

**Craig M. Dwight**, Chairman and CEO of Horizon Bank, takes pride in his local community. That pride not only makes him an outstanding leader for Horizon, but a strong advocate to the Michigan City community. Craig became President in 1998 and Chairman and CEO of Horizon in 2003. Since then, he has worked tirelessly to enhance the economic development and prosperity of the Michigan City community. As a community-minded, hard-working, focused and honest leader, Craig transformed Horizon from a small community bank into a \$7.4 billion asset bank that continues to serve and thrive in Indiana and Michigan.

Beyond expanding Horizon from eight locations to more than 75, Craig has served and chaired the local hospital board, United Way of LaPorte County, and the Michigan City Economic Development Corporation. In addition, his fundraising efforts have supported many charities in LaPorte County, including United Way, Salvation Army, Boys and Girls Club, The Martin Luther King Center, Michigan City Area Schools and the LaPorte County YMCA to name a few.



Craig uses his economic expertise, leadership, and philanthropy to enhance outreach and economic development efforts in underserved areas of Michigan City. He regularly attends housing summits, conferences, and advisory boards across the region to understand better the needs of businesses and families in the area. Craig also encourages all employees to attend these events, too, so that they can better serve community members. In addition, his mentorship of employees and community leaders enhances their ventures, leading to stronger nonprofits, charitable projects, and start-ups.

Beyond providing financial support and economic planning for community projects, Craig participates in outreach strategies that will change the lives of community members. Currently, Craig is working with One Region in efforts to support Michigan City's Transportation Development Project and also is representing the Michigan City Chamber of Commerce, small businesses and non-profits on Michigan City's American Rescue Plan (ARPA) committee to focus on improving infrastructure for affordable and workforce housing. He also has served on the Michigan City Aviation Commission, Purdue North Central Advisory Board, and the Northwest Indiana Regional Opportunities Council.

Craig was inducted into the Times of Northwest Indiana Business Hall of Fame. And, over the past ten years under his leadership, Horizon has been named one of the top 200 community banks based on financial performance in the United States. Horizon has reported strong earnings throughout Craig's tenure and uninterrupted, increasing dividends. But this economic prosperity doesn't end with Horizon or Craig. Craig's efforts have impacted the community countless times, from fundraising and outreach planning to increased economic opportunities for businesses and individuals. We're incredibly proud of Craig and honored to share his Michigan City Economic Development Lifetime Achievement Award.