

From the Chamber President

“That’s the true spirit of Christmas; people being helped by people other than me.”

-Jerry Seinfeld,
The Pick



Leah Bolin

Last month we chatted about having a thankful spirit. It appears Jerry Seinfeld missed that article. Subconsciously, I am afraid many of us believe that “someone else” will make sure needy children have gifts under the tree or food to eat. Christmas is a busy season for all of us. Benevolent acts often take a back seat to shopping, parties and family gatherings. The Cullman business community, however, seems to look for ways to pay it forward. Below you will find a few of the activities that can help with your shopping list and assist local charities: CoC Opportunities:

“Art After Hours”- Purchase unique gifts by local artists. Half of the proceeds will benefit our local food bank.

Chamber for Children - We encourage members to leave a gift under the tree in the CoC lobby. All gifts will be given to low income families in the Cullman area.

Standard Furniture will be taking gifts for Angel Tree.

Chick-fil-A donated free sandwiches for shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Moe’s BBQ is holding a fundraising night December 6 with live music and an auction. The cover charge will benefit Cullman Caring for Kids.

The Child Development Center will be displaying Christmas ornaments at People’s Bank and selling them for \$10. Proceeds will benefit the Child Development Center.

Cullman Regional Medical Center Foundation’s annual Dr. Herman C. Ensor Lights of Love Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will benefit Hospice of Cullman County.

Wallace State’s Student Government Association (SGA) is sponsoring a food drive through December 13 for Cullman Caring for Kids.

Warehouse Discount Groceries, Highway 157, is collecting canned and non-perishable food for Hospice of Cullman County’s Holiday Food Drive.

Charles Dickens reminds us of the things that are really important. When Marley’s Ghost was despairing over “life’s misused opportunities” Scrooge, trembled with fear, saying: “But you were always a good man of business, Jacob.” Upon which Marley’s Ghost cries out: “Business! Mankind was my business. The common welfare was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance, and benevolence, were all my business. The dealings of my trade were but a drop of water in the comprehensive ocean of my business!”

Christmas is all about giving: God the Father, “gave his only begotten son” (John 3.16); The wise men gave their treasures; Jesus gave his life so men might live. This holiday season, look for ways give back to the Cullman Area. Investing in the CoC is a wise decision, but investing in people’s lives is the greatest return on your money that you will ever get.

Merry Christmas from your CoC staff: Cecelia, Jackie, Deonne, Debbie, Natalie and myself.

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Session: Volunteer Day

Sponsored by: **EVABANK**

The 2013-14 Youth Leadership Class sponsored by Merchants Bank had an opportunity to visit area volunteer organizations at the November session. EvaBank sponsored the session and Lynn Day and Blake Tanner of EvaBank were on hand to speak with the students at the beginning of the session.

The students spent the morning working at Cullman Caring for Kids. Nancy Bryant and Javon Daniel were on hand to provide info to the students on all the programs that are facilitated through the organization. The students stocked shelves and had an opportunity to learn the value of this organization. The students stopped by the United Way for lunch and in the afternoon the students were given an opportunity to visit with

Melissa Betts at the First United Methodist Church of Cullman to learn about the knapsack program. This program provides weekend food for children at West Elementary. The students learned how valuable and necessary this program is and were given the resources to work on this program at their school.

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To sponsor a student contact
jmoore@cullmanchamber.org

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YOUR MISSION:

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Home Supply

December 10th

11:30AM

410 2nd Ave SW, Cullman, AL 35055

CULLMAN COUNTY LEADERSHIP SESSION

DEC. 12, 2013

“LOCAL GOVERNMENT”

Merchants Bank

Thank you to our Breakfast Sponsor:

CHICK-FIL-A

Join us at the Chamber on December 5 to “Feed” a couple of great causes

50% of proceeds go to local charities and 50% to local artists

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SILENT AUCTION

Art After Hours

Chamber for Charities | CoC

December 5

5:30pm to 7pm

industry

Dec. 5 tour

Please join us at Louisiana Pacific in Hanceville (902 Main Street). Registration is at 9:45AM and the tour begins at 10:00AM.

For more information please contact Jackie Moore at jmoore@cullmanchamber.org or call 256-734-0454.

BUILDING PRODUCTS

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Chamber to host “State of the Community” on January 16

On behalf of the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce’s Governmental Affairs Committee, we would like to invite you to attend a panel presentation on the “State of the Community” sponsored by Freedom Insurance - Gloria Williams Agency on January 16. The event will be held at the TP Country Club from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

Each of the 11 municipalities of Cullman County have been invited to speak.

BAILEYTON
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DODGE CITY
FAIRVIEW
GARDEN CITY
GOOD HOPE
HANCEVILLE
HOLLY POND
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WEST POINT



The purpose of this forum is to provide the county and each of the municipalities in Cullman County the opportunity to share information on their community with Chamber members and the business community.

Thank you also to our program sponsor Premier Bank of the South

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CoC TRC reaches record total

The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce, volunteers, sponsors and staff gathered together on October 24 to celebrate the end of the Chamber's first annual 10-week Total Resource Campaign and announce the final total of more than \$200,000, the largest amount ever raised for the campaign. The presenting sponsor for the event was Freedom Insurance Agency. Eleven corporate teams consisting of 80 volunteers sold sponsorships to the Chamber's programs, meetings, events and publications – all of which is returned to Chamber members and the community in the form of business-building initiatives. We would like thank you to our leadership again for their service to the Chamber and our community:

Campaign Chair:

Vicki Hawsey Karolewics,
Wallace State Community College

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Nominate your favorite small business today

The Retail Committee of the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to provide special recognition to our small business community by presenting one (1) monthly recognition award and one (1) yearly award. Monthly award winners will be considered the nominees for the yearly recognition award to be presented at the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting held each February. Visit CullmanChamber.org to show some love to your favorite business.

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Christmas in the Cullman area

As we approach the Christmas season, all of Cullman County will be bustling with activities of the season. Please be sure to check the Chamber's event calendar online at www.CullmanChamber.org regularly so you don't miss out on these great specials and events.

If your business will be offering specials, events or a way for the community to "GIVE BACK" during the holidays, please be sure to send a link to the Chamber so that we can post it on our facebook page and our calendar of events. Email your information to info@cullmanchamber.org.

Chamber for Children



Please bring your new, unwrapped items to the Chamber by December 20.

ALL DONATIONS GO TO CULLMAN AREA FAMILIES IN NEED

Toys for Children - Clothing
General Needs

In case you missed him...

"Buddy the Elf"

had so much fun with the kids he will be coming back to Cullman!

KIDS: GET YOUR PICTURE TAKEN WITH "BUDDY THE ELF"

Dec. 12 from 3:30pm to 5pm



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Cullman, AL

HEALTHCARE Professional of the YEAR

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