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Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce
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Dear Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce Members and Fremont Community:

iMAN – Indiana Metropolitan Area Network Fiber Optic Infrastructure

The Board of Directors of the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce voted to invest \$2,011.00 in the iMAN –Indiana Metropolitan Area Network fiber optic infrastructure building fund at their meeting on August 19, 2011.

The Chamber Board of Directors felt it was an important investment in the future of the Fremont community. “The mission of the Chamber is to support and improve the businesses in our community, and the importance of having a fiber optic backbone will enhance our marketing efforts to retain and attract investment and jobs to our Town and the entire County”, said Chamber President Linda Fulton.

In October 2010, the Steuben County Commissioners and County Council approved a \$2.0 million dollar appropriation from Major Moves, leaving iMAN officials with another \$562,000 to raise in order to complete the project all over Steuben County. With this gift from the Fremont Chamber, the total raised so far is at \$127,000, which is great, but work is left to be done, said Bill Geiger, iMAN Chief Executive and Project Manager.

The Fremont Community Schools and Fremont Public Library are currently using iMAN infrastructure and further build out will enable Fremont retail, commercial, and industrial businesses access to this service. Best of all, a portion of the fees charged by iMAN for these services are returned to the Fremont community for worthwhile projects courtesy of the Fremont Fund at the Steuben County Community Foundation.

If you have questions, you can learn more about iMAN by contacting Bill Geiger or Sharon Stroh at bgeiger1@frontier.com or sharon.stroh@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Linda Fulton and Chris Snyder, Fremont Chamber of Commerce President and Treasurer
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