

Inspirational speaker's visit to Gary draws distant followers



Gary's MainStreet Organization poses with "The Motivator" Les Brown after his positive thinking speech at the Genesis Convention Center last Friday.

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Jim Stokes drove 60 miles from Kankakee, Illinois just to hear the "motivational" speech of Les Brown.

Brown, along with Aleda Bowers, were the guest speakers at Gary's first Community Unity Celebration sponsored by Gary's Main Street Organization.

Stokes said he really enjoys listening to Brown because of his inspiring words. He said, "If there is something I can apply to my life in what he says, then I'll use it."

Brown, a motivational

speaker, told the audience of more 2,000 that if they use what he suggest then they will reach 80% of their goals. He said, "Whatever goal you have, what's important is that you believe its possible. That belief alone has tremendous possibility."

Bowers, a corporate executive and author, also emphasized the power of positive thinking in her presentation. She said, "If you are in control, then you can take charge. It is so important to create a positive

image around yourself."

LaDonna Harris said she listens to Les Brown and think he's a great motivationalist—that's why she and her 4 month old daughter, Danielle, came to here him. She and the employees and students at the Gary Business College were treated to free tickets to the affair by the boss.

Brown returned to Gary on Wednesday to give those who attended his speech last week additional advice to follow free of charge.