



LETTER FROM THE NORTH TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Groundbreaking partnership changing lives – and the status quo – in North Township

In this issue of the North Township Navigator, you have the opportunity to learn of an innovative initiative that shows the rewards of collaboration.

The ability of our township to work with higher education, nonprofits, foundations, private corporations and other units of government is giving us an unprecedented opportunity to provide greater services for residents in Whiting, Hammond, East Chicago, Munster and Highland.

Ezekiel Battles is our first success story of a unique partnership forged between Ivy Tech, Holistic Community Coalition, the foundations of East Chicago, Schneider Trucking and North Township.

I am convinced he will not be our last.

In upcoming weeks and with the assistance and support of all these groups, Ezekiel will be starting a program to learn how to drive a big rig. In need of a new career, he can look at graduating in a few short months with a job and a salary that will more than help him maintain a decent standard of living. For every success, Schneider Trucking has pledged to donate funds to help train others.

It's the very best news I could hope to hear.

Our goal at the township is to help make people self-sufficient but we know we can't do it without the support and assistance of others who have faith and believe as we do. We are grateful – and so is Ezekiel.

FRANK J. MRVAN
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