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JCI Indianapolis to Give \$5,000 to Best Whiner

Second Annual "Let's Wine About It" to Award Grant through Wine Tasting Event

JCI Indianapolis will award a \$5,000 grant and manpower of more than 50 volunteers to one of three grant finalists developing sustainable community projects at the second annual Let's Wine About It, a wine tasting event in downtown Indianapolis on September 9.

JCI Indianapolis, a young professionals group, developed Let's Wine About It as a method for community groups to share their 'whine' on a local issue, raise awareness, and garner support to address change within the Indianapolis community. This unique event combines the social setting of a wine tasting with a nonprofit pitch competition. The winner will be selected by the votes of event attendees. The event is Saturday, September 9 at the Downtown Speak Easy. Marc Mullins of RTV6 will emcee the event.

"We all love Indy, but we also recognize that there is a lot of work still to do. Let's Wine About It is an opportunity for local groups and community members to become part of the solution," said Robin Lanning, the project chair. The three finalists, from nearly 15 community groups who applied, are Indianapolis Parks Foundation, Intercollegiate YMCA, and the Starfish Initiative.

- The Indianapolis Parks Foundation wants to engage youth through their Indy Urban Acres program, educating local young people about growing food and healthy eating.
- Intercollegiate YMCA looks to provide financial literacy courses in low-income areas with The Money Game.
- The Starfish Initiative hopes to help high school students achieve post-secondary academic and career success through their Career Exploration for our Community's Economic Future program, in which students are guided towards careers and colleges best suited to them.

Full project descriptions can be found at www.indianapolisjci.org/lwai.

In addition to the \$5,000 award, the winner will also receive volunteer help from JCI members. "This project provides our members an ongoing opportunity to develop and support sustainable change," said Stephanie Lander, JCI Indianapolis chapter president. "As we pursue civic engagement throughout the next year, we will serve as a partner to ensure the success of whichever project takes home the prize."

Tickets are available via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com). General admission tickets are \$40 in advance and \$60 at the door and include food, beverages and ten corks with which to cast votes. For more information, visit www.indianapolisjci.org/lwai

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About JCI Indianapolis

JCI Indianapolis connects a community of emerging leaders committed to building a better Indianapolis through sustainable positive change. JCI Indianapolis is a founding chapter of a national and international organization of young active citizens committed to creating positive change in their communities.

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