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Leadership Carroll County 2024-2025 Kick-Off Session

Carroll County, Indiana – 9/17/2024 - Leadership Carroll County, a 9-month leadership program, held their kick-off session on Thursday, September 11 with a full day at Camp Tecumseh YMCA. The program takes participants through a series of personal and professional workshops while concurrently immersing them in all the resources our community has to offer.

Sixteen local leadership participants signed up for the 2024-2025 Leadership Carroll County Class. The first session had a great turn out with all participants present and everyone enjoyed meeting each other while expanding their leadership skills to become better leaders in the community.

During the kick-off session, our group met for the first time beginning with introductions, discussed their DISC assessments with our speaker, participated in icebreakers, took headshots and group photos, and learned about what will take place during this 9 month journey together.

Our speaker during session 1 was Shelly Bays. Shelly is a self-described "hippie chic" and entrepreneur who strives to live a life of significance. One of Shelly's certifications is as an internationally certified Speaker, Trainer and Coach with the John Maxwell Team, and Maxwell DiSC Method Certified Consultant. With 33 years of experience as an entrepreneur building wildly successful businesses and teams in multiple industries; leading multiple volunteer organizations, and having served two terms as an elected official, Shelly brings personal experience and lessons learned to clients in ways that help them break through what's holding them back, create super highways to where they want to be, and being the accountability partner and sounding board that every entrepreneur who desires massive success needs.

Our program would not be successful without the support of the Community Foundation Serving Howard, Clinton & Carroll Counties, NIPSCO, and other community members. The Leadership Carroll County Class is led by our Advisory Committee. The committee members are Julia Leahy with the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, Jake Adams with the Carroll County Economic Development Corporation, Joel Sieplinga with Camp Tecumseh YMCA, and Barb Hickner with the Family Health Clinic.

