Short bio

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Jodi is a frequent speaker to estate planning councils, professional advisor associations, and not-for-profit boards. She is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Boys and Girls Club of Elkhart County. She is an active member in the Elkhart Kiwanis club, having served as the club president for two-years and is the Immediate Past Lieutenant Governor for the Explorer Division of Kiwanis International. She has served on the Compensation and Human Resources Planning Committee for ETHOS (a science education center), Lemonade Day – Elkhart County, Mishawaka Education Foundation Board of Directors, the Michiana Chapter of Association of Fund Raising Professionals, and the Young Professional Council for the Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce. She is a past recipient of the Michiana Region 40 Under 40 Award, overseen by the St. Joseph and Elkhart County Chambers of Commerce and the 2011 Woman to Watch for the YWCA of North Central Indiana. She is a flutist for the contemporary choir at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, where she attends with her family.

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