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GARY RECEIVES SUPPORT FROM NIPSCO FOR YOUTH SUMMER JOB PROGRAM CITY SEEKS OTHER BUSINESSES TO PARTNER

Gary, Indiana-Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson thanked Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) for their continued support of the City of Gary's Youth Services Bureau's Summer Enrichment and Jobs Program for Gary's youth.

NIPSCO, contributed \$25,000 this year to the City of Gary that will allow young people to earn money this summer while developing valuable job experience. NIPSCO's partnership last year provided 17 jobs for Gary students. NIPSCO is committed to assisting in building stronger communities. The company's donation this year will increase the number of available jobs for youth this summer.

Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson says, "I am appreciative for NIPSCO's partnership. I hope the evidence of their generosity will motivate other corporate citizens."

Each year the City of Gary works to increase the number of summer jobs for Gary's youth. Earlier this year the City reached out to numerous business and agencies in an effort to garner support through funding and through identifying more job opportunities for youth in Gary through the businesses. While the response resulted in some new partnerships, the city is continuing to encourage businesses to support the Youth Services Bureau Job Program.

Mayor Freeman-Wilson added, "Getting as many youth into quality summer jobs as possible is our priority. It's not just about a job, it's about building character."

Recently, the City of Gary was selected as a Summer Impact Hub, a partnership with the federal government to assist the Youth Services Bureau Initiative and to improve youth opportunities. The program will include summer meals, education and professional development.

The City is encouraging businesses to support the City's efforts to make available opportunities for young people that will make a difference for some of the youth in our community. Businesses can still be a partner and should contact the Mayor's Office at 219-881-1302 or the Youth Services Bureau at 219-886-7099.

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