

Come Partner With Us!

Name of Organization/Business

Primary Contact

Address of Organization/Business

Business Phone

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Contact Cell-Phone

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Contact E-Mail

_____ Would like to join!

_____ Would like further information.

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WHITLEY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

P.O Box 166, 201 N. Line St.
Columbia City, IN 46725



OUR MISSION

is to support, promote, and advocate business opportunities that provide value to our members and the Whitley County Community.

**SUPPORTIVE
&
NURTURING
TO ALL
CURRENT &
FUTURE
BUSINESSES!**

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WHAT IS A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE?

Good question. We have all heard of them...but what do they do???

A chamber of commerce is a not-for-profit organization made up of men and women who join hands and resources to protect and grow the interests of the local business community. It is made up of a team of players—business owners, non-profit organizations, churches, schools, media, and local government entities and more.

This partnership protects and helps business grow in a variety of ways:

- **Advocacy**
- **Advertising**
- **Networking**
- **Sponsorship**
- **Education**
- **Community Information**
- **Economic Development**
- **Community Involvement & Partnering**



**Ambassadors
"Economic Stimulus"
Luncheon**

Working *For* Members...

The chamber provides resources for advertising opportunities through several sources:

- Monthly **IMPACT** Newsletter
- Chamber web-site: www.columbiacity.org
- Maps, Calendars, and Member Directories
- Weekly E-Mail Blasts
- Referrals

It also provides numerous sponsorship opportunities including:



**Business Briefing
Luncheon**

- Business Briefing Luncheons & After Hours
- Ice Carving Festival, Whitley County EXPOsed,
- Golf Outing, Annual Recognition Banquet & Other events
- Seminars such as the "Economic Forecast Breakfast"
- Networking Events like Table Top Night

The W.C.C. endeavors to advocate for the needs of its members. We join with the *North East Indiana Chamber Coalition* and the *Indiana Chamber of Commerce* to keep informed about legislation and issues that can affect our local businesses.

We also join with the *Small Business Development Center* to provide free business counseling and resources to those starting or growing their enterprise and partner with the *Whitley County Economic Development Corporation* in developing a business incubator, "Accelerating Innovation," to give new businesses much needed support to get off the ground.

...*Through* Members

All of this is just a fraction of what a chamber does—there is *so much more!* And it happens because of people who choose to get involved and make a difference in Whitley County!



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