



HOOSIER RESILIENCE HEROES

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Hoosier Resilience Heroes are people who care about the environment, especially the plants, animals, and people that call Indiana home. They live in every part of the state. They practice and encourage habits that protect the air, water, and climate.

Let's meet a few heroes.

What is Climate Change?

Climate is the general weather patterns for a place. Different places have different patterns, but over many years the Earth's climate patterns can change. For example, summers can get hotter in one place and rainstorms can get heavier in another. These changes can make life for plants, animals, and people different than before.

Today, scientists study the climate to understand how and why it changes. Others are working to tell people about the changes that are happening today so they can be prepared.

Ethyl Ruehman

Portage, Indiana

Ethyl is a student who teaches her friends how to use their voices. They want clean air and water and a safe climate for everyone. Sometimes she asks her friends to help her tell people how important a healthy and safe environment is. Ethyl makes room for others to speak up.



Dan DeSutter

Attica, Indiana

Dan is a farmer. To care for the land, he plants crops with deep roots that keep the soil in place. Dan knows that a healthy farm follows nature's rules. He likes to tell others about how he farms so that they can try it out for themselves.



Aster Bekele

Indianapolis, Indiana

In her garden, Aster teaches children about where food comes from and how to grow it. She believes that everyone – including kids – has something to contribute to the community. Growing a garden is one way to give back to friends, family, and neighbors. It's also a way for kids to learn about themselves and the environment.



Siavash Beik

Indianapolis, Indiana

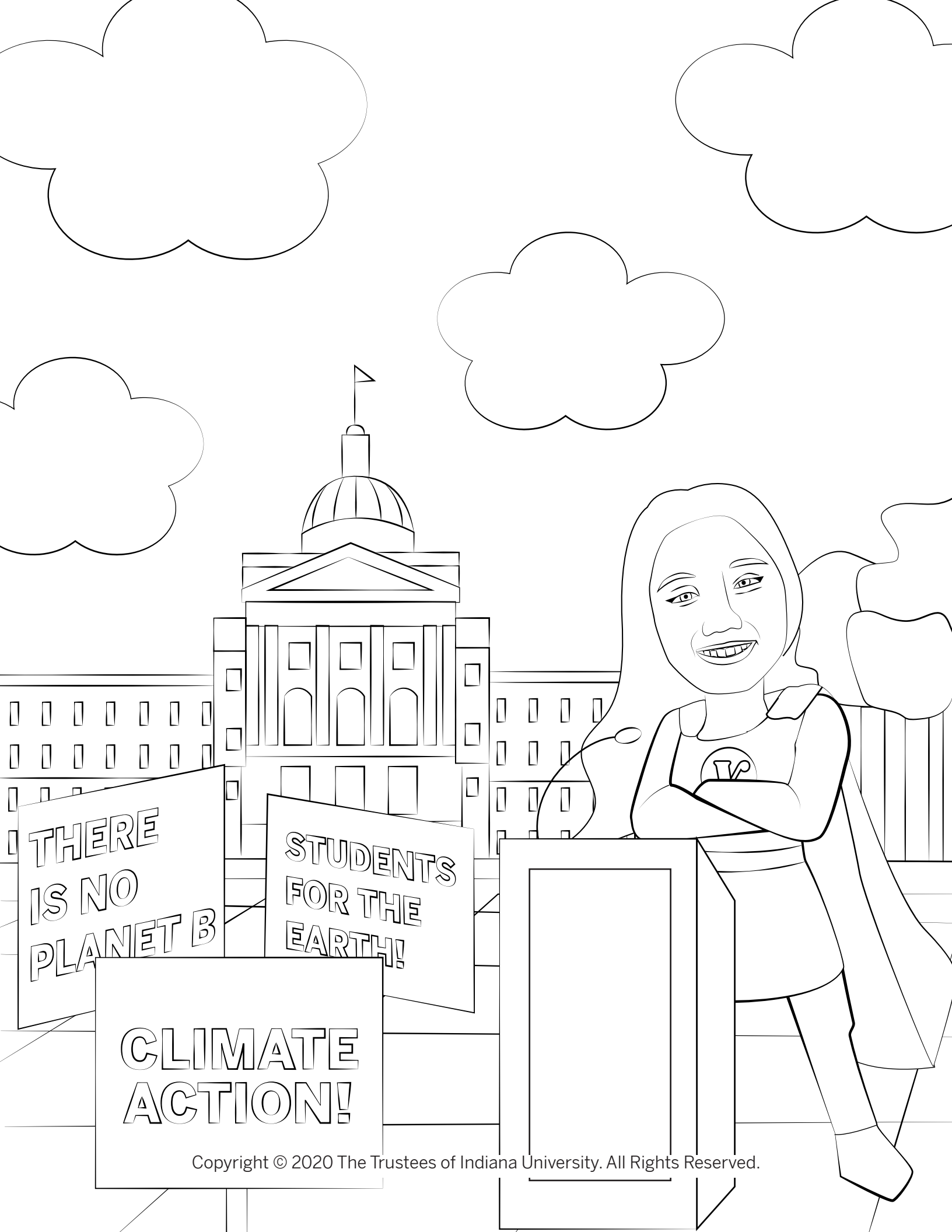
Siavash is an engineer who thinks about where water should go when it rains. To protect people's homes from flooding, Siavash must think about what storms are like now and what they will be like in the future, and he shares those ideas with others. Siavash's ideas help people avoid a soggy mess!



Vernice Riego

Fishers, Indiana

Vernice is a student who cares about the future of her hometown. After learning about how the climate is changing, she met with her mayor and others to talk about it. Then she helped her city make a promise to plan for climate change so that people will be safe. Vernice shows that young people can be leaders.



Sister Claire Whalen

Oldenburg, Indiana

Sister Claire chooses to help people in her community live in harmony with the environment. To do this, she measures the heat-trapping gases found in her town. Solar panels turn sunlight into electricity and give off no heat-trapping gases, so Sister Claire talks to people about how solar panels can help them.



Aaron Sawatsky-Kingsley

Goshen, Indiana

Aaron loves trees. He takes care of the trees in his city and makes sure they have what they need to grow. Trees help keep Aaron's city cooler in the summer by providing shade. They also soak up the rainwater after a storm. Aaron knows that by caring for the trees, he's also caring for his neighbors.



Shikha Bhattacharyya

Terre Haute, Indiana

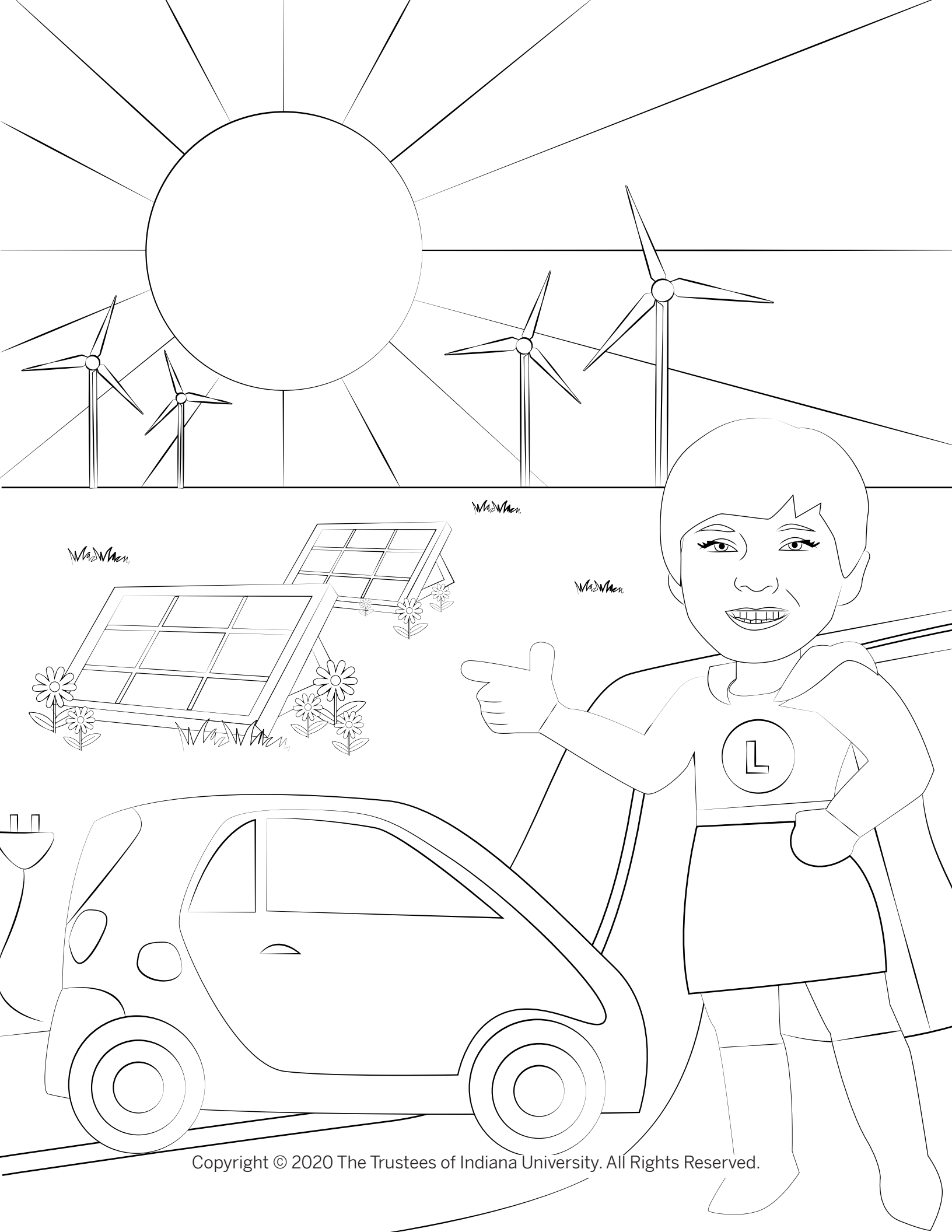
Shikha wants people to think about what they throw away. She opened a store where everything for sale can be reused, recycled, or easily returned to the earth. Her goal is to reduce the amount of trash that gets sent to the landfill. Shikha has lots of fun finding ways to make things useful.



Leah Thill

South Bend, Indiana

Leah gives people advice about turning polluted land into useful places. She supports people who want to power their homes with energy from the sun. Leah knows that energy from the sun and the wind keeps the air clean.



Do you know a Hoosier Resilience Hero in your community? Draw a picture of this person and write down what makes them a hero.

If you like, you can send a photo of your picture to **eri@iu.edu** so others can learn about your person.



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