

# Strategic Vision

- <u>Bridge the ideological divide</u> in our COMMUNITIES by leveraging the **open and impartial** nature of science to bring individuals together.
- <u>Make science accessible to all people</u> by communicating the value that it provides to our nation's economy, to individuals in their personal lives, and to their communities.
- <u>Humanize science and science professionals</u> by telling their stories and **creating an empathetic dialogue** that builds trust with the community at large.

## **Mission Statement**

We unite as a diverse, nonpartisan group to celebrate science and scientific professionals. We call on our political leaders and policymakers to enact evidence-based policies in the public's best interest.

### Objectives

### Connection

- We march to unite scientists, policymakers and the general public. Driving engagement between the groups will ensure public access to publicly funded science which will work to <u>dispel myths</u> <u>and misperceptions of science and scientists</u>.
- It is of the upmost importance that we <u>help all Hoosiers understand how science benefits our</u> <u>lives</u> through medical advancements, infrastructure, food availability, job creation and our ability to have clean air and waterways for generations to come.

### Understanding

 We march to increase policymakers' understanding of how publicly funded and industrial sciences help Hoosiers thrive throughout our state. As we <u>raise awareness of science's positive</u> <u>impact on our people</u>, we call on our elected representatives to work beyond partisan lines and focus on evidence-based policies so that Indiana can continue to be an innovative hub for the global scientific and technical community.

#### Outreach

 We march as a call to action for all science advocates. Those working in the scientific fields both public and privately funded —must take action to <u>engage Hoosiers from all walks of life</u> so that our communities can achieve scientific literacy. This includes but is not limited to committing to take the March for Science beyond April 22, 2017 by continuously supporting students, teachers and all members in our community in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) volunteer and outreach initiatives.