Monthly Key Accomplishments – October 2011

**Economic Development**

- Archway participated as a community member in the Georgia Economic Development Agency’s “Tourism Assessment Team” July 25-27. The Chamber hosted this 10 person team representing seven state agencies. The team will evaluate the community’s tourism assets and present both short and long term plans to residents in a public session to be held in late September. The tourism team will be back in October for a public forum to make their recommendations.

- Working with the Regional Commission and Better Hometown, UGA Landscape Architecture students will provide detailed site plans for the Fire House Museum Federal Grant application that the RC is preparing to provide funding for the Museum.

- UGA Terry College of Business students were in the community in September to work with the Chamber of Commerce. The students will work with Chamber representatives to update and energize Chamber web presence in a way that will maximize the benefits to Chamber Members, provide better service and improve operating efficiency.

- Plans are currently underway, through the Co-op initiative, to improve community websites through improved communication. This one day event will take place in October and encourage all community members to update website narratives, add new pictures, and refresh forms and content.

**Community Health**

- Archway is working with Taylor Regional Hospital in Pulaski County to create a Rural Medical Scholars partnership with Mercer School of Medicine. The program would be the second in the state and is patterned after the successful pilot program in Sandersville that is coordinated by Archway Health professional Laura Gillman.

- Currently, the College of Public Health is coordinating a needs assessment for the community at the request of the Archway Community Health Issue Work
Group. These efforts will be coordinated through the College of Public Health with the assistance of Ms. Gillman.

- The second Communities of Opportunity (Co-Op) initiative for Hawkinsville-Pulaski County is the reduction of teenage pregnancy rates. Under the leadership of local champion, Vonnie Berryhill, the work group will implement a number of community initiatives to reduce teen pregnancy by 25% by the summer of 2013. An introduction to the committee’s “Teen Maze” project was held in conjunction with the Family Connection’s quarterly meeting on September 13th and all interested community members are invited to travel to LaGrange in late October to tour the Teen Maze in that community.

**Government Service Delivery**

- Recreation surveys produced by UGA students were included in the new school packets of every student. At the request of the Archway Partnership, students from UGA’s Department of Public Administration and Policy Research will analyze this data and report the results of the survey.

**Housing**

- Community members of the GICH team including the Archway Professional traveled to Athens to participate in the GICH conference in August.

**Leadership Development**

- Graduates of the 2nd class of Pulaski Tomorrow will be recognized on October 18, 2011.

- Archway Professional Michelle Elliott is a participant of the 2011 class.

- Plans are currently underway to have more local facilitators trained by UGA’s Fanning Institute.

**Public Education**

- Pulaski County schools participated in the Office of School Engagement/Archway Partnership’s inaugural symposium *The Power and Promise of Public Schools*. In June, Archway and the Office of School Engagement facilitated an issue work group discussion. The Executive Committee and Education issue work group have begun a long-term collaboration with the College of Education to continue education dialogue between the community, Archway and UGA.
• The next meeting of the Archway Education Issue Work Group will take place on Monday, October 17, 2011 at 5 pm in the County Annex. The group will meet to regularly to participate in a community forum on Education

• Sponsored by the Archway Partnership, Janis Sparrow and Rosemary Wright attended the “State of Education” conference at UGA in September.