

ANNUAL REPORT *2017*



INDIANAPOLIS CENTER FOR CONGREGATIONS



“This is a wonderful building.
So why not open it up to the public?”

— St. John Lutheran Church


In this report, we reflect upon our work and accomplishments in 2017. The Center for Congregations continued its mission to strengthen Indiana congregations in a variety of ways.

Our number of contacts increased as we consulted with congregational leaders, introducing them to the helpers they needed in the areas they identified. Top presenting issues in 2017 included ministry with young adults, community engagement, stewardship of buildings and strengthening finances. The Center hosted statewide workshops, luncheons, initiatives and long-term events, including 12 live online learning experiences. Our venture into virtual learning allows more folks to attend our events from mobile devices or desktop computers and connect with subject-matter leaders and resources.

We continued to connect leaders throughout the state and beyond with resources on the Congregational Resource Guide (CRG). In addition to improving the user experience in 2017, we populated the site with a variety of new resources, all curated and reviewed by our staff. New and repeat users, as well as a record 2650 daily visits in 2017, are a testimony to the usefulness of this tool.

The following pages highlight the stories of three congregations participating in our Community Ministry Grants initiative. Twenty-three congregations are at work implementing their matching grants through this program. Based on this success, we extended the initiative in 2018 to congregations beyond central Indiana.

I hope you find inspiration in the stories of these congregations and their vibrant programs. They are tremendous examples of how the Center's work reaches beyond the walls of the congregation into the community and the world.

A photograph showing a close-up of two hands shaking in a firm grip. The background is blurred, showing other people in a room, suggesting a professional or community meeting.

Tim Shapiro
Center President



MUTUAL MINISTRIES TAKE ROOT IN THE COMMUNITY

When Pastor Richard Curry Jr. describes his congregation's plan to spark positive change on the near west side of Indianapolis, he borrows a phrase from former Indiana University basketball coach Tom Crean. "There's a difference between being in a rut and getting in a groove," he says. "Right now, our neighborhood lacks hope. Over the years, all the plights of the inner city have hit us hard — drugs, crime, homelessness, mental illness. The community has deteriorated, and there's a feeling that things will never improve. We want to show people that they're not stuck in a rut and that we want to walk alongside them as they set goals, make changes and get in the groove."

With support from a Center for Congregations grant, Curry and members of the True Tried Missionary Baptist Church are preparing to introduce a process they call DREAM: Dare to Reach Every Achievement through Thoughtful Ministry. The plan is based on feedback from area residents, which emerged after a committee from the church participated in the nine-month Community Ministry Grants (CMG) program. During three educational sessions, Curry and his team interacted with representatives of other east central Indiana congregations and heard from experts who had created effective mutual ministry programs. The purpose of the initiative was to assist congregations in identifying collaborative projects they could do with, not for, their neighbors.

"It was eye-opening for me to realize how different communities have different needs,"

says Curry. His peers heard the challenges that Curry faces as a bi-vocational pastor with an all-volunteer leadership team. The success of the DREAM project would depend on the willingness of the entire True Tried congregation to share the responsibility for its implementation. For that reason, Curry explains, "We're mobilizing people by teaching discipleship."

The DREAM project will focus on single-parent families, a growing population that too often struggles with a high incidence of poverty caused by insufficient education which leads to limited employment opportunities. Components of the program include financial literacy and empowerment training, small accountability groups, mentoring support, and referral services for persons with specific needs. Although the official kickoff of the project is set for late July, the congregation received a preview when CMG presenter Dr. Kilen Gray visited to tell the story of how members of his Shelbyville, Kentucky church launched its community ministry several years ago with amazing results.

"So often people have trouble grasping a vision," says LaSonya McGraw, volunteer director of the DREAM project, who heard Gray speak at the first educational session hosted by the Center for Congregations. "It was an emotional moment for me to learn how Dr. Gray's congregation accomplished many of the things that we hope to accomplish. It helped move an abstract vision into something that is concrete. As a result, our team saw that, yes, this can happen; we can make it happen here."

Curry and Gray have arranged an informal exchange program. Curry will take a team from his church to visit Gray's church to see firsthand how mutual ministry unfolds. Then Gray will return the favor and facilitate a two-hour workshop in Indianapolis. Both occasions give Curry the opportunity to talk with Gray, pastor to pastor, and learn from his experience. "I'm going



to pick his brain,” says Curry. “I want to know what worked, what didn’t work, how to break down barriers and overcome obstacles.”

ROOM TO GROW

Equally inspired by Kilen Gray was the delegation from St. John Lutheran Church, a faith community on the southeast side of Indianapolis that dates back 165 years. “The message that came out of Dr. Gray’s story wasn’t so much what his members did, but how they did it,” recalls Paul Johnson, director of outreach and assimilation at St. John and a member of the church’s CMG team. The process that CMG teaches — and Gray’s church followed — begins with a congregation conducting research to determine its strengths. The next step is to explore all the ways members could use those strengths to create a mutual ministry.

Intent on listening and learning, Johnson arranged a series of internal focus groups and external interviews. The results confirmed what he suspected: The public erroneously perceived the congregation as older — in reality, most members are under the age of 50 — and not particularly mission-minded. Among the church’s most obvious assets were its spacious building and its very visible location. “Thousands of cars drive by here every day,” says Johnson. “But we’re not a place to stop; we’re a place that’s on the way to somewhere else.”

The challenge was to create a mutual ministry that would correct the misperception and position the church as a destination with an open door, welcoming partners, and a shared purpose. Although members had made earlier attempts at community outreach, past projects either lacked a step-by-step process of implementation or a strategic plan to ensure sustainability. “Years ago, we tried to come up with some ideas but couldn’t decide on a place to start,” says Lynn Fox, church treasurer. “CMG really stirred things up.”



A plan began to emerge, based on conversations the CMG team initiated with nonprofit organizations during the research phase. Several agencies indicated a need for a central gathering space that had adequate parking and rooms flexible enough to accommodate groups and events of various sizes. St. John easily met those criteria, and because it also operates a school with an enrollment of 230 students, its facility includes a kitchen, nursery, classrooms and a gymnasium. In 2005, it added a common area and a second worship space called the Dwelling Place that often were underutilized. “This is a wonderful building,” says Don Van Pelt, a member of the CMG team. “So why not open it up to the public?”

The team identified three organizations that focus on supporting and strengthening families: Centrality Behavior serves children in need of behavior therapy and counseling; Central Indiana Council on Aging advocates for older adults, caregivers, and persons with disabilities; the Children’s Bureau, Inc., offers a range of services to at-risk youth and their foster or adoptive families. Not only would St. John provide space, free of charge, to these groups, but also would add special equipment and refurbish the meeting rooms to accommodate their needs.



“To me, it’s all about stewardship,” says Troy Countryman, who accepted the call to serve as senior pastor while the CMG initiative was unfolding. “We have space that we’re not using much of the time. How can we be good stewards of that space? And how can we make the space so inviting that people will sit down, talk, and stay a while?”

The grant and its matching funds were earmarked for the precise purpose that Countryman describes. Ivonne Zimmer, director of development and business manager for the church, met with representatives of each agency to learn how the various spaces can be refitted to accommodate their program requirements. Lighting in the play rooms will be softened for children with sensory needs; new tables were ordered to facilitate discussions during parent support-group sessions; audio-visual equipment will be installed in the Dwelling Place for large gatherings, such as caregiver conferences or employee training days.

“We’re asking church volunteers to serve as hosts when these groups come in for meetings and events,” says Zimmer. Enthusiasm for the ministry is growing as church members see the ministry in action. As an example, Zimmer recalls a trustee who stopped by one evening when parents of adopted children had gathered for a support-group meeting. “Their children, many with disabilities, were in the gym having a great time,” says Zimmer. For several minutes the trustee watched as the parents interacted with each other and the children engaged in lively play. Before leaving, he joined Zimmer on the sidelines. “He nodded and whispered to me, ‘Now I get it.’”

BLOOM WHERE YOU’RE PLANTED

While St. John is one of the largest congregations to participate in the CMG initiative, St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in Lebanon is one of the smallest. Christopher Beasley, bi-vocational

vicar of the church since 2014, views his congregation’s modest size as an asset, not a detriment, in planning and implementing a major project. “Everyone can participate,” he says. “We’re 40-members strong on a good Sunday, so everyone has a role in what we’re doing.” Members were well aware that their success in launching a mutual ministry would depend on their success in enlisting outside help. “We liked the fact that we would have to develop connections in the community,” explains Beasley. “We’re not big, so we would have to reach out and form partnerships.”

“Don’t grow alone, join us!”

— St. Peter’s Episcopal Church

A sign, posted at the entrance of the church’s eight-acre property, summarizes the idea that emerged after months of surveying neighbors, interviewing city leaders, and brainstorming with members: “Don’t Grow Alone, Join Us!” Considering the congregation’s interests and expertise — gardening, beekeeping, wellness — the CMG team formulated a plan based on its research. Detailed conversations in the community revealed a need to provide wholesome summer activities for youth, address the issue of childhood obesity, educate families on healthy eating habits, and ease hunger among the homeless. At the heart of St. Peter’s plan was a gardening ministry that had the capacity to teach, inspire, and feed all who participated in its implementation.

“Lebanon has lots of problems that we don’t have the size or skills to tackle,” says Beasley, “but we have eight acres, an empty building we can convert into a learning center, and we know how to grow food.” In addition, “people like coming out here because it’s a quiet, peaceful



place where they can connect to God. All of this got us going on the path that felt right for us.”

That path has taken them in diverse directions. They joined the Boone County Master Gardeners to launch a Junior Master Gardener program for youth from the Boys and Girls Club.

“We start in June,” says Sandy Dailey, who will coordinate the 10-week effort that has a hands-on curriculum and culminates with a service project. Part of the grant enabled her to travel to Texas A&M to explore with certified instructors the many facets of the program. “As the students’ gardens come along, we’ll demonstrate how to prepare, process, and preserve foods.” This will be done in the kitchen at Blackwell Hall—refurbished and renamed the Harvest House Community Center. A generous portion of the gardens’ bounty will be donated to the food pantry at St. Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church and to Shalom House, a non-profit agency that serves hot meals to its clients.

The adult component of the CMG program took shape at the request of families who heard about the youth program and wanted to learn how to freeze and can fresh fruits and vegetables that their gardens produced.

“Our situation is unique because everything fits together,” says Chuck Dailey, senior warden at the church and the overseer of St. Peter’s apiary that this summer will contain up to ten hives, each with 60,000 to 80,000 bees. A portion of the garden is set aside for pollinator plants that serve as a food source for the bees that produce honey, which raises funds for projects such as the CMG initiative.

The church rolled out its comprehensive plan in May with a Rogation Day celebration that coincided with the beginning of the growing season. Attendees included church members, diocese officials, project partners, and local residents.

“We’re excited,” Dailey says. “Our ultimate goal is to change eating habits and, simultaneously, show that St. Peter’s cares about the community. This project came along at the perfect time for our congregation. It’s a new day here at St. Pete’s.”

THE WORK GOES ON...

With the success of the CMG pilot program at congregations in and around Indianapolis, the Center for Congregations expanded the initiative in December and invited faith communities throughout the state to consider participating. Up to 30 congregations will have the opportunity to take part in the educational program and then apply for matching funds to reach beyond their walls to launch new ministries with their neighborhood partners. As demonstrated by the projects created during the pilot phase, the ministries and the benefits of the ministries are likely to continue long after the CMG grant period ends.

“One of the things our church believes is, if you’ve been helped by a program, you have a responsibility to help somebody else,” says Richard Curry of True Tried Missionary Baptist Church. He calls his congregation’s effort a “process” rather than a “project,” because it will continue to expand as it reaches out to additional neighbors. “Ours began as a two-year program, but we’re already identifying ways to ensure its sustainability.”



INDIANA

NORTHWEST

- 2135 Conversations in
- 232 Cases of which
- 153 are New Cases with
- 205 People representing
- 118 Congregations
- 51% were Clergy
- 49% were Laity

THE TOP ISSUES

Appreciative Inquiry
Young Adults
Leadership
Congregational Vitality
Building

NORTHEAST

- 2550 Conversations in
- 217 Cases of which
- 152 are New Cases with
- 220 People representing
- 136 Congregations
- 53% were Clergy
- 47% were Laity

THE TOP ISSUES

Building
Young Adults
Technology
Finance
Community Ministry

CENTRAL

- 5737 Conversations in
- 786 Cases of which
- 331 are New Cases with
- 640 People representing
- 353 Congregations
- 44% were Clergy
- 56% were Laity

THE TOP ISSUES

Building
Young Adults
Technology
Community Ministry
Finance

SOUTHEAST

- 894 Conversations in
- 107 Cases of which
- 73 are New Cases with
- 118 People representing
- 68 Congregations
- 53% were Clergy
- 47% were Laity

THE TOP ISSUES

Young Adults
Congregational Vitality
Finance
Building
Community Ministry

SOUTHWEST

- 1193 Conversations in
- 110 Cases of which
- 69 are New Cases with
- 95 People representing
- 62 Congregations
- 52% were Clergy
- 48% were Laity

THE TOP ISSUES

Building
Congregational Vitality
Leadership
Finance
Community Ministry

EDUCATION

- 69 education events and 25 hosted organizational meetings
- Including 21 held in Central Indiana
- 14 in the Northeast and 17 in the Northwest
- 13 in the Southeast and 17 in the Southwest
- and 12 Live Online Events
- 1668 People representing
- 691 Congregations from
- 87 Faith Groups or Denominations

EVENTS AND MEETINGS INCLUDE:

Extraordinary Program Planning
A Fresh Look at Faith Formation
Approaching Wisdom
Bethel Church, Crown Point
Brownstown Christian Church Staff Retreat
Care and Support During Life's Critical Moments
Christian Theological Seminary Faculty
City Church, Evansville
Community Ministry Grants gathering
Community and Digital Ministry in the 21st Century
Congregations Connecting with Young Adults
Congregations in the News
Creating a Congregational Culture of Validation
Creating Ministries of Excellence in Your Congregation
Covenant United Methodist Staff Retreat, Fort Wayne
Developing Your Community Ministry Plan
Divergent Churches
Engaging Young Adults
Essentials of Congregational Finance
Evaluating Your Congregation's Communication and Welcome
Facility Stewardship

Five Things Your Visitors Want To Ask, But Won't
Grace and Peace Lutheran Church, Evansville
Growing Young
Innovative Strategic Planning
Invigorating Congregational Life Through Youth Ministry
Kitchen Table Giving
Lake Institute on Faith and Giving, Indianapolis
Leading Your Congregation in the Midst of Change
Living Hope Church, Merrillville
Logansport Flourishing Congregations Callout
Mapping the New: Moving Confidently from Ideas to Programs
Millennials and Social Movements
Northeast Indiana ELCA Ministerium Meeting
Northwoods Church, Newburgh
Passing Along the Faith
Preparing to Launch a Community Ministry
Presbytery Meeting, Indianapolis
Reconnecting with Young Adults
Reducing Power, Powering Ministry
Renewal Through Innovation
St. Mary's Catholic Church, Crown Point
Seymour Oktoberfest Baby Station
Small Congregations: Having a Healthy Mindset
Social Media and Ministry
Southeast Area Methodist Pastors
Start with the Questions
Teaching to Transform: Understanding Congregational Education
The Art of the Flourishing Congregation
The New Reality of Charitable Giving
Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Fort Wayne
Vibrant Youth Ministry in Indiana
Walk in the Light Christian Church, Indianapolis
What Story Does Your Facility Tell?
Who Lives Here? Unearthing Demographic Data
Youth Ministry That Makes A Difference

GRANTS

- \$1,721,649 for
- 127 Resource Grants totaling \$1,211,946
- 23 Community Ministry Grants totaling \$489,039

GRANT RECIPIENTS

All Saints Episcopal Church, Indianapolis
All Souls Unitarian Church, Indianapolis
Auburn Presbyterian Church
Ben Davis Christian Church, Indianapolis
Bethany Christian Church, Washington
Bethel Family Worship Center, Indianapolis
Bitania Church, Indianapolis
Brandywine Community Church, Greenfield
Broadway Christian Church, Fort Wayne
Broadway United Methodist Church, Indianapolis
Brookside Community Church, Indianapolis
Brookville Road Community, New Palestine
Calvary Baptist Church, Seymour
Calvary Church, Valparaiso
Calvary Lutheran Church, ELCA, Angola
Calvary United Methodist Church, Brownsburg
Castleview Church, Indianapolis
Central Christian Church, Indianapolis
Christ Church United Church of Christ, Evansville
Christ Missionary Baptist Church, Indianapolis
Christ the Savior Lutheran Church, Fishers
Church of the Master, Indianapolis
City of God Church, Lafayette
College Park Church, Indianapolis
Come As You Are Community Church, Fort Wayne
Community Church of Columbus
Community Church of Waterford, Goshen
Concordia Lutheran Church, Greenwood
Congregation Achduth Vesholom, Fort Wayne
Cornerstone Lutheran Church, Carmel
Crestview Community Church, Lafayette
Crossbridge Community Church, Fort Wayne
Crossroads Community Church, Fishers
Divine Providence Baptist Church, Fort Wayne
Duneland Community Church, Chesterton
East Side Baptist Church, Crawfordsville
Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church, Indianapolis
Emmanuel Church of Greenwood
Ethiopian Gospel Believers Church in Indianapolis
Fairview Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis
Faith Lutheran Church, Columbus
Faith Mennonite Church, Goshen
Faith Missionary Church, Indianapolis
Faith Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

First Baptist Church, Vincennes
First Baptist Church, Greensburg
First Church of the Nazarene, Noblesville
First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mishawaka
First Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis
First Presbyterian Church, Bloomington
First Presbyterian Church, Shelbyville
First Presbyterian Church, Lebanon
First Presbyterian Church of Elkhart
First United Methodist Church, Wabash
Geist Community Church, Mccordsville
Gentryville United Methodist Church
Gethsemane Episcopal Church, Marion
Gethsemane Evangelical Lutheran, Indianapolis
Grabill Missionary Church
Grace Covenant Church of God, Austin
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Syracuse
Grace Gathering, New Haven
GracePoint Church, Valparaiso
Hobart Assembly of God
Holy Angels Catholic Church, Indianapolis
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Muncie
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Valparaiso
Indy Metro Church, Indianapolis
Irvington Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis
itown Church, Fishers
Jamestown United Methodist Church
King of Glory Lutheran Church, Carmel
Lakeview Church, Indianapolis
LifePoint Church, Goshen
Living Faith Church, Indianapolis
Living Word Baptist Church, Indianapolis
Mercy Road Church, Carmel
Messiah Lutheran Church, Brownsburg
Metropolitan Baptist Church, Gary
Monrovia Christian Church, Monrovia
Mt. Auburn United Methodist Church, Greenwood
Mt. Gilead Church, Mooresville
Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Indianapolis
Neighbors Home Church, Roanoke
New Era Church, Indianapolis
New Haven United Methodist Church
New Hope Community Church, Newburgh
New Life Church of God, Fort Wayne
New Life Fellowship Church, Huntington
New Palestine Bible Church
North Main Street Mennonite Church, Nappanee
Northminster Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis
Ogilville Christian Church, Columbus
Open Door Free Methodist, Noblesville
Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Avon
Overcoming Church, Indianapolis

Peace Lutheran Church, Seymour
Peter's Rock Missionary Baptist Church, Gary
Re. Think Church, Merrillville
Resurrection Lutheran Church, Indianapolis
Revolution Community Church, Logansport
Roberts Park United Methodist Church, Indianapolis
Saint Alban's Episcopal Church, Fort Wayne
Saint Joseph University Parish, Terre Haute
Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis
Second Reformed Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis
Shelbyville Community Church
Simpson United Methodist Church, Evansville
Soma Church, Indianapolis
South Point Baptist Church, Crown Point
Southport Christian Church, Indianapolis
Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, Indianapolis
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Stones Crossing Church, Greenwood
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The Ridge, Columbus
The River Community Church, Marion
The Vineyard Church, Mishawaka
Tree of Life Anglican Church, South Bend
Trinity Church, Indianapolis
Trinity Lutheran Church, Darmstadt, Evansville
Trinity Wesleyan Church, Indianapolis
True Tried Missionary Baptist Church, Indianapolis
Unitarian Universalist Church, Bloomington
Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Fort Wayne
Vineyard Community Church of Greenwood
West Street Christian Church, Tipton
White River Christian Church, Noblesville
Woodburn Missionary Church
Woodruff Place Baptist Church, Indianapolis
Zion City Ministries, Muncie

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AND ACTIVITIES

The following is a summary of the statement of financial position and the statement of activities of the Center as of December 31, 2017 and for the year then ended. This financial information was extracted from the audited financial statements of the Indianapolis Center for Congregations, Inc. It does not, however, include all disclosures normally associated with financial statements prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The complete financial statements, including footnotes and the report of our auditors, BKD, LLP, are available for review upon request.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	ASSETS		2017	2016
	Cash and cash equivalents		\$ 1,164,145	\$ 1,630,329
	Contributions receivable		2,669,330	—
	Prepaid expenses and other assets		29,852	23,338
	Investments		36,010,270	41,207,479
	Property and equipment		34,164	56,044
	Total assets		39,907,761	42,917,190
	LIABILITIES			
	Accounts payable		\$ 215,450	\$ 104,170
	Accrued vacation pay		48,250	43,865
Other accrued expenses		24,978	25,688	
Total liabilities		288,678	173,723	
NET ASSETS				
Unrestricted		\$ 4,843,519	\$ 4,001,112	
Temporarily restricted		34,775,564	38,742,355	
Total net assets		39,619,083	42,743,467	
Total liabilities and net assets		\$ 39,907,761	\$ 42,917,790	

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES	2017			2016			
		Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
	Revenues and Other Support						
	Contributions	\$ —	\$ 2,819,330	\$ 2,819,330	\$ —	\$ 14,230,770	\$ 14,230,770
	Return of grant funds	—	121,459	121,459	—	74,386	74,386
	Educational events	41,236	—	41,236	26,711	—	26,711
	Interest and dividends	672,340	—	672,340	382,583	—	382,583
		713,576	2,940,789	3,654,365	409,294	14,305,156	14,714,450
	Net assets released from restrictions	6,907,580	(6,907,580)	—	6,062,954	(6,062,954)	—
	Total revenues and other support	7,621,156	(3,966,791)	3,654,365	6,472,248	8,242,202	14,714,450
Expenses and Losses							
Resource Consulting	902,627	—	902,627	728,922	—	728,922	
Resource Discovery and Dissemination	185,953	—	185,953	176,319	—	176,319	
Education	1,657,070	—	1,657,070	925,479	—	925,479	
Resource Grants	1,663,682	—	1,663,682	1,343,121	—	1,343,121	
Major Grant Initiative	1,022,039	—	1,022,039	1,424,474	—	1,424,474	
Congregational Learning and Evaluation	511,775	—	511,775	472,889	—	472,889	
Total program services	5,943,146	—	5,943,146	5,071,204	—	5,071,204	
Management and general	1,016,456	—	1,016,456	1,014,458	—	1,014,458	
Total expenses	6,959,602	—	6,959,602	6,085,662	—	6,085,662	
Change in net assets before gains/losses	661,554	(3,966,791)	(3,305,237)	386,586	8,242,202	8,628,788	
Gains on investments	180,853	—	180,853	71,523	—	71,523	
Change in net assets	842,407	(3,966,791)	(3,124,384)	458,109	8,242,202	8,700,311	
Net assets, beginning of year	4,001,112	38,742,355	42,743,467	3,543,003	30,500,153	34,043,156	
Net assets, end of year	\$ 4,843,519	\$ 34,775,564	\$ 39,619,083	\$ 4,001,112	\$ 38,742,355	\$ 42,743,467	





MISSION

The mission of the Indianapolis Center for Congregations is to strengthen Indiana congregations by helping them find and use the best resources available to address the challenges and opportunities they identify — and then to share what we learn nationwide.

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