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LAKESHORE CHAMBER ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT & CEO, KIM OLESKER



The Lakeshore Chamber is pleased to announce the hiring of Kim Olesker, as its President and CEO, effective April 1st. As the President and CEO, Kim is working to support business leaders, community leaders and community growth.

“Kim is dedicated to service and philanthropy, both personally and professionally, and we are excited to have her leading the Lakeshore Chamber. Her extensive track record of leadership, communication, and enthusiasm for helping others has supported this area in On My Way PreK and flood recovery.

Olesker, a graduate of the University of Nebraska of Omaha with a Bachelor of Science in Journalism, started her professional career as a traveling consultant for her collegiate sorority, Alpha Xi Delta.

“I have missed working and making a difference in Northwest Indiana, so the opportunity to work in the communities of Hammond and East Chicago was an exciting benefit of being selected to run the Lakeshore Chamber. I look forward to networking and engagement to our businesses who call this area home and employ our families. I appreciate the chamber members and invite new and returning members, we have a great deal of exciting things on the horizon, we want to include you in that!” Kim Olesker shared.

She has recently come from AKPsi Foundation, as Executive Director, but prior to that United Way of Porter County (now Northwest Indiana), where she raised millions of dollars, year over year, in her role as President and CEO. Working with donors and community organizations, she brought much-needed help to many United Way-funded programs. Olesker brings to Lakeshore Chamber an extensive experience in fundraising, stewardship, and donor relations. She was one of twelve United Way Presidents chosen from more than 1,800 United Way offices worldwide to participate in United Way’s Executive Leadership Development Program, which was held at Harvard University and Deloitte University, along the way securing her Masters in Nonprofit Public Administration.

Olesker has spent most of her career in non-profits, beginning with Alpha Xi Delta as the sorority’s National Housing Director for more than sixty housed properties, running the National Housing Corporation and interacting with local boards to provide safe and fiscally sound properties. After a stint with American Cancer Society, she moved to United Way of Porter County, where she rose to become President & CEO, a position she served in for seven years.
