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We thank the following organizations for their support in 2007:



A Note from the President/CEO

The past several months have been filled with a whirl wind of activities. Much of those activities being tobacco related and highlighted in this newsletter edition. The month of December is usually a slow time with holiday vacations, end of year reports and preparation for the new year. However, the ILI staff worked on various activities in preparation for the first quarter of 2007 in education efforts for the 115th Indiana General Assembly and all the buzz surrounding a tobacco tax increase.

On another note, the first quarter of 2007 presented ILI with more reasons to celebrate with notification that we received new grants to offer extensions for current programs or new opportunities in our health and education initiatives. It also marked the closing of a wonderful partnership with several community collaborators in the P.A.T.A. Contra el Tabaco project. However, ILI is happy to announce that the success of the P.A.T.A. Project has opened up new opportunities and continued partnerships for future endeavors.

Finally, I would like to **thank the entire ILI staff** for the team effort put forth in compiling data and editing of the ITPC proposal submitted in mid April. It was truly was a team effort and I appreciate all they do for this organization.

- Aida McCammon, MSW ACSW. President/CEO

Education Initiative – Careers for the Future

ILI's Careers for the Future project is more than half way through its goals. Collaborations between schools and community organizations have solidified, all (3) three Education Fairs have been concluded, scholarship recipients have been selected 1. Carlos Aguilera (Carmel High School) 2. Anixa Arano (Speedway High School) 3. Jesu Basurto (Ivy Tech Community College – Columbus) 4. Basilia Cuatlatl (Ivy Tech Community College – Indianapolis) 5. Kelly Leon (Ben Davis High School) 6. Mishell Martinez (J. Everett Light Career Center).



The next phase is the internship portion and the hiring of a new Education Coordinator. We are sad to share that Jessica Montalvo will be leaving us. Her husband has taken on a new job in Florida and so they, along with their son will be leaving Indy. We wish them luck and appreciate all the ground work Jessica laid in place and performed for the completion of the project to this point. Thanks!

Tobacco Cessation

April 12, 2007 marked the last of five (5) Cessation Classes (Spanish) at St. Patrick's Catholic Church presented by ILI. Six individuals registered, 3 finished and have remained smoke free. Two with the support of the classes alone and one with the classes and assistance of the "smokers patch."

Also, in the 1st quarter of 2007 a total of 50 individuals were screened during "Male Blitz" outreach efforts at local barber shops, an indoor soccer event, and a Latino owned restaurant to test lung capacity with peak airflow devices. ILI also, handed out information on tobacco education and cessation resources.

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Latino Youth in Action – Hamilton County VOICE

April marked the beginning of ACTION SPEAKS, the month-long Voice Activism Month by which Voice youth across the country created, planned and executed educational and advocacy activities to create awareness and counter the tobacco industry marketing efforts aimed at young Hoosiers.

On Saturday, April 21st 15 students from the Latino Voice of Hamilton County *and* the Boys and Girls Club Voice of Noblesville gathered in front of the Old Court House in Noblesville to perform a mock funeral procession, as one of the month-long events. This presentation is symbolic of the Hoosier youth being targeted by Big Tobacco and telling them to take a hike.

Second hand smoke and your children

What happens to children who live in an environment of second hand smoke?

- ◆ They get sick more frequently and for longer periods of time.
- ◆ They tend to have more ear infections, asthma attacks, cough and colds.
- ◆ They run a high risk of having lung cancer and/or breathing and heart problems when they are older.
- ◆ Contributes to the development of bronchitis and pneumonia infections.



Help keep your children safe - Keep them out of second hand smoke environments.

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Hoosier Faith and Health Coalition (HFHC)

An estimated 100 faith, health and community leaders gathered on January 24, 2007 for a Legislative Lunch put on by the HFHC. The reason – to continue educating and motivating tobacco advocates and finally, perform a call to action. Several participants wrote and carried over letters, addressed to their Senator and/or Representative in support of Governor Mitch Daniels proposal to increase taxes on tobacco products.

This activity along with other grassroots efforts lead to language included in HB1678:

- ◆ A 44-cent per pack cigarette tax increase to fund crucial health care programs for uninsured Hoosiers
- ◆ A \$1.2 appropriation from the new cigarette tax to ITPC
- ◆ Brings the total state cigarette tax to \$0.99.5 per pack.

Thanks again to all who participated in these activities that made our effort victorious!



HIV/AIDS – De Mujer a Mujer/ Woman to Woman program



In the first quarter of 2007 the Marion County “De Mujer a Mujer” program, in collaboration with the Federation of Lutheran Churches, educated a total of 91 women via group presentations at health clinics and home parties. Of those 91 women, 76 were referred to other services such as local hospital, STD clinic, and counseling.

During this same time period the Lake County “De Mujer a Mujer,” in collaboration with Healthy East Chicago educated 84 women via group presentations and home parties. They also host HIV/AIDS testing the second and third Tuesday of every month.



More reasons to celebrate

In the past 5 months ILI has received new grants:

- ◆ **Clowes Fund** – To support Phase II of the Internship portion of the Careers for the Future education initiative.
- ◆ **Fit City** - To create a Latino Soccer League consisting of youth ages 12-17 and their caregivers who will be educated and motivated to make changes for a healthy lifestyle.
- ◆ **ISDH** - Arthritis Campaign in Spanish coordinated in South Bend and Ft. Wayne, IN
- ◆ **Indiana AIDS Fund** – To offer the Mujer a Mujer program in Ft. Wayne. It is currently run in Marion County. Educating Latina’s in prevention and education in HIV/AIDS, other STD’s and Domestic Violence.
- ◆ **Health Foundation of Greater Indianapolis** – To continue the Mujer a Mujer program in Marion County in collaboration with Iglesia Bautista El Buen Pastor (Hispanic Baptist Church).

ILI Opportunities

We currently have one (1) vacancy:

Book Keeper (PT)

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