



Beating the Brain Drain

Evan Hyndman, CPA and controller for Angel Corps and its affiliates, grew up here, attended college here and has settled into a nice career here, which is proof positive that we are slowly beating the brain drain in northeast Indiana.

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As a Columbia City High School student in the late 90's, Evan Hyndman planned to be a civil engineer, working wherever the job market offered opportunity. So how did he eventually become a CPA and Controller of a family-owned group of health care businesses in Fort Wayne?

Angel Corps, Home Nursing Services, First Call Medical Staffing and Dorian Maples & Associates serve over 400 older adults and disabled persons, as well as healthcare facilities, such as nursing homes.

"My job is to ensure that our over 300 employees receive weekly paychecks and that we bill and collect from our clients' pay sources and pay our bills on time," says Hyndman.

In addition, Hyndman manages the businesses' computer system, implements new software, procures supplies for three locations, prepares financial statements and income taxes, runs the weekly management meetings, and assists with acquisitions of other businesses.

While spending his freshman year at IPFW and a semester at Purdue, Hyndman says, "I realized I didn't enjoy engineering, so I changed my major to accounting and returned to IPFW."

After a summer internship ended at Steel Dynamics, he responded to a part-time job opportunity posted with IPFW Career Services to help with billing and collections at Home Nursing Services. He had no experience in the healthcare field but offered what every employer wants: a desire to learn and a willingness to work hard. The company was able to accommodate his school schedule and eventually offered him a full-time position after graduation.

"Evan is smart, has a great capacity for learning, and has the best work ethic of any young person I have worked with," says co-owner Rick Maples.

This is tall praise, considering Rick is a former U.S. Navy submarine officer and CPA, who has worked with dozens of highly motivated young people during his career.

"Our business can be hectic. Evan's quiet competence and dependability are reassuring," says co-owner Dorian Maples.

The brain-drain of young people leaving northeast Indiana for college and life in the big city is a common concern among area business leaders.

When asked why he stayed in the area, Hyndman says, "Fort Wayne offers a reasonable cost of living, it is easy to get involved in the community and our families are nearby."

Hyndman is a board intern with The History Center, following his recent completion of Leadership Fort Wayne. He serves on the Finance Committee of Hope House Inc., prepares income tax returns for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, and is a tutor with The Study Connection. He is married to Sarah, also a Columbia City native and a teacher in Fort Wayne Community Schools. They purchased their first home last year.

Hyndman and the Maples view the match from different perspectives.

Hyndman says, "I got lucky. I found a dynamic company in an industry of the future that offered me a chance to grow with it. I like the service we provide, the way we treat our employees and the challenges of home health care. The owners are generous and supportive. I never saw myself doing this kind of work. Now I can't see myself doing anything else."

Dorian adds, "Evan proves that you can grow up in this community, get an outstanding education and find a good job without leaving. I am confident that Evan is a future Fort Wayne business leader. And I am sure that there are others in our midst."•

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Angel Corps

Telephone: (260) 426-4357

Website: www.CorpsOfAngels.com

Years in Business: 8

Number of Employees: 120

Services: Non-medical home care.

Home Nursing Services

Telephone: (260) 424-1237

Website: www.InHomeNursingServices.com

Years in Business: 13

Number of Employees: 140

Services: Medical home health care.

First Call Medical Staffing

Telephone: (260) 424-1329

Website: www.FirstCallMedStaff.com

Years in Business: 13

Number of Employees: 60

Services: Temporary staffing of health care facilities.

Dorian Maples & Associates

Telephone: (260) 918-1141

Website: www.IndianaGeriatrics.com

Years in Business: 6

Number of Employees: 3

Services: Geriatric care management.