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**Issue Media Group and partners introduce new digital magazine in Fort Wayne dedicated to telling regional stories about community, entrepreneurship**

FORT WAYNE, January 10, 2018—Issue Media Group, in partnership with a coalition of Fort Wayne leadership organizations, announces the launch of *Input Fort Wayne*, a new digital magazine showcasing the remarkable talent and ongoing transformation of Northeast Indiana.

*Input Fort Wayne* is a weekly publication and email newsletter featuring stories about bold startups, emerging places, catalytic talent, transformative projects, and ideas across the region.

The first issue was published online Jan. 10, 2018, at <http://www.inputfortwayne.org>.

As a community-based site, the publication features the work of local writers, journalists, and photographers, engaging both local and out-of-town readers in the evolving culture of northeast Indiana.

As a former columnist and social media manager at *The Journal Gazette* in Fort Wayne, Kara Hackett serves as the managing editor of *Input Fort Wayne*. A lifelong local resident, Hackett returned to northeast Indiana after completing journalism internships in New York City and Indianapolis. She is currently co-editor of the alt-weekly publication *Pique: Fort Wayne Art & Culture*, which produces a bi-annual magazine.

"I'm honored and excited to lead *Input Fort Wayne* as it comes alongside other local publications and news outlets in our community," Hackett says. "By definition, 'input' is a place where energy enters a system, and the energy building in our region is tremendous. Our team is eager to share stories with you and to hear your thoughts about what stories should be told."

*Input Fort Wayne* will convene quarterly editorial advisory sessions that include sponsors and a cross-section of Fort Wayne thought leaders, entrepreneurs, architects, and grassroots organizers to inform its coverage and foster a more connected network of organizations interested in attracting and retaining talent.

The publication also accepts story ideas from anyone in the community who wants to share about a local person, project, or business making a difference.

"We are really excited to have been invited into the Fort Wayne community at an exciting time," says Brian Boyle, CEO of Issue Media Group. "There is real transformation and talent-led energy taking hold in the region. We look forward to documenting the story of new businesses, emerging communities, and the passion of the people starting them in a different way. Drawing from our work in other cities around the country, we are engaging with local partners to change how Fort Wayne is viewed through the lens of inclusive talent, community, and entrepreneurship."

*Partners include Greater Fort Wayne, Inc., the City of Fort Wayne, Allen County, Parkview Health, Sweetwater Sound, Indiana Tech, PNC Community Development Banking, Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership, Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne, Arts United, Visit Fort Wayne, and the Downtown Improvement District.*

### **About Issue Media Group**

Issue Media Group (IMG) publishes a wide range of online magazines and websites in multiple markets across North America. Publications feature a variety of content consisting of timely news and resources related to lifestyle, cities, and economies. In each market, the Detroit-based media company promotes local assets and growth while working with community stakeholders in a coordinated effort to attract new talent, inspire business investment, and spur creative thought.

### **About Our Partners:**

#### **Greater Fort Wayne, Inc.**

Greater Fort Wayne (GFW) Inc. serves Fort Wayne and Allen County, Indiana, as a primary point of contact for economic growth, focusing on prosperity and community vibrancy through economic development. To learn more, visit [www.greaterfortwayneinc.com](http://www.greaterfortwayneinc.com).

#### **The City of Fort Wayne**

Fort Wayne, Indiana, is the regional heart of northeast Indiana and the state's second largest metropolitan area. It is a premier Midwest destination for visitors and a wonderful hometown in which to live, work, and play at every stage of life. For information, visit [www.cityoffortwayne.org](http://www.cityoffortwayne.org).

#### **Allen County**

The cultural and economic center of northeastern Indiana, Allen County is the third-most populous county in Indiana. It's cities include: Fort Wayne, Arcola, Grabill, Harlan, Hoagland, Hometown, Leo, Monroeville, New Haven, Spencerville, Woodburn, Yoder, and Zanesville. For more information, visit [www.allencounty.us](http://www.allencounty.us).

#### **Parkview Health**

Parkview Health is northeast Indiana's largest not-for-profit healthcare provider, guided by a mission to improve the health of the communities we serve. For more information, visit [www.parkview.com](http://www.parkview.com).

### **Sweetwater Sound**

Sweetwater Sound began business in 1979 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and is the country's most respected dealer in high-technology equipment for musicians, recording studios, and broadcasters. For more information, visit [www.sweetwater.com](http://www.sweetwater.com).

### **Indiana Tech**

Indiana Tech is a private university with career-oriented degree programs. The university's main campus is in Fort Wayne, Ind., with 12 additional locations for its College of Professional Studies program. For more information, visit [cps.indianatech.edu](http://cps.indianatech.edu).

### **PNC Community Development Banking**

PNC's Community Development Banking aims to improve quality of life and bring economic empowerment and vibrancy to local communities. To learn more, visit [www.pnc.com](http://www.pnc.com).

### **Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership**

The Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership is a public-private partnership focused on generating business leads and building regional capacity through product development and effective regional collaboration. For more information, visit [www.neindiana.com](http://www.neindiana.com).

### **Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne**

The Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne is a special form of public charity, organized to channel gifts from individual and corporate donors to a variety of charitable organizations in the local community. For more information, visit [www.cfgfw.org](http://www.cfgfw.org).

### **Arts United**

Established in 1955, Arts United's mission is to develop, coordinate, and support arts and cultural efforts in northeast Indiana. To learn more, visit [www.artsunited.org](http://www.artsunited.org).

### **Visit Fort Wayne**

Visit Fort Wayne, The Fort Wayne/Allen County Convention and Visitors Bureau, is the nonprofit organization whose purpose is to expand Fort Wayne's economy by attracting convention and leisure visitors. To learn more, visit [www.visitfortwayne.com](http://www.visitfortwayne.com).

### **Downtown Improvement District**

The Downtown Improvement District (DID) is an Economic Improvement District established to enhance the image of downtown Fort Wayne for the social and economic benefit of our community. For more information, visit [www.downtownfortwayne.com](http://www.downtownfortwayne.com).

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