

**FAIR**

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**MONTH**

## April is Fair Housing Month

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Make sure you are upholding the Fair Housing Act and helping to create thriving communities.

Celebrate Fair Housing Month with NAR—advocate for accountability, culture change and training. Elevate your community, advance homeownership and earn recognition. Take action now for a more inclusive tomorrow.




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**NAR Book Recommendations:** Residential segregation in America didn't happen by accident. Americans of different races live apart because of deliberate actions by public and private actors. NAR compiled a collection of fair housing titles to help members deepen their understanding of how we became divided, and of the ramifications of living in a segregated society. Visit: <https://www.nar.realtor/fair-housing/fair-housing-month/fair-housing-book-recommendations>

Don't have time to read an entire book? Each recommendation also includes book reviews, interviews, videos and other tools to give you a quick recap.



### Letter from the Board President

Spring is finally here, and April is packed with exciting events! First, I

want to remind everyone that April is **Fair Housing Month**. Every April, REALTORS® commemorate the passage of the Fair Housing Act of 1968 and reflect on housing discrimination and segregation, past and present. As community leaders, real estate professionals have an opportunity to be a part of equitable and inclusive change. Fair Housing Month signifies a recommitment to advancing equitable opportunities and expanding homeownership. Don't miss the chance to win your 2026 Association dues for free by completing the **Fairhaven 2.0** Challenge. Once you've completed it, simply send a copy of your certification to the board office. A winner will be drawn from all the names entered in the drawing! Don't miss out.

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## 2025 Scholarship Information

LPCAR is pleased to offer Scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each, to area students who plan on pursuing further education after graduation or are currently attending a college or trade school and who are related to a REALTOR or Affiliate member of LPCAR. There will be **4 (four)** Scholarships available. Three will be available to any student related to an LPCAR member—REALTOR or Affiliate member, and one scholarship is available with the same criteria but with one additional requirement—the family member must have served on the board of directors—either in the past or a current board member. This is our Board of Director Service Scholarship! Eligible applicants may apply to both scholarships but may only be selected for one.



This award will be given to a person demonstrating outstanding community involvement who is planning to pursue further education through an accredited college, university, or trade school or are currently attending college or a trade school.

### Scholarship FAQs

1. **What is the eligibility criteria for the Scholarship?** To be eligible the student must be pursuing further education after graduation or must be currently enrolled in a college or trade school. Students must also be related to an LPCAR member—Affiliate of REALTOR—who is in active and in good standing. For our Board of Director Service Scholarship, the student must be related to a member who has served on the LPCAR board of directors—past or current.
2. **How does my student apply for the scholarship?** Applications are available for download on our website. Please make sure to provide the application to eligible students.
3. **What is the deadline for application submission?** The deadline to submit the application is April 30, 2025.
4. **How much money is awarded through the scholarship?** For 2025 each recipient will receive \$1000 for their further education costs.
5. **How many scholarships are awarded each year?** In 2025 there will be 4 (four) Scholarships available.
6. **How do I submit the application?** [Two copies must be sent to the board office via mail or may also be dropped off at the board office. \(please contact the office for drop off times/info\)](#)

The deadline for this year is **April 30, 2025**. Please make sure your student applies as soon as possible. The application also requires an essay of 200 words or less explaining why the scholarship should be awarded. Any application received without the essay will not be considered during the selection process. It is important for the student to complete all parts of the application

Please download the application and have your student complete and send the form back by the deadline. Students of family members of LPCAR are eligible for this scholarship so we encourage them to apply as soon as possible.





## Congratulations to our 2024 REALTOR of the Year and 2024 Affiliates of the Year

At our March General Membership Meeting the 2024 REALTOR and Affiliate of the Year recipients were announced. Please help us congratulate Lyz Lukac—our 2024 REALTOR of the Year! Lyz has been a strong supporter of our association, volunteering in various committees and also serves on the board of directors. She serves as a great role model for her fellow members.

Our 2024 Affiliate of the Year is Allison Dent of Guild Mortgage AND Randi Webber of Rural 1st. Both volunteer for various events in our association, demonstrate

strong support and serve on committees. Both REALTOR of the Year and Affiliate of the Year are awards bestowed on individuals who have been recognized by their peers for their contributions to the real estate community and their dedication to the association. This is an annual tradition in our association.

**Congratulations again to Lyz Lukac/REMAX County 1st—our 2024 REALTOR of the Year; Allison Dent/Guild Mortgage and Randi Webber/Rural 1st, our 2024 Affiliates of the Year!**

### LPCAR Board Members Attend Michigan City Economic Development Power Breakfast

On Wednesday, March 26, 2025, LPCAR board members attended the Power Breakfast hosted by MC Economic Development at Uptown Social. Members heard from Mayor Angie Nelson Deutch about Michigan City's future development projects and investment opportunities.



## Mark Your Calendar!

Please mark your calendar for our upcoming give backs for the Deserving Children's Charity!

**April 13, 2025** - Food Drive Quarter Paddle Auction at the Silver Palace/La Porte. Doors open at noon.

**April 16, 2025**—Fannie May Give Back Event/Michigan City

**April 16, 2025** - Buffalo Wild Wings Give Back Event Michigan City.

**April 24, 2025**—Hacienda Give Back Event/Michigan City-please bring a coupon for the event ([page 7](#))

## Membership Update

Please help us welcome our newest LPCAR members.

**Neil Hackler—Engle & Volkers**

**Theresa Prim—Blackrock Real Estate**

*Managing Brokers—please remember to notify the board office with any changes at 219-324-*

*8120 or via email:*

*[lpcar@lpcar.comcastbiz.net](mailto:lpcar@lpcar.comcastbiz.net)*

*New members are invited to attend their first general membership meeting on us to be inducted and meet your colleagues. Please contact the board office for more information.*

## Letter from Board President—Continued

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Mark your calendars for **April 13th**—we're hosting a **Quarter Paddle Auction** to support the annual food drive at Silver Palace! Doors open at noon, and the event kicks off at 1 PM. Come join the fun while helping this worthy cause. Tickets are selling fast so make sure to purchase your tickets before they sell out. Can't make the event? Please consider sending a donation to the board office or you may also donate online at our GoFundMe Food Drive page. Every dollar is appreciated and goes toward helping to purchase food items to fill those pantries.

This month, we also have three give-back events to support the Deserving Children Charity:

- **April 16th** – Two fundraisers: Fannie May in Michigan City (all day) and Buffalo Wild Wings in Michigan City from 5 to 9 PM.
- **April 24th** – Hacienda in Michigan City. (All Day)

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out anytime. Hope to see you there! Have a great month!

Julie Wagner  
(219) 608- 5614  
2025 Board President

## Member Benefit



## FOREWARN®

**FOREWARN** is a revolutionary application that allows agents to have instant due diligence on prospects. In seconds, with as little information as a phone number or name, LPCAR members can verify a prospect's identity, criminal records, bankruptcies, liens, judgments, address history and property records (state laws vary) all in one place, leading to safer and more productive interactions.



This is not only critical for your personal safety and efficiency, but also a benefit to your listing homeowners, providing an added layer of protection for their homes and families through your vetting of prospective buyers. Haven't set up your account yet? Please contact the board office for more information at 219-324-8120.



# **LaPorte County Association of REALTORS Food Drive Fundraiser Quarter Paddle Auction**

**For Tickets Contact**

**Lyz Lukac :219-851-4911 Amy Blind:219- 608-4213  
Robin Umphrey: 219-363-9330**

**April 13, 2025**

**Doors Open at Noon  
Auction begins at 1pm**

**\$5 entry fee  
includes 1 paddle**

**\*Ask about our limited  
VIP tables\***



**Location:  
Silver Palace  
1719 State St Suite C  
LaPorte, IN 46350**

**Additional paddles  
available for  
purchase for \$5**

**All proceeds will go directly to  
our 2025 LPCAR Annual Food  
Drive Campaign**

- Ticket needed to enter
- Plenty of Parking
- Cash Bar
- Food available for purchase

**What to bring:**

- ✓ **Money to buy a paddle**
- ✓ **Money to buy food**
- ✓ **Quarters for bidding**
- ✓ **Friends and Neighbors**
- ✓ **Desire to have fun!**

LPCAR is a 501(c)6 a membership NOT for profit. The Food Drive Committee falls under that designation since it is operated by the association.

## Fairhaven 2.0—Take the Challenge for a chance at free 2026 Dues

Step into Fairhaven 2.0—NAR’s dynamic online simulation where real estate professionals tackle fair housing challenges head-on. Through realistic scenarios, practical insights, and historical context, you’ll explore key topics like steering, bias, disability accommodations, and standing up for clients facing discrimination.

This course helps ensure that your business practices comply with the letter and spirit of federal, state, and local law, as well as the Realtor Code of Ethics. **It also meets the new NAR fair housing training requirement that takes effect January 1, 2025.** Best of all, it’s free for NAR members. Your fair housing skills start here!

**Take the Challenge!** LPCAR will be holding a Fairhaven 2.0 challenge. Complete the Fairhaven course between March 1, 2025 and May 31, 2025 and you will be entered in a drawing for Free 2026 Dues! Who doesn’t love free dues? To be entered in the challenge, just print off your certificate of completion once you have finished the course and email a copy to the



board office. Entries must be received by June 1, 2025. Your certificate will look similar to this sample provided. (yes, I did take and complete the course). NAR Fairhaven reports will be used to confirm completion and verify each entry.

Remember—this course does satisfy the new NAR requirement: REALTORS® are required to complete Fair Housing / Anti-Bias Training upon becoming a member, and every 3 years thereafter, coinciding with the Code of Ethics training timeline. This requirement is in addition to the Code of Ethics training. Qualified training must be of not less

than 2 hours of instructional time. The training must meet specific learning objectives and criteria established by the National Association of REALTORS®. This requirement began January 1, 2025 with a deadline of December 31, 2027 for cycle 8. **Affiliates with an M1 number may also take the challenge for an entry for free 2026 Affiliate Dues!** (Affiliates—if you do not know your number or do not have a number assigned to you, please contact the board office for assistance)



La Porte County Association of REALTORS  
 P.O. Box 248  
 La Porte, Indiana 46352  
 Phone: 219-324-8120

Welcome to the Annual La Porte County Association of REALTORS Food Drive! This endeavor is to help the local pantries replenish their supplies for the less fortunate. No one wants a child or anyone in our community to go to bed hungry.

We are requesting monetary donations for this year's drive. Any amount is appreciated. Every cent of your donation goes toward buying food and all contributions stay in our community.

We will once again partner with a local grocery store and will be able to purchase our food at a reduced rate. This simple act of kindness helps so many!

Donations are being accepted through May 2025! Please make all checks payable to "La Porte County Association of REALTORS." You may use our GoFundMe page too... **(Please note the following if using GoFundMe link:** It will ask a donor for a "tip" to offset costs. You may elect to bypass the tip by entering "0" as the percentage amount. This is an optional feature added by GoFundMe but not required).

Please feel free to call anyone on our committee if you would like any additional information or if you would like someone to pick up your donation.

Thank you for your support and, as always, we are so grateful for each of you!

#### Food Drive Committee Chairs

Amy Blind  
 Pine Lake Realty  
 219-608-4213

Robin Umphrey  
 RE/MAX County Wide 1<sup>st</sup>  
 219-363-9330

Lyz Lukac  
 REMAX County Wide 1st  
 219-851-4911

#### Committee Members:

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 Angie Carr/Blackrock Real Estate: 574-806-0117  
 Ashlan Siford/MTM Realty: 219-363-6315  
 Julie Wagner/Weichert Shoreline: 219-608-5614  
 Mike Bilek/McColly Real Estate: 219-898-0342  
 Joy Pawlak/McColly Real Estate: 219-861-9992  
 Randi Webber/Rural 1<sup>st</sup>: 219-246-1672  
 Tommy Sunn/Coldwell Banker 1<sup>st</sup> Choice: 219-575-0881



QR Code for GoFundMe

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**Eat Wings, Raise Funds**



# **LPCAR Deserving Children Charity**

## **Wednesday, April 16**

### **5-9PM**

#### **Dine-in & Carryout**

**Michigan City Buffalo Wild Wings®** will donate 10%  
of food sales back to LPCAR.

(Not valid on web or third-party delivery orders.

Not including tax, gratuity, alcohol or promotional discounts).



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## FUNDRAISING

IN-STORE  
EVENT

### *Shop for a Great Cause*

When you bring this flyer in and purchase delicious Fannie May® treats, 30%\* of net proceeds will be donated to our organization.

**Organization:** La Porte County Association of REALTORS welcomes you to  
your local Fannie May Chocolate Store for a giveback for the Deserving Children's Charity

**Date:** 04/16/2025

**Time:** ALL DAY EVENT

**Fannie May® Location:** 102 US-20 Michigan City, IN, 46360

Located on the corner of US-421 and US-20



\*Exclusive of applicable taxes and shipping charges. Items may vary and are subject to availability. Offer only valid at the Fannie May store listed above during the designated time and day. This offer cannot be combined with other offers, promotions or discounts. Offer not applicable on all products including gift cards. Void where prohibited.  
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La Porte County Association of REALTORS  
**Deserving Children Charity Giveback Fundraiser**

**Thursday, April 24, 2025**  
**Hacienda Restaurant**  
**2148 N Karwick Rd, Michigan**  
**City, IN 46360**

**Must show token to server to  
receive giveback credit. Gift  
cards purchased are eligible  
for the giveback - great time  
to stock up!!**



Group: LPCAR Deserving Children's Charity  
Date: April 24, 2025 - All Day  
Location: Michigan City Hacienda  
2148 N Karwick Rd, Michigan City, IN

You must receive this token from your organization prior to your event. Distribution of this token on Hacienda property will disqualify the organization from receiving any proceeds.

Don't have time to eat out? Pick up a Hacienda gift card or Fiesta-To-Go order. They count towards the fundraiser.

Restaurant Phone Number (219) 879-4404

GIFT CARDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR YOUR PURCHASE WITH THIS TOKEN



**PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE  
DESERVING CHILDREN'S CHARITY FUND**



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**Deserving Children's Charity Fundraiser—Hacienda Give Back!**

Join us on **April 24, 2025** at Hacienda Restaurant in Michigan City for our give back event. A portion of your bill will be donated back to our charity. Gift cards and to-go orders are also eligible for the give back. Please print out one of the tokens and bring it with you to the restaurant **(tokens will not be available on the restaurant!)**



## RPAC: Your Best Investment in Real Estate

Since 1969, the REALTORS® Political Action Committee (RPAC) has promoted the election of pro-REALTOR® candidates across the United States. The purpose of RPAC is clear: REALTORS® raise and spend money to elect candidates who understand and support their interests. The money to accomplish this comes from voluntary contributions made by REALTORS®. These are not members' dues; this is money given freely by REALTORS® in recognition of how important campaign fundraising is to the political process. RPAC doesn't buy votes. RPAC enables REALTORS® to support candidates that support the issues that are important to their profession and livelihood.



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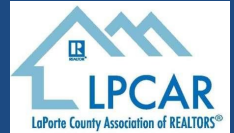
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# April 2025

The board office will be operating remotely until further notice. In-person office visits by appointment only! Please contact the office via email. Lockbox requests must be initiated through NIRA and appointment for pickup at board office must be made.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Board of Director Meeting at 11:30 a.m.	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Quarter Paddle Auction @noon at Silver Palace	14	15	16 Fannie May Give Back Buffalo Wild Wings Give Back	17	18	19
20 HAPPY Easter	21 Easter Monday—Board Office Closed	22	23	24 Hacienda Give Back Event/MC	25	26
27	28	29	30	<b>FAIR HOUSING MONTH</b> <b>BETTER. FAIRER. STRONGER.</b>		