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### **Surf Internet Brings Multi-Gig Speeds to Valparaiso Residents and Businesses**

VALPARAISO, Ind. (August 17, 2023) – Surf Internet<sup>SM</sup> has deployed multi-gig, fiber-optic internet services in the City of Valparaiso, Ind., delivering speeds of up to 2 gigs for residents and business owners. Surf celebrated this milestone with a ribbon-cutting ceremony held at Central Park Plaza on Tuesday, August 15.

After strong community demand for high-speed broadband, Surf is set to immediately provide fiber internet service to a mix of commercial and residential locations with expansion throughout the community over the next 18 months. These first homes and businesses are part of a broader investment in Valparaiso by Surf, which expects to invest over \$20 million of its own capital and complete construction by 2025. Prior to the current project, Surf collaborated with ValpoNet to connect Valparaiso schools to fiber internet services in 2020.

“Multi-gig internet speeds are no longer a pipe dream for underserved residents. They are a present, transformative reality,” said Surf CEO Gene Crusie. “We are proud to have worked diligently with the City of Valparaiso and the people at ValpoNet to make modern amenities available to all. Through this initiative, students, business owners, and residents all have exceptionally fast access to the most critical connection point to our digital world: the internet. ”

Customers who subscribe to a 2 Gig plan will experience a noticeable increase in symmetrical speeds for even faster upload and download of data. This is especially important for consistent performance when using an internet connection across multiple devices for gaming, e-learning, video conferencing, work-from-home, entertainment, and so much more.

Surf is committed to bringing fiber-optic internet to other areas of Porter County and northwest Ind., with active construction projects in Portage and South Haven, Ind.. Surf plans to expand their fiber footprint over the next year into Hobart, Gary, and Crown Point, Ind.

The work in Valparaiso is part of Surf’s overall commitment to build an advanced fiber-optic network serving communities of all sizes across the Great Lakes Region of Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois. Anyone wishing to see if Surf Internet services are currently available for a specific address can visit <https://surfinternet.com/> and click the “Check Availability” button.

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### About Surf Internet

Surf Internet is an innovative fiber-optic internet company that serves as the essential gateway to connectivity across the Great Lakes region of Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois. The company is building a bridge to the wide-open future by delivering high-speed, reliable internet to homes and businesses in underserved, rural communities. Surf's 170-plus person team is local, giving them an edge when it comes to customer care and advocacy for the region. Headquartered in Elkhart, Ind., Surf also has offices in La Porte, Ind., Byron Center and Fowlerville, Mich., and Coal City and Rock Falls, Ill. Learn more at <https://surfinternet.com>.

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PHOTO CAPTION: Representatives from Surf, the City of Valparaiso, Porter County, the Greater Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce, the Valparaiso Economic Development Corporation, as well as the first customer and her daughters pose for a photo at the ribbon cutting event held on August 15 to mark the start of Surf's activation of fiber-optic internet services to the City of Valparaiso, Ind.