LPCAR Newsletter

Deserving Children's Charity Auction!

This month is our premier charity event—the Deserving Children Charity Auction, taking place on **Friday, November 13, 2026** at the Orak Shrine. We would like to thank all of our Charity Committee Volunteers who work all year long to help make this a successful event.



Date: **Friday, November 13, 2026**

Place: **Orak Shrine**
3848 N. Frontage Road
Michigan City, Indiana 46360-9264

Time: **Doors open at 5 p.m. for cocktails** -
arrive early to preview the items

Dinner at 6 p.m.

Auction begins at 7 p.m.

Cost: **$60 per person**

Thank you to our 2026 Deserving Children Charity Committee:

Verna McAlister (co-Chair) Tommy Sunn (Co-Chair)

Marina Klein	Julie Deal	Laura Robbins
Julie Wagner	Joy Pawlak-Bilek	Mike Bilek
Dee Waggoner	Peggy Loza	Deb Vance
Christina Harber	Dawn Zigler	Brook Christ
Dennis Galloway	Whitney Van Asdall	Susan May

Shopping Sub-Committee:

Robin Umphrey	Miranda Sebesta	Kim Kemiel



Letter from the Board President

We are gearing up for our Deserving Children Charity Auction on November 13th, and we are still seeking donations to help make this event a success! Now that we have received our 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, donations may be tax-deductible.

Please also mark your calendars for our upcoming holiday shopping dates:
LaPorte: December 8th
Michigan City: December 9th

We are still in need of chaperones and volunteers to help make the holidays special for these deserving children. You can volunteer to take a child shopping or shop on their behalf. Every helping hand makes a difference, and we would greatly appreciate any time or support you can give! To sign up: **https://form.jotform.com/261605834678063**

Thank you for your continued generosity and commitment to making a difference in the lives of these children. If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please don't hesitate to reach out. Together, we can make the holidays brighter for our deserving children! Everyone have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday!

Julie Wagner
2026 LPCAR Board President

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2026 Charity Auction Committee Co-Chairs

Tommy Sunn
219-575-0881

Verna McAlister
219-380-9584

Table & Dinner Ticket Sales:
Whitney Van Asdall
219-608-1457

Board Office
219-324-8120

Deserving Children's
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2026 Auction Information

Registration Table manned by @Properties Team!
Cashiers: Joy Zigler / Dawn Zigler
Auctioneer: Billy Spence and crew
Security Provided by the Orak

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Don't forget to put your name (first and last) on the back of your dinner ticket for a chance to win a $250 cash prize!

Dinner Menu

Dinner: Grecian Chicken, Roast Beef w/Steak Diane Sauce, Penne Pasta with Marinara Sauce.
Normandy Steamed Vegetables
Roasted Potatoes
Tossed Garden Salad, Dinner Rolls,
Chocolate, Carrot, & White w/Strawberry Filling Cake

Beverages: Coffee, Iced Tea and Water

Cash Bar: Well Liquors,Call Liquors, Domestic Draft Beer, Wine, Soda/Juice *(in order to expedite the lines at the bar, we ask that you please pay with cash)*

Donation Items Needed/Drop Off Locations

Items are needed and still being accepted for the night of the auction. Some suggestions include: toys, decorative items, liquor, unique and rare items, sport event tickets, electronics, gift certificates and of course cash donations welcomed.
Drop Off Locations: **Meridian Title/All locations, Fidelity Title. Metropolitan Title, Blackrock Real Estate, McColly, Board Office, or contact any committee member.**
Arrangements may be made to have items picked up at your location. Please contact one of our committee members to schedule a pick up or you may also contact the board office at 219-324-8120.
Please contact any committee member regarding auction items. If you would like to donate an item but not sure what to donate, visit our Amazon Wish List for ideas: https://bit.ly/CharityWishListLPCAR

We are creating our Auction Item Sheet List for the tables and want to include all items available at the auction! If you do purchase an item from our wish list, be sure to include your name so we can thank you properly.

Sponsor a child: if you wish to sponsor a child for the shopping event in December you may send a check to the board office, made payable to LPCAR Charity Fund in the the amount of $175, or any amount of your choice. Each child will be alloted $175 to be used for needed items and toys during the shopping event.

REALTOR Relief Fund In Action!

The August 2026 storms took its toll across the entire county, damaging properties and leaving homeowners scrambling to recover. Several associations in the state of Indiana partnered with the National Association of **REALTORS® Relief Foundation (RRF)** to provide some assistance to homeowners with damage to their primary residence.

Our association was honored to be able to take part in this project and through grant funds from the RRF, we were able to provide some monetary assistance to several residents of La Porte County.

About the REALTORS® Relief Foundation

Within hours of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, efforts were launched by the NAR Executive Leadership team to secure contributions to aid those impacted. The National Association of REALTORS® utilized its leadership, infrastructure and standing as the world's largest trade association to rally members and supporters. Donors stood in solidarity with fellow countrymen and countrywomen to help impacted families rise from the rubble and ash. More than $8.4 million poured in to provide urgent housing-related assistance for those struggling in the aftermath. Funds were raised and distributed within 100 days to ensure families remained in their homes.

For a quarter of a century, REALTORS® have stepped forward to help families recover after disasters. Join us as we celebrate 25 years of impact, and ensure we're ready for the next 25.

The commitment to donors has remained the same: 100% of your support for disaster relief efforts goes directly to families impacted. No overhead costs are subtracted thanks to the generosity of the National Association of REALTORS®, who cover 100% of administrative expenses. To Donate visit: **https://rrf.realtor/**



Member Benefit

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.



Other Drawings

There will be 50/50 drawings and tip boards available throughout the evening. Items include Holiday Gift Baskets, Wine Baskets, Liquor Baskets, etc.





REMINDER: Please remember to **return your auction paddle** at the end of the event, when you check out with the cashiers or head for home! We kindly ask that you **do not write** on the paddles, **tear or rip** them or **spill anything** on them as we reuse them every year. We ordered new paddles last year and some of them were returned with writing on them as well as food spills. Please use them with care as we hope to keep them in use for many years to come

Bucket Auction



Tickets will be sold for $20.00 for 20 tickets.
***Write your paddle number on the ticket** and place in the bucket of the basket you hope to win!*
IT'S THAT EASY!
A table will be set up in with all of our Bucket Items and Buckets. Drawing will be held at approximately 9:00 pm. Check the table to see if you are a winner. Winning numbers will be posted by each item.

Tickets sold in $20.00 increments only.

2026 REALTOR Dues Reminder:

On Friday, October 23, 2026, all LPCAR REALTOR members were emailed information regarding the 2027 Association dues and payment information. The dues deadline is November 30, 2026 with a grace period that runs through December 15, 2026. **All Dues Payments are paid directly online at https://ams.navicamls.net/ (login will be required). Payments may be made via Visa, MasterCard or Electronic Check.** Payments will still be processed through the NAR E-Commerce System.

Deserving Children's Charity Auction Sneak Peek!



2026 REALTOR of the Year Nomination Form

LA PORTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS, INC

2026 REALTOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominee: _____

Business Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

1. **ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS** (use additional sheets if necessary); ***It is not necessary to complete all sections.***

   A. **REALTOR PROFESSIONALISM**: (high principles, faithfulness to laws and regulations, the Code of Ethics, and the furtherance of principles of good real estate practice among other brokers and general public)

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   B. **REALTOR DESIGNATIONS:** (Designations, advanced education and/ or training)

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   C. **COMMUNITY SERVICE:** (local, state and national level of participation in civic and service clubs, charitable activities, political activities, fraternal or religious groups, etc.)

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2. **LOCAL BOARD ACTIVITY:** (Board offices and committee work, special assignments, seminar activity and education work, membership and offices held in local chapters or institutes, etc.

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3. **STATE ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY:** (State offices held and committee work, attendance and participation at IAR Conferences, Board of Directors meetings and educational conferences, etc.)

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4.. **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS ACTIVITY:** (National offices and committee work, membership and work in institutes, attendance at NAR conventions, etc.)

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5. **OTHER COMMENTS:**

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Submitted By:

Name: _____

Office: _____

Please return completed form and photo of nominee (if available) to:

Iris Muccigrosso, Executive Officer
La Porte County Association of REALTORS
P.O. Box 248, La Porte, IN 46352
Email: lpcar@frontier.com or lpcar@comcastbiz.net

Forms must be submitted no later than February 15, 2027 (no exceptions)

La Porte County Association of REALTORS
2026 Affiliate of the Year Nomination Form

Nominee _____

Company _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please describe how this affiliate member has demonstrated their support for the La Porte County Association of REALTORS during the 2026 Year.

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List any LPCAR Committees and/or other community service involvement

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(Please include a photo if available)

Submitted by (optional) _____

Please return to the Board Office no later than **January 25, 2027!**
Forms may be emailed: lpcar@lpcar.comcastbiz.net
or mailed to:

La Porte County Association of REALTORS, Inc.
P.O. Box 248 La Porte, Indiana 46352



Your voice matters.
Make it heard.

Every election shapes our communities. Stay informed and vote on November 3, 2026.

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November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Board Office Notice: Please schedule an appointment if you need to stop by the board office at 219-324-8120						
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8	9 Board of Director Mtg @11:30 am	10	11 	12	13 Deserving Children Charity Auction at the Orak Shrine, MC	14
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	Board Office Closed—November 23-28, 2025					
29	30					
30 **2027 REALTOR Dues Deadline!**						