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THE GENERATIONS PROJECT

*Creating opportunities for citizens, organizations,
and business to address long term health care issues
and improve quality of life in Indiana.*



For decades, Hoosiers needing long term health care services, such as home health care, have been left waiting. Affordable and accessible health care options have simply not been available. As a result, citizens and their families are placed under considerable duress as they struggle to meet the need for long term care services, without assistance.

This situation represents a major problem for Indiana. In human costs, 27,000 people are on waiting lists for publicly funded home and community based care, thousands are inappropriately placed in nursing homes, and hundreds more die each year because of the imbalance in Indiana's long term care system.

In fiscal costs, Indiana's imbalanced long term care system costs business lost productivity and caregivers lost work time. Even in this time of budget crisis, Indiana continues to spend hundreds of millions of dollars inefficiently on the most expensive forms of long term care when consumers are looking for affordable home and community based services.

For the first time, there is a formal inter-organizational and inter-generational response to Indiana's long term care crisis. That response is called The Generations Project, which is an alliance of ten leading consumer and human service organizations. The project exists to bring together the numerous organizations and individuals who are interested in an affordable and balanced long term health care system. Your help is needed today.

Why me, Why now?

Will you or someone you know need long term health care but have difficulty paying the thousands of dollars necessary to provide this care? Will you or someone you know serve as a primary caregiver for a family member? Could your business or organization be negatively impacted by employees overly stressed with the responsibility of caring for a loved one? Will you or your family feel the impacts of a strained state budget that could be improved with a wiser and more efficient long term care program? Chances are you've answered "yes" to at least one of these questions.

Since December 2001, The Generations Project has worked through partnerships to inform, educate, organize, and offer creative solutions to rebalance Indiana's long term care system. We are asking Hoosiers to work together to address the problems in Indiana's long term care system by calling for and creating fundamental change. Thus far, we have made great progress.

The policy and organizational landscape in Indiana is continually shifting. The Generations Project serves as a focal point helping citizens make sense out of these changes; translating policy analysis into positive action for Indiana through concerted and consistent outreach and education. Through speaking engagements, working with statewide and local media, and strategically distributing information to the public, those working to improve access to affordable long term care will become better equipped to initiate change.

When we succeed, these changes will result in Hoosiers receiving quality, affordable, and reliable home and community based care when they need it and where they want it – at home and in their communities. These changes will result in healthier citizens, strengthened families, and a more efficient use of state tax dollars.

We ask you to join in this important effort with The Generations Project today!

The Generations Project is a collaborative effort of AARP Indiana, Alzheimer's Association, The Arc of Indiana, Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana, CICOA The Access Network, Council of Volunteers and Organizations for Hoosiers with Disabilities, Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging, Indiana State Council of Senior Citizens, Mental Health Association in Indiana, and United Senior Action of Indiana. The Project maintains a professional staff and an advisory board of representatives from each of the project's ten member organizations.

Funded by the Health Foundation of Greater Indianapolis and The Indianapolis Foundation, The Generations Project has expanded the capacity of its partner organizations to motivate and activate citizens. Sub-grants to CICOA, United Senior Action, the Indiana State Council of Senior Citizens, Citizens Action Coalition, and The Alzheimer's Association have increased the scope of project activities.

To learn more about long term health care in Indiana, what you can do to help, or how you or your organization can get involved, please contact The Generations Project directly or one of its member organizations.

