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Economic Development



City of Elberton and Downtown Development Authority



- Elbert Theatre (2000-2006) Equipment \$165,000
 - Jones Building (2008-2009)
 - \$700,000
 - Three Retail Store Fronts
 - Four Apartments (\$200,00) Oct 2018
 - Arts Center (2014-2015)
 - \$590,000
 - Hotel – 27 Room Boutique Hotel
 - \$5.1 Million
 - Opened March 2017
 - Purchase of Bailey Building \$35,000
 - Retail Store Front
 - Apartments – Possible partnership with Athens Tech for Student Housing
- 12 New Businesses (within the last 1 and half) 3 more within the next few months

Elbert Memorial Hospital

- Became independent hospital on March 1st
 - Employed GYN and General Surgeon
 - Rebuilding critical relationships around GA
 - GHA, HTH, SORH, Legislators, Locally, etc.
- **\$750,000 State Office of Rural Health Grant**
 - 1 of 4 Hospitals in the state to receive
 - Will be used for new equipment and minor renovations to enhance revenue growth
- **\$1.054 Million Rural Hospital Tax Credits**
 - Lost \$1.3 Million due to state cap
 - Will be used for operations and new equipment to enhance revenue growth
 - Newest part of hospital built in 1980's
- **Added Services to keep healthcare local and long-term**
 - 3D Mammography
 - Newer OR equipment
 - Telemedicine Grant in process for access to specialists such as Neuro and Psych
 - Increase Orthopedic presence and surgeries

It's a New Day at EMH!

RANKED #9 Among Small Hospitals in Georgia.
(Hospitals with fewer than 100 beds)



- Emergency Services 24/7 physician staffed emergency room and hospitalist services •
- Inpatient Care • Intensive Care Unit • Laboratory • Outpatient Services •
- Radiology Services • Rehabilitation Services • Surgical Services • Wellness Center •

 

Athens Technical College

Elbert Campus

- 9 Different Programs of study offered

Accounting

Cosmetology

Emergency Medical Technician

Medical Assisting

Welding

Commercial Truck Driving

Diesel Equipment Technology

Industrial Systems Technology

Practical Nursing (LPN)

- Three Different Educational Options

Associate Degree

Diploma

Technical Certificate of Credit

- New Science Mega Lab \$800,00 to 1 Million investment
- Agricultural Studies Building 8.5 Million investment
- CDL Driving Range Project \$500,00 investment
- Enrollment is up 25% +
- Over 70 High School Students have enrolled in Dual Enrollment this semester
- Over 30 counties are represented on the Elbert Campus



Partnerships and Collaboration



Collaboration is Key

- Main Street, Chamber of Commerce, City Council and Downtown Development Authority
 - Joint Events
 - Tourism efforts
- Athens Technical College, Chamber of Commerce, Main Street
 - Lunch and Learns
 - Leadership Academy
- Athens Technical College and Elbert Comprehensive High School
 - Dual Enrollment
 - Job Preparedness
- Elbert Memorial Hospital, Elbert Memorial Hospital Foundation and Elbert Partners for Health
 - EPH was awarded \$100,000 to implement the first years Community Health Improvement Plan
 - Made up of over 38 Community Partners
 - Three Initiatives
 - Nutrition and Wellness
 - Educational Success and Job Preparedness
 - Substance Abuse/Mental Health
- Elbert County Board of Commissioners and Elbert Partners for Health Board of Commissioners awarded EPH \$15,000 toward drug and alcohol education initiatives

CHALLENGES



Broadband – City and County wide coverage.

Work Force – Qualified Work Force
 Soft Skills
 Drug/Alcohol

Changing Demographics – Aging population
 Outflow of young adults/inflow of older adults

Housing – Lack of housing/rental property
 Limited housing options

Attitude – Positive mindset
 Welcoming mindset

Diversity – We can learn from one another, but first we must have a level of understanding about each other in order to facilitate collaboration and cooperation

Questions



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