

## Chorus of Voices: Retelling Northwest Indiana History



Many of us in Northwest Indiana have family stories that connect us to Gary.

*We have stories of hope:* of arriving, of finding work, of neighborhood life, of churches and schools, of political engagement, of hard times and good times.

*We have stories of change:* of Mayor Hatcher's election, of expanded opportunities for housing and employment, of schools desegregating, of being in the nation's eye.

*We have stories of fight or flight:* of no longer feeling safe, of banning "for sale" signs in the neighborhood, of moving to the suburbs, of watching businesses leave for Southlake Mall, of jobs at the mill drying up.

It can be hard, given the diversity of experiences, to hear the larger, underlying regional story.

In *Chorus of Voices: Retelling Northwest Indiana History*, we will share excerpts from an audio documentary that aims to relay that larger story. Through listening and discussion, we hope you will recognize your own story, acknowledge the stories of others, and begin to think differently about our common life.

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