

### **Health Care and Worker's Compensation Discounts**

Blue Cross/Blue Shield: Chamber members with two or more full time employees are eligible for discounted healthcare rates. Most members who participate in this program state that the money they save in the yearly premiums exceeds their annual membership investment amount.

Drugs Don't Work: Chamber members receive 7.5 percent discount off their Worker's Compensation premiums when they become a Certified Drug Free Workplace.

### **Publicity and Exposure**

All Chamber members receive the Chamber's monthly publication "Just the Fax" which gives updates on events, awards and new members. Chamber members can also submit their own "news" for inclusions in this publication.

### **Referral Systems**

The Chamber receives hundreds of request each year for recommendations on goods and services to be purchased in the Telfair County Area (Helena, Jacksonville, Lumber City, McRae, Milan and Scotland). We highlight our Chamber Members to those newcomers, visitors, new industry and area residents. Additional referrals are made through email inquiries.

**Membership qualifies your business for referral by the Chamber.**

### **Telfair Shop At Home**

This program promotes "Shop At Home" events and activities. The Chamber issues "Shop at Home Gift Checks" throughout the year that can be used at participating **businesses that are Chamber Members.**

### **Ribbon Cuttings and Groundbreakings**

The Chamber holds ribbon cuttings and groundbreaking ceremonies for new businesses, new locations or new ownerships. The Chamber notifies the local media, local dignitaries, Chamber members and Board of Directors as well as a follow-up press release to the *Telfair Enterprise* to be published.

### **Identification**

The Telfair County Chamber of Commerce membership plaque identifies your business as a member in good standing with the Chamber. As a part of your membership investment, you are listed alphabetically and categorically on the Internet at [www.telfairco.org](http://www.telfairco.org).

All members receive a free listing on the Chamber website plus the ability to link to your Site directly from the Chamber's website. Additionally, we encourage you to place our on-line membership decal on your website, so that people who access your web site are aware of your Chamber affiliation.

### **Affiliations**

The Telfair County Chamber of Commerce is affiliated with:

- ❖ Altamaha River Partnership
- ❖ Georgia Chamber of Commerce
- ❖ Georgia Economic Developers Association
- ❖ Georgia Heritage Hwy 441
- ❖ Golden Isles Parkway Association-Peaches to the Beaches Yard Sale
- ❖ Georgia Workforce Investment Board-Georgia Work Ready
- ❖ Magnolia Midlands Travel Region

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A better place to  
live, work, play and  
call home**



**Telfair County  
Chamber of Commerce**



### **Membership Information**

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## What is the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce?

The Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary organization of the business community. It unites business and professional individuals, creating a central agency that lends itself to improving businesses and building a better community.

## What does our Chamber do?

The focus of the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce is the community's economic well being. We work to increase wealth and prosperity by facilitating the growth of existing businesses and fostering new ones. The new wealth can be directed toward establishing and improving civic, educational and cultural facilities to create the proper business climate for attracting more business and industry.

The Chamber tirelessly works to encourage growth throughout all of Telfair County- growth that will lead to creation of more jobs and more people moving to Telfair County to live and creating new customers for your business.

In addition, the Chamber is a Welcome-Visitor Center promoting tourism within Telfair County.

## Economic Development

The Chamber is the main voice working to improve the economic status of the county. Through your membership in the Chamber, you are financially supporting the future growth of Telfair County. The Chamber maintains Telfair County's information at the Resource Center in Atlanta. Additional contacts are made with the GA Department of Economic Development, The Department of Labor, Department of Transportation, Department of Community Affairs, Georgia Power, Georgia EMC, Atlanta Gas Light, Norfolk Southern, and the Heart of Georgia Railroad to bring new businesses and industries to our area.

## How is the Chamber financed?

As in most everything, there is an expense in providing these services and that is where you can help!

The Telfair County Chamber of Commerce is supported primarily by the members in the business community who are interested in stimulating new and improved businesses and in building a better community.

Remember your investment amount, paid each year to the Chamber of Commerce, should be considered an investment to your business and the future of your community. Without your support, the Chamber would not be able to perform its duties in a manner to bring SUCCESS to Telfair County.

The Chamber dues are not tax deductible as a charitable deduction but are tax deductible as a necessary business expense.

## Who can and should belong to the Chamber?

**ALL** businesses, industries, professionals and individuals are not only eligible to be Chamber of Commerce members, but should be! In addition to investing in the growth of your county, Chamber members also receive many benefits. All of our Chamber members also have an open invitation to attend any and all Board meetings.

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Put the Telfair County  
Chamber of Commerce to  
Work ***For You***

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## Types and Rates of Regular Annual Memberships

➤ Churches	\$ 75
➤ Civic Organizations	\$ 75
➤ Educational Facilities	\$350
➤ Financial Institutions	\$350
➤ Health Institutions	\$350
➤ Individuals	\$ 25
➤ Industry Level I (1-50 Employees)	\$125
➤ Industry Level II (51-499 Employees)	\$175
➤ Industry Level III (500 plus Employees)	\$500
➤ Professional Services	\$125
➤ Retail Level I (1-50 Employees)	\$125
➤ Retail Level II (51-499 Employees)	\$175
➤ Retail Level III (500 plus Employees)	\$500
➤ Utility Companies	\$250

➤ **Cornerstone Level \$1,000**  
(annually plus the above applicable regular annual membership dues)

In addition to the regular annual membership, you can provide additional financial assistance in Economic Development by becoming a Cornerstone Level Member.

The cost of this investment in the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce is far exceeded by the return that your business will receive as a result of development encouraged and cultivated by the Chamber's activities. All Cornerstone Dues will be dedicated for economic development uses, such as prospect development, economic development marketing activities and staff development.