

**GADSDEN COUNTY CHAMBER
SMALL BUSINESS SERVICE REPORT**

February 2015

Training

-Business Start-up basics	1.5 hours/February 5
-Business Financing	1.5 hours/January 19

Counseling

-Business Plan Assistance	20 sessions/1 hour each
-Financial application prep	6 partially completed/ave. 1 hour ea.
-1023/1023 EZ Assistance	1 completed/ave. 1 hour ea.

Referrals

-Access Florida Finance Corporation	2
-Apalachee RPC	8

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Inquiries (general)	51
Information Requests	10
Small Business Visited	7
Training Events	2
Training Event Attendees	8
New Clients to program	2
Counseling Sessions	26
Small Businesses started	1

**Small Business Client Intake Forms are available at the Gadsden County Chamber Office for review and verification by Gadsden County staff*

"Go Gadsden," the Chamber's monthly meeting with local business leaders, was held on March 19 at the University of Florida North Florida Research and Education Center. The guest speaker was Mr. Skip Foster, President and Publisher of the Tallahassee Democrat. Mr. Foster provided insight on changes at the Democrat including those related to the format and staff. Mr. Foster, who has family ties in Havana, Florida, committed to ensure more positive stories about Gadsden County would be featured in the Democrat. Additionally, he highlighted new resources that would be dedicated to Capitol reporting and economic development throughout the region, particularly in Gadsden County.

Chamber Highlights Local New Businesses

Bridgeway House is a new educational consulting firm, in Quincy, owned and operated by Mrs. Chancey L. Ford. Bridgeway House specializes in teaching classroom management and instructional best practices to promote student achievement. Mrs. Ford is a resident of Quincy. She was educated in the Leon County school system, a graduate of Florida A&M University and Troy University. She loves children and has a deep concern for their education.

High Volume Advertising is a new advertising company started by Mr. Demarius Rice. High Volume Advertising plans to market advertising and promotions packages to area business and churches to ensure that these entities can have extend their capacity to connect with their respective constituents at an affordable price.

Beck and Call Transportation is a new Havana-based transportation provider. Beck and Call Transportation is owned by Ms. Shebra Hill of Havana. Beck and Call Transportation provides service to the casinos in Biloxi, Al and to various resort/beach destinations in Florida.

The Chamber is organizing several upcoming ribbon cuttings for Small Business Service Clients and a Business After-hours event for the month of April.

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INVOICE


APRIL 8, 2015, 2015

DATE	DESCRIPTION			BALANCE	AMOUNT
April 8, 2015	Small Business Service Center				\$20,000.00
					AMOUNT DUE
					\$20,000.00

Make all checks payable to the Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. R. Presnell, Gadsden County Manager
FROM: David Gardner, Chamber Executive Director 
DATE: April 9, 2015
RE: Small Business Services Monthly Reports
CC: Mrs. Laurel Bradley

Please find, for your review, the current activities report for the Small Business Services Center. Currently, we are supporting entrepreneurial endeavors in each of the municipalities and unincorporated area. The program is expanding rapidly as more citizens become aware of it.

In addition to our regular program report, we would like take the opportunity to highlight several local small businesses operating in Gadsden County. Front Porch Café (Quincy), Beck and Call Transportation (Havana) and High Volume Advertising (Quincy) . These small businesses are new ventures in the community. There offer quality products or services and are quickly gaining momentum. We expect to hear great things in the near future about each of these businesses.

Should you have any question, please feel free to contact me directly.

Thank you,

GADSDEN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
SMALL BUSINESS SERVICE REPORT

March 2015

Training

-Business Organization	1.5 hours/March 24
-Social Media Marketing	1.5 hours/March 26

Counseling

-Business Plan Assistance	3 sessions/1 hour each
-Financial application prep	1 partially completed/1 hour
-Marketing Plan/collateral developm't	1 session/2 hours

Referrals

-Apalachee RPC	5
-Career Source	1
-Gadsden Co Planning	1
-SBDC	1

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Inquiries (general)	25
Information Requests	10
Small Business Visited	10
Training Events	2
Training Event Attendees	2
New Clients to program	0
Counseling Sessions	9
Small Businesses started	0

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