



**GREAT LAKE
AWARD INITIATIVE**

“Thriving in Trying Times”

**If we did all we were capable of doing, we would
literally astonish ourselves ~ Thomas Edison**

In 2010 the Great Lake Award Initiative focuses on flexibility and perfecting the roles that each of us play in creating and sustaining robust nonprofit organizations.

Participating Organizations have the opportunity to:

- Complete an organizational self-assessment
- Select from a menu of seven training events
- Work with Non-profit leaders as peer mentors
- Be awarded “Make It Happen” Grant dollars (up to \$1,000)
- Qualify to compete for a 2013 Great Lake Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Management

In addition, participating nonprofit organizations will receive workbooks and resource materials for all participants.

In 2010, up to 20 teams will have an exceptional opportunity to build their organization’s capacity through training and technical assistance. An organization’s team must include the Executive Director, a board member and a staff member. **Important to note:** This year, not all team members are required to attend all trainings selected by the organization. If your organization has minimal or no staff, you may include an additional board member or a seasoned volunteer. In addition, your organization must include with it’s Application/Statement of Commitment; 1) A list of the Board of Directors and Officers including professional affiliations and individual addresses, 2) A copy of the most current fiscal year financial statements of the organization, and 3) A copy of the IRS Determination Letter designating federal tax exempt status. See our website, www.legacyfoundationlakeco.org for the application form. Application deadline is Friday, April 16. The first 20 organizations with applications that meet all requirements will be selected for program participation. Applications with original signatures may be faxed or e-mailed as long as originals are in the Legacy Office by 5p.m. on Friday, April 16, 2010.

2009 Great Lake Award Initiative participants had these comments about the program. . . .

“Love the ‘hands on’ aspect of the workshops. We come away having accomplished something!”



“As usual – info was timely, pertinent and extremely helpful”



2010 Great Lake Award Initiative "Thriving in Trying Times"

If we did all we were capable of doing, we would literally astonish ourselves ~ Thomas Edison

The 2010 Great Lake Award Training workshops have been scheduled to encourage maximum participation by staff, board members, and volunteers. The workshops are designed as a comprehensive series but each stands alone as an ala carte offering.

	Events	Activities
April	<p>Teams Apply through April 16</p> <p>GLAI 10 Launch and Training Event</p> <p>STRATEGY April 21 1 – 4:30 p.m. Location: Geminus Corporation</p>	<p>Presented by Dennis Banas Overview of organizational self assessment tool</p> <p>STRATEGY: Participants distinguish strategic actions from tactical and logistical activities; development of organizational and communication strategies</p>
 Best for Board!	<p>Training Event: FUNDRAISING! May 4 3:30 – 7p.m. Location: Munster Branch of the Lake County Public Library OR May 5 8:30 – 12 noon Location: Geminus Corporation</p> <p>Training Event: CLARITY May 19 3:30 – 7pm. Location: Munster Branch of the Lake County Public Library</p>	<p>Presented by Chuck Loring Participants gain perspective on what sustains the nonprofit sector and explore fundraising strategies that maximize board members talents and strengths.</p> <p>Presented by Dennis Banas CLARITY: Participants explore relationship between goal setting and development of strategic priorities; a mock scenario is presented and teams develop and execute a strategy.</p>
June	<p>Training Event: ROLES</p> <p>June 16 8:30 – 12 Noon Location: Geminus Corporation</p>	<p>Presented by Pat Simes</p> <p>ROLES: Participants explore roles and responsibilities when pursuing a strategic vision</p>
August	<p>Training Event: ACCOUNTABILITY</p> <p>August 11 8:30 – 12 Noon Location: Purdue Technology Center</p>	<p>Presented by Pat Simes</p> <p>ACCOUNTABILITY: Participants identify levels of accountability in the execution of strategies and build accountability processes.</p>
 Best for Board!	<p>Training Event: RESOURCES</p> <p>September 22 3:30 – 7p.m. Location: Munster Branch of the Lake County Public Library</p>	<p>Presented by Dennis Banas Participants examine use of fiscal and human resources to thrive in challenging times.</p>
October	<p>"Make It Happen" Grant Opportunity</p> <p>Submission Deadline: October 1</p>	<p>Participating Teams who have attended a minimum of three workshops including one with board members in attendance are eligible to submit "Make it Happen" proposal (MIH)</p>

GREAT LAKE AWARD INITIATIVE 2010 WORKSHOP LEADERS



Dennis Banas holds his degrees from City College of New York and Michigan State University and has extensive executive experience in academic and nonprofit organizations. He has also worked in the private sector for a large marketing and research firm. He has a strong background in research, evaluation, program development and collaboration building. His Company, Praxis Strategies & Solutions, has both private sector and nonprofit clients with whom he has worked on strategic and business planning, governance, and comprehensive resource development.



Pat Simes

Patricia Simes is Executive Director of Communities In Schools of East Chicago and Project Director of 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program which is administered through Communities In Schools of East Chicago. Ms. Simes is an experienced workshop facilitator and develops programs and strategies for organizations. Ms. Simes creates community collaborations with local educational agencies to provide sessions on-site at schools, churches and community centers. Ms. Simes was born in Gary, Indiana and received a B.A. in Business Administration from the University of Wisconsin.



Chuck Loring, CFRE, MBA, is a senior governance consultant for BoardSource. He provides nonprofit governance consulting and training to clients, and has a particular expertise in the board's role in fundraising. Chuck is also the senior partner of the Fort Lauderdale and Indianapolis-based firm of Loring, Sternberg & Associates, which provides fundraising and governance consulting services to nonprofits.

Chuck is past president of the Indiana Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Chuck is a certified fundraising executive, and holds a bachelor's degree in communications from the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) and a master of business administration degree from the Marshall School of Business at the University of Southern California.



APPLICATION

Deadline for submission: April 16, 2010. Applications with original signatures may be faxed or e-mailed as long as originals are in Legacy's Office by 5p.m. on Friday, April 16, 2010.

Name of Organization _____

Contact Person _____ **Title** _____

Address _____
(street) (city) (zip)

Phone _____ **Fax** _____

E-Mail _____

MY ORGANIZATION'S Participating TEAM MEMBERS

Executive Director _____
(print) (signature)

Board Member(s) _____
(Identify up to two) (print) (signature)

(print) (signature)

Staff Member, Board Member, or Seasoned Volunteer (circle one)

(print) (signature)

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT:

Our organization is committed to the full participation of the team defined as attendance at a minimum of three training events (at least one being attended by at least one board member), and completion of an organizational self assessment

Signature of Chairperson, Governing Body **Printed Name**

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED

- A list of the Board of Directors and Officers including professional affiliations and individual addresses
- A copy of the most current fiscal year financial statements of the organization
- A copy of the IRS Determination Letter designating federal tax exempt status

Legacy Foundation 1000 East 80th Place South Tower 302 Merrillville IN 46410

P (219) 736-1880 F (219) 736-1940 cspicer@legacyfoundationlakeco.org