

It's a Special Place We Call Home

By the time you are reading this, the 2011 Indiana General Assembly session will have reached its conclusion – we hope. With several weeks remaining at the time of this writing, we were optimistic that important education and tax reforms would be enacted to help make Indiana an even better place to work and live.

“Hope” and “optimism” are not necessary for some other current Indiana Chamber and *BizVoice*® activities; they are all set. Among the items to share:



- This edition of our magazine is our sixth annual tribute to the Best Places to Work in Indiana. Congratulations to all 70 organizations for investing in their greatest assets – their people – and creating outstanding workplace cultures. Applications for the 2012 program will be available in a few short months.
- While *BizVoice*® has featured wellness columns and stories over the past five-plus years, July-August will mark the first issue dedicated to this crucial topic. We'll be teaming with the Wellness Council of Indiana, which became part of the Chamber at the beginning of this year, to highlight wellness success stories, programs and initiatives. And don't forget about our 2011 Employee Health and Wellness Summit on September 27.
- We will skip the “hope” term here also and confidently predict there will be a 2011 NFL season, concluding with the Super Bowl in Indianapolis next February. As part of that celebration, the Chamber's 22nd Annual Awards Dinner (November 17 at the JW Marriott) will feature four-time Super Bowl champion quarterback and award-winning broadcaster and author Terry Bradshaw. Be sure to reserve your table early in the exciting new venue for this always special event.

And since we mentioned legislative reforms to help move Indiana forward, I want to close with reminding you that our state is already a wonderful location. That's not something we should ever take for granted.

Just as employees make the company, our people make Indiana special. The entire Indiana Chamber team is proud to work with organizations throughout the state to help them – and their people – be as successful as possible.

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