Dear Chamber Investors,

Since 1936, the mission of the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce has remained steadfast by continuing to support an environment for the development and success of business within the Bowling Green area. As a voluntary organization of the business community, the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce unites hundreds of businesses, professional firms, non-profit organizations and government entities, all operating under the sole purpose of improving business and building a stronger community. We are committed to providing many opportunities focused on community and business improvement through our networking venues, business improvement and educational workshops, and advocacy. I encourage your participation in the various events for our community and businesses such as the Community Holiday Parade and Fireworks, ACT BG, Business Briefing and Brew (BBAB), Small Business Management Series, Lunch and Learns, Legislative Updates, Business After Hours (BAH), golf outing, and other city/university events. Although these events have been outstanding, we remain focused on constant improvement of investor services and programs. As Babe Ruth once said “yesterday’s home runs don’t win today’s games”.

Even though the economy has had its ups and downs the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce has grown to nearly 500 investors, many of which are small businesses. The constant commitment, dedication, and devotion of the investors to develop new ideas and work together is what makes the Chamber of Commerce and the community strong. We are fortunate to live in a great place like Bowling Green and I am proud of what the BG Chamber of Commerce has to offer. I look forward to working with all of you to make 2014 the best year yet!

Michelle Evans
Evans Home Loans – Evans Insurance
As the outgoing 2013 Bowling Green Chamber President, I want to thank you all to the Bowling Green Investors and the Bowling Green Community for supporting me during the year and helping make 2013 a successful year for the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce and for the Bowling Green area. Specifically, you attended the numerous educational opportunities available for investors dealing with numerous topics such as succession planning for businesses, cyber security issues for businesses, and proper work place etiquette to name just a few. Your involvement in the Business-After-Hours and BBB’s show that you are dedicated in supporting other businesses and love the opportunity to get out there and network and promote yourself as well. Finally, it was great that you attended all, the ribbon cutting ceremonies that we have had through the past year giving your support to new businesses that have opened in this community and who are taking part in the American dream by opening their own business in the great Bowling Green community.

The Bowling Green Chamber has also been involved in the numerous civic activities as well, including the 2013 Holiday Parade, the fourth of July fireworks, the Blood Analysis/Scholarship fundraiser (which raised money for our scholarships), the scholarships that we awarded students to attend Bowling Green State University, the Bowling Green community.

2013 Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
Back row, from left: Tim Spyers, The Cape Shop; Dan Hilling, Big Rock Bar; Hannah McFadden, Howe & Company; Ronald A. Newlove, John Newlove Real Estate; Greg Kegler, Kegler Advisory Group; Tom Aeby, Aeby & Aeby, PC; Charles Borchers, First Federal Bank
Middle row, from left: Michael Bankey, Owens Community College; Debbie Hollibaugh, Heritage Family Credit Union; BG Convention & Visitors Bureau; John Barnes, John Barnes Financial Group; Jeff Christ, City of Bowling Green; Andy Newlove, Newlove Realty; Ken; Katayon Ismail, BG Medical Center; JD Friar; Elizabeth Miller, Miller Construction
Front row, from left: Karlene Kilpatrick, BGCU Alumni; Frances Nystrom, Frances Nystrom Co. (CFL: Immediate Past President) Sandy Williams, Milligan Workshops, Inc.; BGCU Treasurer; Michelle Evans, Evans Home Loans; Evans Insurance Agency; (BGCU VPP) Tracey Stevens, Stevens Law, LLC; Jim Fehlme, Advise Employment Service (BGCU Rep at Large); Greg Kegler, Kegler Messer, Ltd. (BGCU Secretary)

Not Pictured: Suzanne Clark, BG Community Development Foundation, Yogi Esposito, InTech IT Solutions, Dr. Ann Ahl Yoy, BG (et al) Schools; Barbara Bullock, Ameritrust Bank; Tim Smith, BGMC; Glenn Stewart, BG Haze & Apparel

Thank You 2013 New Investors
Anise Deo Pet Salon & Boutique
AT&T (Midwest Mobility Solutions) Benchmark Capital Funding, LLC BG Acupuncture & Chiropractic BG Lock & Key Bonvento Agency, LLC Caretakers Home Care Services Continental Office Environments DMS, LLC Erie Shores Council #460 Boy Scouts Falcon Team Store First Christian Church Glenn Shepard Seminars Golden Care Partners, LLC Jeff & Robina Grunden Bruce Leslie Daniel Mauk Metger Painting Summit Place Supe 8 Maumee The Home Depot The Oasis Restaurant & Delivery The Wright Way Salad Virtual Space Advertising Western & Southern Life Wild Oak Galleries

AMDA— 337 RSVP’s. 22 Sponsorship awards were given: Athena- Shiree Bostdorff; Zeus- Michael Sibbersen; Outstanding Citizens - Al Green and Jodi Anderson
ACT BG — Two events: Road Rally, Progressive Dinner, Tailgate at BSU (hosted by AA Green Realty & Sentinel Tribune). Over 140 participants.
Christmas Elves project collected $350, 454 Toys/Books, 222 clothing items, 165 food items. Progressive Dinner proceeds allowed $50 donation to the BG Christmas Elves project.
Advocacy Task Force— Hosted three Health Care Reform Updates, Pat Paule (Savage Benefits Group), Ben Otley (First Insurance & Investments) and representatives of the U.S. Small Business Administration Cleveland District Office & the Office of U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown.
2 BGSU Working with the BG Community forums featuring Dr. Mazey, Cabinet, Faculty, Staff and Students. 110 participants.
Honor Awards- Approximately $4,000 was awarded to individuals and organizations.
6 Business After Hours— WEN, BG Vision Center, ACT BG @ Super Suppers, Sterling House, BG Manor, and Heritage Corner. 170 total attendees. One Business Before Hours, Southeastern Container, with 30 guests.
Chamber Day at WC Fair hosted 19 businesses, 400 visitors to the booths. $300 was donated back to the WC Fair Board.
Delegates— 6 meetings, 2 training sessions on Site Visits. Team updated Membership brochure and developed recruitment PR pieces.
Fireworks— Raised approximately $18,500.00, Bellevue Brothers hosted a Pork-a-Lean fundraiser and Pitts Pit donates sales proceeds. On the event date, BSU hosted a Kid’s Corner and the Bowling Green Area Community Band performed a patriotic concert.
Shannon Shepard Seminar— Nationally acclaimed consultant focused on “How to Supervise People and Lead a Team’. 78 attendees.
Golf Outing— The Chamber’s exclusive fundraiser, hosted 34 teams, 45 Sponsors and 84 Prize Donors. Winning team was 5/3 Bank: Jerid Fries, Mikey Waizcek, Dan Anderson and Matt Karaffa. 10 years of co-chairing by Dave Barnes & Melissa Krieger.
Holiday Parade— Batavia Local Schools collected 319 units registered. 37 Sponsors, Wendy Stram, The Morning Show DJ’s Clint Corpe & Larry Weiss, and the City of Bowling Green made this community event possible. Judges the following: The Joan Golden Best of Show’ to AGA Realty; Most Unique – WC Hospital; Best Youth Organizations – Girl Scout Troop #10906; Best Live Performance – High School Band; Best Place – OBN Driveline. Leadership BG— 21 students, 9 sessions and 1 graduation = 44 site visits & 86 guest speakers. Class projects included: $1700.00 to BG Christmas Food Pantry via March Madness, $250 to Cocoon Shelter, and creation of the Best of Class Ever Food Challenge, collecting 1,174 lbs. of food. Challenge winners were: 1st Place: Class 2013; 2nd Place: BG High School Class 2013; 3rd Place: Class 2012. See Class photo on last page.
Leadership BG Alumni Association— Hosted 4 quarterly meetings including an 1st ever holiday evening social at The Carter House. Awarded two WSJ Seminars, $250 to Sara Lee Pirzio.
BGHS Leadership— students, 14 sites visits, 23 guest speakers, and a class project of removing invasive species from Wintergarden park.
2013 Graduates: Mathwell Allan, Cassidy Barker, Jana Cable, Nicole Castor, Kayleigh George, Elizabeth Gerken, Erin Graves & Maggie Schaller.
Mid Year Mtg.— 144 attendees listened to Ed Reiter’s “An Easy & Profitable discussion on the Real Facts About the U.S. Debt. Small Business of the Year Awards: Evans Home Loans and Evans Insurance Agency.
New Investor Breakfast— 3 Gatherings. 18 attendees took advantage of an in-depth review of the BGCC and its value to investors.
New Teacher Luncheon— All financial institutions who were BGCC Investors sponsored the 62 attendees, 28 of which were new staff of our schools.
Northwest Ohio Chamber: “Lessons Learned” was presented by Dr. Catherine A. Pratt, Ph. D., Asst. Professor, Dept. of Humanities, Owens Community College.
Ribbon Cuttings— BGCC oversaw events and partnered with Downtown BG on oz.
The Morning Show/WBGU 88.1— The 2013 official retirement of Dave Horger. Welcomed Clint Corpe as the new DJ. Larry Weiss continued his in-depth interview format, and Clint carried on the ‘true community’ radio format. The DJ’s hosted a “Thank You” reception for members of the media at the TCOM Outstanding Student Award.
One Stop— BGCC, BG Convention & Visitor’s Bureau, BG Economic Development & Downtown BG secured a $17,000 grant to explore the "under one roof" concept.
BGCC’s 2013 TCOM Leadership Award to established a $501(c)(3) charitable tax status. Eventually, funds donated to the Chamber Foundation will be tax deductible.

130 Project Team Meetings ~ 8 BSU Students completed Practicum requirements ~ 23 Board of Directors/Executive Board Meetings
240 Chamber Investors/Volunteers supported Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce Projects, Programs, Events, Teams, 2,000 Volunteer hours donated to Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce Projects, Programs, Events, Teams.
A detailed report recognizing bowling Team members, Sponsors, Donors, Host Sites, Partners & Guest Speakers will be available online www.bgchamber.net effective 2/24/2014.

Mission: To support an environment for the development and success of business within the Bowling Green Area

In 2013 the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce was an essential investment for future business success and fostering the business climate to enhance the quality of life in our community.