

BUILDING BLOCKS OF THE FUTURE

NWIBRT'S QUARTERLY E-NEWSLETTER

NWIBRT EVENTS

Hundreds Attend Safety Seminar on Innovation

Nearly 200 professionals from dozens of regional firms attended the 2024 Spring Safety Seminar, which was all about innovative safety developments. Each one of the presenting companies was a former winner of NWIBRT's Innovation Award, which is presented during the annual Construction Awards Banquet. This type of award is only given to companies that have developed new safety initiatives, processes, or procedures that creatively solve industry safety challenges and problems.

The more we can get together and share knowledge like this, the more ideas we'll take back to our jobsites to keep workers safe on the job. That's exactly why NWIBRT was created.

We're so proud of the amazing turnout at this year's Spring Safety Seminar! And we can't wait to see what the results of this collaborative effort will create in the future. Stay safe!

[Click Here to See Pictures from the Event](#)



\$40K Raised for Area Nonprofits

Four area nonprofits received \$10,000 thanks to the combined efforts of all of our attendees, sponsors, and partners that showed their support during the NWIBRT Hard Hat Charity Golf Outing. That's a new record for our event!



These funds will be used to support numerous community programs, families, and individuals throughout the region. Remaining proceeds will be used to support safety and educational programming for all of our members.

"The outpouring of support was astounding. On behalf of myself and our Golf Committee, we just want to thank everyone for their involvement in making these donations happen," said Tina Stevens from Iron Workers Local #395, co-chair of the 2022 NWIBRT Hard Hat Golf Committee. The nonprofits that received \$10,000 donations are:

- BRINGING CHILDREN HOPE
- NORTHWEST INDIANA INFLUENTIAL WOMEN ASSOCIATION (NWIWA)
- SOUTHERN LAKE COUNTY CONSERVATION CLUB
- TRADEWINDS SERVICES

The annual NWIBRT Hard Hat Charity Golf Outing will take place on Sept. 20, 2024, at the White Hawk Country Club in Crown Point, IN. The popular event typically sells out well in advance of the scheduled date. Those wishing to make early reservations are advised to contact NWIBRT by calling (219)-226-0300.

BUSINESS BUZZ

\$30M Gift, Largest Ever Received by Franciscan Health Foundation

Franciscan Health Foundation Chairwoman Sister Jane Marie Klein announced the largest ever gift received by the organization, a \$30 million donation from The Dean and Barbara White Family Foundation. The donation will pave the way for the creation of The Dean and Barbara White Cancer Center at the new Franciscan Health Crown Point hospital.

The 71,000-square-foot, three-story cancer center will be constructed at the southeast corner of Interstate 65 and U.S. 231 on the new hospital campus. This state-of-the-art diagnostic and treatment center will consolidate existing cancer care services into one convenient location. The new cancer center is scheduled to open in early 2026 and will provide the latest state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment and treatment services.

\$1B Awarded for Midwest Hydrogen Hub

The U.S. Department of Energy awarded up to \$1 billion in grant funding to the Midwest Alliance for Clean Hydrogen (MachH2), which aims to develop a regional clean hydrogen hub that would include projects in Indiana. MachH2, which consists of more than 70 Midwest public and private organizations that support the energy transition, has proposed a regional hydrogen hub that would include blue-hydrogen production at or near bp's Whiting, Indiana refinery. Blue hydrogen is a low carbon fuel that can be used to reduce carbon emissions from many difficult-to-decarbonize sectors of the economy, including steelmaking, power generation, agriculture, cement, aviation, and long-haul transportation. It is made by converting natural gas into carbon dioxide and hydrogen, capturing the carbon dioxide, then safely and permanently storing it deep underground.

Community Healthcare System Celebrating Nearly 200 Years Serving NWI

Community Healthcare System hospitals have had at least 195 reasons to celebrate this year. Community Hospital, St. Catherine Hospital, and St. Mary Medical Center hit major milestones in 2023 with a combined 195 years of service to communities throughout Northwest Indiana. In April, the latter two hospitals marked 95 and 50 years, respectively, and Community Hospital celebrated 50 years in September. Community Hospital in Munster, which opened its doors in September 1973, is Northwest Indiana's largest hospital with 454 beds.



Korellis Adds New Board Member

Korellis has appointed Thomas Shanahan to its board of directors. He served the National Roofing Contractors Association (NRCA) from 1989 to 2022 as its vice president of enterprise risk management and executive education and was also appointed to OSHA's Advisory Council on Construction Safety and Health as a management representative by the U.S. Secretary of Labor. Shanahan has served as an instructor, speaker, and facilitator at countless construction industry events. He is known for his expertise in the roofing industry, health, and safety, as well as designing, developing, and teaching leadership coaching, strategic planning, and risk management programs.

Two Adult Learning Centers Opening in Gary

The Center of Workforce Innovations is opening two adult learning centers in Gary. WorkOne Gary is one of the new homes for adult education. Bridging the gap between adult learning, employment services and workforce development has proven successful and can have benefits for the individual, community, and the region's workforce.

The second location is open to all adult learners but will offer specialized training for individuals interested in pursuing careers in skilled trades. This site will offer career paths in construction, carpentry, electrical, HVAC, plumbing, and roofing. Students will receive hands-on, work-based learning, plus opportunities to earn National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) certification.

Community Healthcare System Named 'Best Places to Work in IT'

Community Healthcare System was recognized as one of the top 50 large companies in Computerworld's 30th annual "Best Places to Work in IT" report. Large companies are classified as having 5,000 or more employees. The Best Places to Work in IT list is an annual ranking of the top work environments for technology professionals by Computerworld, which is published by Foundry. The list is compiled based on a survey of company attributes in categories such as benefits, career development, compensation, DEI, future of work, training, and retention. In addition, the rankings are reviewed and vetted by a panel of industry experts.

NEW MEMBERS

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Center of Workforce Innovations
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MSA Safety
PetroChoice
Premium Concrete Services, Inc.
Smith Ready Mix
Watt, Tieder, Hoffar & Fitzgerald, LLP

UPCOMING EVENTS

Brews, Basketball, and Business – Don't Miss Out!



Where else can you have a bite to eat, enjoy some beverages, and make new business connections – all for free? Nowhere else but NWIBRT's March Madness networking event! Join us on March 21st at Buddy & Pal's Place in Crown Point. NWIBRT, the CAF, and RDC are bringing together developers, business owners, financial institutions, economic development professionals and contractors for a day of networking, sports entertainment, and good times. This event is free for members!

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Reserve Your Spot for the Awards Banquet



Tickets and sponsorships for the 2024 Construction Awards Banquet are selling fast. Don't miss out on one of the best business events of the year. Reserve your company's tables today. More than 600 construction industry leaders will be in attendance during the banquet. This special event is hosted through a partnership between Construction Advancement Foundation (CAF) and NWIBRT. Each organization distributes its own unique awards, with NWIBRT focused primarily on safety performances and CAF focused on contractor and project outcomes. The 2024 Construction Awards Banquet will take place on May 9th at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville.

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MEETINGS

Safety Committee Meeting

March 5 | Portage, IN

Safety Committee Meeting

April 2 | Portage, IN

Safety Committee Meeting

May 7 | Portage, IN

Executive Committee Meeting

May 21 | Portage, IN

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