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## Indiana Commission for Women



### ***Moving Indiana Women Forward - July 2011***

#### Community Spotlight

Business Women United Network, in Northwest, Indiana, attracts women of all ages to their monthly meetings in Valparaiso, Chesterton, Crown Point, Michigan City, and LaPorte to make business networking more personal. The group provides educational opportunities with intriguing speakers, as well as social events - the group recently traveled to a concert in Chicago. The group gives back too. 25% of their membership fees are donated to underprivileged and underserved women in Northwest Indiana. They hold suit drives and have a special interest for helping women veterans. To learn more, you may visit their [Facebook page](#) or [www.business-women-united.com](http://www.business-women-united.com), email [info@business-women-united.com](mailto:info@business-women-united.com).

#### Social Media Connection

The ICW is on Facebook, Twitter, and WordPress. Check out our pages to get current information on women in Indiana and join in on the conversation. We love to hear from you!

#### Changes for ICW

We recently welcomed a new AmeriCorps Vista Member, K.D. Thurman to the ICW. Originally from Sapulpa, OK, K.D. attended Oklahoma State University where she competed in speech and debate, helped establish a sorority, and worked on several state political campaigns. In 2007, she spent a semester in New Hampshire working for Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign. In 2009, she received her B.A. in History and then moved back to New England to attend graduate school at Simmons School of Management in Boston, MA. While finishing her graduate degree she was selected as an AmeriCorps Student Leader in Service and dedicated 300 hours to volunteering throughout her community. K.D. received her M.S. in Communications Management in May. Last month she moved to Indianapolis to begin the AmeriCorps position with the ICW as the Resource Development Coordinator.

Chelsea Stauch is leaving her position as Executive Assistant to complete her student teaching at Ben Davis High School and Robey Elementary School. In December, she will graduate with a B.S. in Health and Physical Education from IUPUI. Over the past four years, Chelsea has been the Commission's first point-of-contact for most of its constituents, responding to inquiries made through mail, email and phone. Regardless of their circumstances, she treated each constituent with sympathy, empathy and politeness and provided them with thorough, relevant and timely information. Chelsea has been the manager of ICW's website and most recently, its social media efforts, which have seen a substantial increase due to her commitment to expanding the events, resources and other opportunities in order to help women be better connected in their communities and throughout the State of Indiana. We wish her the best in her next endeavor and trust we will see more of her in the future.



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## Women Make their Mark in Business

Last month, the Indiana Commission for Women (ICW) traveled to Bedford, Elkhart and Lafayette to participate in Advancing Women in Business as the closing presentation. These one-day seminars focused on entrepreneurship and featured successful women business owners from the local community. Presented by the [Lt. Governor](#) and the [Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs](#) and sponsored by the [Indiana Small Business Development Center \(SBDC\)](#) and local Chambers of Commerce, the seminars were a great opportunity to learn, network and engage with other women interested in making a difference here in Indiana! As the Lt. Governor stated in a recent newsletter recapping the seminars:

*"It's always encouraging to me to see so many women who are making their mark on the business community. Indiana needs every one of us to do our part, so we can put an end to these difficult economic times, and move forward into a new time of prosperity."*

Women business owners are definitely doing their part to make Indiana a better place to live work and raise a family. In January 2011, ICW published two fact sheets – [Women-Owned Businesses in Indiana](#) and [Women-Owned Business in the Great Lakes Region](#) – based on the U.S. Census Bureau's 2007 Survey of Business Owners which had been released in July 2010. According to this survey, approximately 129,500 women-owned businesses in Indiana account for 27% of all businesses in the state and generate over \$20 billion in sales and receipts. For the continuation of this blog, please visit the [Indiana Commission for Women at WordPress.com](#)

## Upcoming Events



IU School of Medicine's Women's Wellness on Wheels (WOW) bus is touring Clay County this summer providing FREE mini-physical & health assessment. Call 1-877-847-0023 to schedule a time slot. Here are the dates and locations:  
July 14 - Clay City Church of Christ, 2-4pm  
July 18th - Clay County Fair Brazil, IN, 2-8pm  
July 21 - Clay County Fair Brazil, IN, 10am-4pm

Want to make fun summer plans? Find events in your area using the [2011 Indiana Festival Guide from Visit Indiana](#).

July 15 - Nominations Due for Governor's Awards for Volunteer Service. [Nominate someone today!](#)

July 19 - [Indiana Perinatal Network Training at Howard Regional Hospital Kokomo, IN](#)

July 30 - [Young Survival Coalition, \*You are Not Alone\* Central Indiana](#) FREE education, pampering and feature presentation on breast reconstruction by Dr. Robert Goulet, Jr. 9am-4pm.

August 13 - [Race Away from Domestic Violence](#) from the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

To add your event to our website, newsletter or social media, please contact [icw@dwd.in.gov](mailto:icw@dwd.in.gov).

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