

# YOUR ROWAN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The 2011 Chamber Guide is your resource for business and individual use. When you do business with Chamber members, you contribute to the growth and improvement of Rowan County.

Now in its 86<sup>th</sup> year, the mission of the Rowan County Chamber of Commerce is “to enhance quality of life and nurture a thriving economy through proactive and consensus-building leadership.”

As an incorporated, independent, non-profit business organization, the Chamber's 900 are dedicated to community development. Our programs include:

- **Agricultural and Industrial Programs** - Agricultural Tour and Awards / Industrial Association
- **Business Development and Entrepreneurship** -Business “Show” / Small Business of the Year/Business Resource Center / Women In Business / Business Counseling / Speed Networking
- **Education Advocacy** - Rowan Partners for Education / Communities-In-Schools / Education Awards and other recognitions
- **Government Affairs** - Legislative agendas, breakfasts and trips to Raleigh and Washington, D.C. / Candidate Forums/Mayors' meetings
- **Leadership Development** - Leadership Rowan
- **Member Benefits and Services** - Networking events, exposure and referrals, receptions and visitations, ribbon-

cuttings, numerous communications and use of Chamber meeting facilities

- **New Resident & New Business Locations**
- **Transportation and Infrastructure Development**
- **Workforce Development** - The Geared Up 4 Success Campaign & Workforce Development Alliance

The Chamber's aggressive Program of Work has allowed the organization to be involved in many initiatives over the years that have had tremendous positive impact on the Rowan County area.

The organization also has been recognized and received many awards in recent years both state-wide and nationally for its programming, membership growth, financial strength, facilities and volunteer and staff accomplishments.

The Chamber serves as the gateway to our community, assisting hundreds of business travelers, new residents and other visitors annually. The Gateway Building houses the Rowan County Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Salisbury/Rowan Economic Development Commission (Rowan Works) and the Rowan County Chamber of Commerce in one central location.

Rowan County's advocate since 1925, the Chamber leads the way in multiple community initiatives and works to address issues affecting infrastructure, environmentally sustainable growth and wise land management policies.

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Vice President,  
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