



## **Breakfast Series - February / Hamilton County Housing Study**

### **Speaker Biography - Nate Lichti, Executive Director, Hamilton County Area Neighborhood Development (HAND, Inc.)**

Nate Lichti is the Executive Director of Hamilton County Area Neighborhood Development (HAND), a nonprofit housing and community development organization located in Noblesville. HAND is a 10-year-old organization with a history of producing quality, affordable housing, most of which serve seniors in Sheridan, Cicero and Noblesville. Since joining HAND in 2012, Nate facilitated County's Housing Needs Assessment and used this information to update HAND's strategic plan. Nate is excited about two new initiatives that will build more partnerships and broaden the organization's impacts. These include Helping HAND – a Home Repair Initiative – and Neighborhoods NOW – a capacity-building program.

Nate brings to HAND experience from two community development corporations, Mapleton-Fall Creek in Indianapolis, and LaCasa of Goshen. At LaCasa, Nate contributed to the revitalization of Goshen's historic downtown by helping establish 8 new neighborhood organizations and training the resident leaders. This effort has been sustained for ten years and these community groups continue to enact catalyst projects that contribute to a thriving community.

From 2008-2012 Nate served as the Assistant Director at Mapleton-Fall Creek Development Corporation where he led housing programs that improved the quality of life for over 100 low income residents through a comprehensive home repair program, and managed the construction and rehabilitation of over 30 homes for first time homeowners. The revitalization initiative also qualified as a LEED-Neighborhood Development project, one of the first revitalization projects in the country to apply for this certification. Nate received his Masters in Public Affairs from Indiana University where he concentrated in non-profit management.