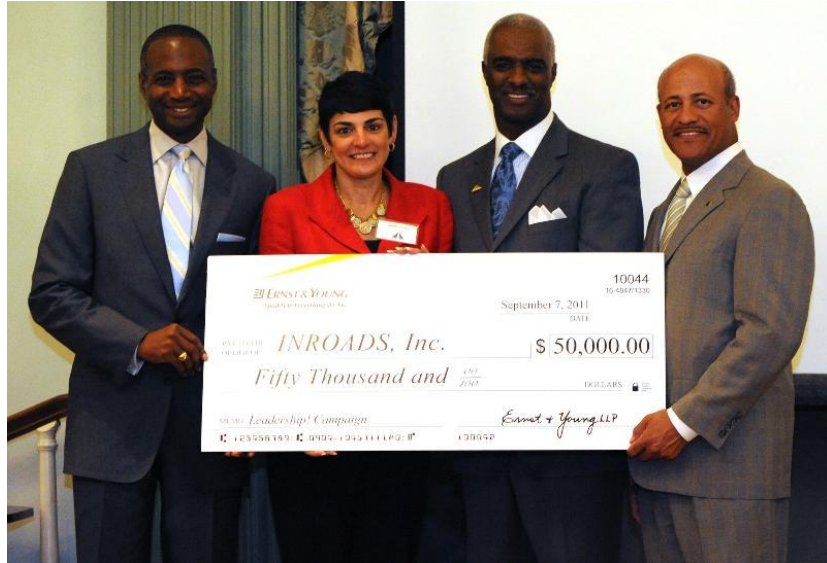




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The definition of success doesn't adequately describe the Chicago/Milwaukee Reconnection Part Two event held last month in support of the Leadership! Campaign. We expected to raise \$75,000 but instead grossed \$130,000 with a net profit of \$117,000! The largest gifts for philanthropic support included an initial gift of \$50,000 from Ernst & Young presented by Jeffery Perry and Tony Washington. Our very own President & CEO, Forest T. Harper and his family pledged \$30,000; INROADS alumnus Travis Swoope donated \$25,000, and the Chicago/Milwaukee Host Committee gave \$10,000. The sponsorship and gift tallies for the night increased with every announcement and it was an empowering moment for INROADS. Jeff Perry announced that the **\$50,000 from Ernst & Young** was an initial payment on a larger gift in the making for the Leadership! Campaign. A huge THANK YOU to all of our donors.

Other highlights of this wonderful evening:

More than 80 attendees gathered at the historic Fortnightly House of Chicago the evening of September 7, 2011. The group was comprised of INROADS national board members, civic, corporate and community leaders, and Alumni gathered from entities including: Allied Technologies, AT&T, Bank of America, Deloitte, Ernst & Young, Groupon, Jones Lang LaSalle, Kellogg School of Management, Kraft, MetLife, Microsoft, Northwestern Mutual, Peoples Gas, PNC Financial Services, Pfizer, PricewaterhouseCoopers, P&G, REACH Media, State of Illinois/Higher Education, TARGET Corporation, The Northern Trust Company, The Travelers Companies, UTC, Walgreens, and others.

The atmosphere was electric with Alumni and corporate leaders greeting each other and networking.

The host for the evening, Jeff Perry (INROADS national board member and INROADS



Maria Morris, INROADS national board chair brought greetings on behalf of the board and reminded everyone about the need for fundraising to accomplish the INROADS mission. She also announced the 100% pledge participation of the national board.



Greg painted a masterpiece with his words by taking us through many poignant times he shared with his father and INROADS founder, Frank Carr. He recounted several pieces of INROADS history that even seasoned INROADERS heard for the first time. His remarks got a much deserved, prolonged standing ovation.

To bring us to today and into the future, **Maggie Lamas**, a current INROADS intern delivered a poised and passionate speech. You could feel the swell of pride in the room as she stepped from the podium.



Moving from Success to Significance was a panel discussion featuring Martin Cabrera, Jr., President, Cabrera Capital, LLC, **Connie Lindsey**, Executive Vice President, Northern Trust and **Will Evans**, President, Peoples Gas. They each had compelling stories to tell with INROADS as the linchpin for their success. **Miriam Velez**, Director of INROADS Alumni Relations and External Affairs asked email questions resulting from a special Alumni outreach via social media.



Forest Harper, INROADS President & CEO gave an impassioned speech about the present and future of INROADS. Forest conveyed his leadership vision in a very impactful manner by announcing a \$30,000 pledge on behalf of him and the Harper family. The confidence in Forest and INROADS' future was felt throughout the room.



The last segment of the program included an overview of the Leadership! Campaign and made an appeal for Alumni to give by the **Campaign Leader, M. Gasby Brown**. **Adrienne Thomas** staffed a laptop that could take payments on line.

Ava Youngblood offered closing remarks and announced that this was just the beginning and asked everyone to stay tuned for more Reconnection events in Chicago.

Thanks to the Host Committee with a very special thanks for the efforts of Jeff Perry and Ava Youngblood. A great team led by **Gasby Brown** organized and executed the event: **Adrienne Thomas**, the INROADS Development Associate, **Therese Janca** and **Denice Waldhuetter**; from PEC event planners, the **Great Lakes Region Chicago staff** who stepped in with incredible energy and follow through; and INROADS national staff: **Mark Robertson**, **Tiara Searcy** and **Miriam Velez**...What a team!

More Leadership! Campaign fundraising events will be held in selected regions across the country. Stay tuned for updates!

Thank you to Ernst & Young, Aon Hewitt, and US Cellular for sponsoring the event.

Thanks to all who attended!