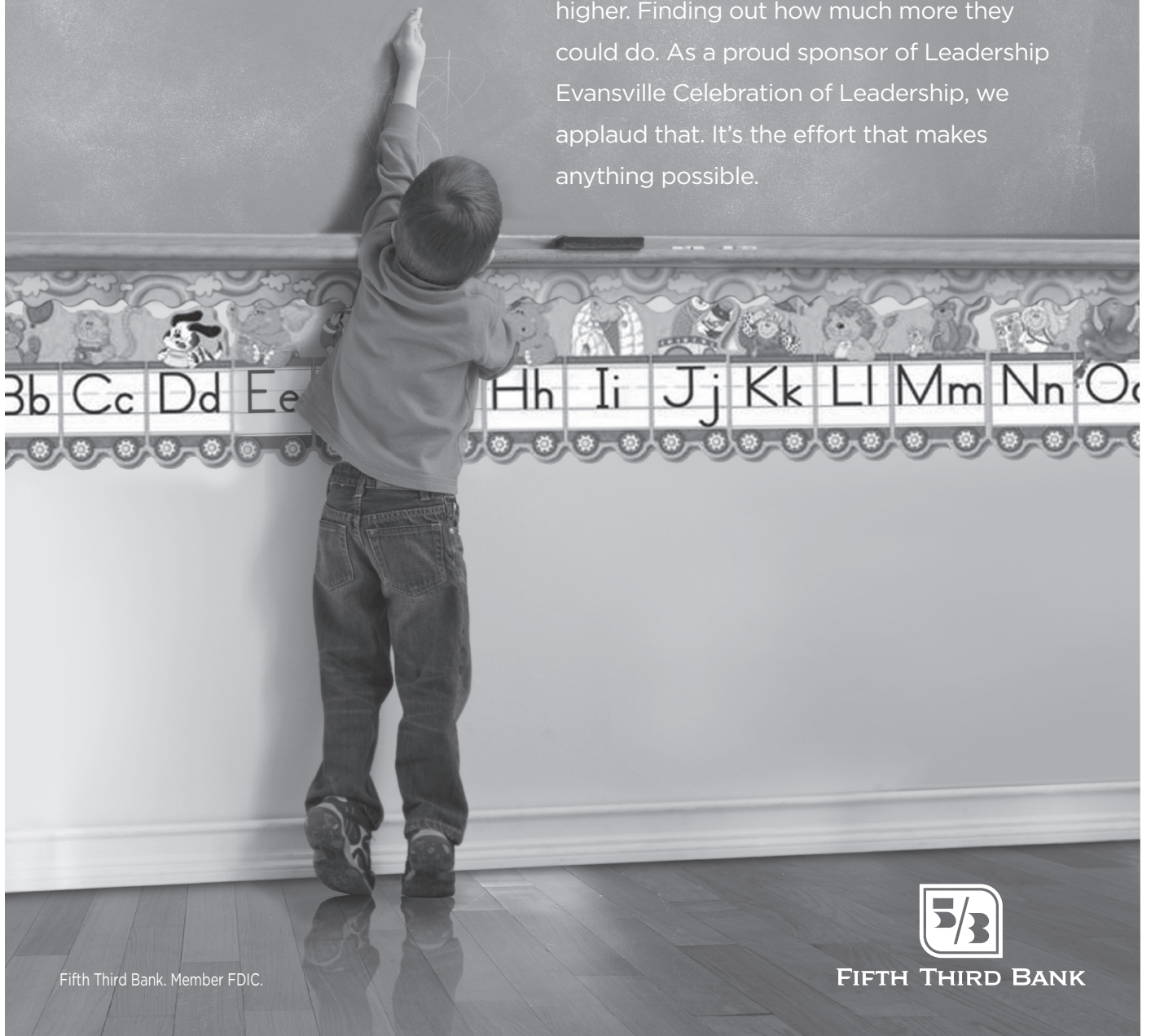
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