



**Immigrant Welcome Center**  
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### **Indianapolis Motor Speedway partners with the Immigrant Welcome Center to host Live Local Think Global fundraiser; April 21**

Indianapolis, Ind. (April 12, 2021)—In celebration of 15 years of creating a welcoming city and community for its immigrant and refugee neighbors, the Immigrant Welcome Center (IWC) is partnering with the Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS) for its annual fundraising event, Live Local Think Global. With the theme *Belonging begins with you*, this year's event will feature a virtual program during which Indianapolis' leaders will share how they are creating a culture where everyone can feel that they truly belong, can be their most authentic self, and can be valued for exactly who they are.

Neelay Bhatt, board chair of the Immigrant Welcome Center, speaking of this year's theme said, "As we continually strive to address the evolving needs of our immigrant and refugee neighbors, our theme of *Belonging begins with you* is more relevant than ever. IWC is committed to supporting all internationally-born residents of Central Indiana to help them build successful lives and enrich our community."

We invite everyone to attend Live Local Think Global virtually on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 6 p.m. The event will feature speakers Brian Payne (President and CEO, Central Indiana Community Foundation), Dr. Lisa Harris (CEO, Eskenazi Health), Leonard Hoops (President and CEO, VisitIndy), and Immigrant Welcome Center's own Gurinder Hohl and Neelay Bhatt.

"One of the longest-standing traditions at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway is welcoming race fans and race car drivers from across the globe into our gates, and that tradition will be amplified with the Live Local Think Global event right here at the Racing Capital of the World," IMS President J. Douglas Boles said. "We always look forward to introducing IMS and our events to new Indianapolis residents, and it is especially important when we can foster a greater sense of belonging for our immigrant community in Central Indiana. We are proud to work alongside the Immigrant Welcome Center to host this impactful event that will showcase our trademark Hoosier Hospitality and provide a warm greeting for our newest neighbors."

To learn more about Live Local Think Global, and to register to attend the virtual event, please visit <https://www.immigrantwelcomecenter.org/live-local-think-global/>.

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#### *About Immigrant Welcome Center*

Immigrant Welcome Center is a nonprofit organization on a mission to connect immigrants to the people places and resources they need to thrive and successfully integrate into our community.

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