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Greater **Akron**
Chamber



LEADERSHIP MESSAGE



Anthony J. Alexander
Chairman

2005 was an extraordinary year for the Greater Akron Chamber and the region. 2005 could be labeled “The Year Of Regional Partnerships” as city, county and state governments, universities, and other development groups – the city of Akron; the Akron Incubator; Akron Tomorrow; BioEnterprises; Cascade Capital; JumpStart; NEOTECH; NOCHE; NorTech; OH!Polymer Inc.; SBDC; SCORE; Summit County Port Authority; Summit, Portage and Medina Counties; TeamNEO; the University Park Alliance and others – combined forces to create a better economic climate and improved quality of life for the Northeast Ohio Region. In fact, over the last two years, 2003-2005, the Greater Akron Region has had a 3.5% growth in net employment, the only urban region in the state of Ohio to see a positive swing, an indication that everyone is contributing to the region’s success.

2005 could also be labeled as “The Year For Talent” as the Akron Area gained statewide and national recognition for developing and implementing a strategy for retaining and attracting young talent to the region.

It was a year that saw the emergence of definite commitments by the area’s business leaders to stay on course to implement the Greater Akron Chamber’s Economic Development Plan: “Advance Greater Akron.”

The encouragement of local companies to remain and expand here was given a high priority during 2005, recognizing that 80% of area growth comes from companies already here. More than 200 personal contact calls were made by the Chamber and its regional partners.

Economic development is not a miraculous occurrence, but here in the Greater Akron Region we have the substance from which such miracles are made: an environment for innovation, a stable economy, ease of accessibility, quality of life advantages and a workforce willing to meet the needs of companies competing in the global economy.

These assets, combined with an ever-increasing cooperative community attitude, will keep this area alive, growing and relevant in creating economic opportunities.

In 2005, a foundation and plan were created to drive interest in the Greater Akron Region as a location for new business by telling the Greater Akron Story.

We intend to build continued success by capitalizing on the strengths of this area, targeting our economic development promotional efforts, and leveraging those programs which we believe assure the continued prosperity of this region.



Daniel C. Colantone
President and CEO

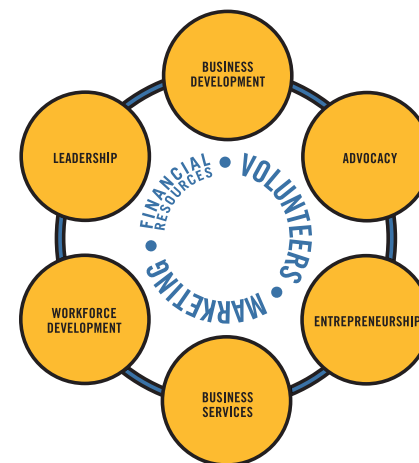
Expansion Management magazine ranked Akron, Ohio with “Five Star” distinctions in its Quality of Life Quotient™ ranking of metro areas where people can enjoy a career and raise a family.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT & INVESTOR GROWTH

Through your investment, we are “Advancing Greater Akron” by promoting economic growth and prosperity to benefit the people and businesses of the region. We have completed the second year of the Chamber’s three-year Strategic Plan, and we are extremely pleased to report our progress through the end of 2005.

The number of investors – companies that make significant financial contributions to ensure the implementation of Advance Greater Akron – increased from 77 to 137 by the end of 2005.

SIX CORE STRATEGIES FOR SUCCEEDING IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



ADVANCE GREATER AKRON SUPPORTERS

ACME Fresh Markets, Action Super Abrasive Products Inc., Advanced Elastomer Systems, L.P., AESCO Electronics Inc., Aircraft Braking Systems Corp., AirTran Airways, Akron Aeros, Akron Area Board of REALTORS, Akron Beacon Journal, Akron Children’s Hospital, Akron Community Foundation, Akron Education Fund, Akron General Medical Center Health Systems, Akron-Canton Airport, Albrecht Incorporated, ALCO-CHEM Incorporated, Alcon Tool Co., ALLTEL Communications, Annaco Incorporated, ASC Industries Incorporated, Associated Materials Inc., ASW Services Companies, AT&T, Babcox Publications, Inc., Barberton Citizens Hospital, Bennett Construction Management Inc., BFG Federal Credit Union, Bober, Markey, Fedorovich & Co., Braun & Steidl Architects Incorporated, Brennan Industrial Group, Inc., Brennan, Manna & Diamond, LLC, Bridgestone/Firestone Incorporated, Brockman, Coats, Gedelian & Co., Brott Mardis & Company, Brouse McDowell, Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLP, CAM Incorporated, CB Richard Ellis Inc., CBIZ/Mayor Hoffman McCann, Charles Schwab & Co., Inc., Charter One Bank FSB, City of Akron, Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Cohen & Company, Coldwell Banker Hunter Realty, The Mary S. and David C. Corbin Foundation, Corporate Express, Country Pure Foods, Inc., Cutler Real Estate, Cuyahoga Falls General Hospital, Dave Towell Cadillac/SAAB, Davey Tree Expert Company, Dominion, The Dominion Foundation, Ernst & Young LLP, The Fedeli Group, FedEx Custom Critical Inc., Fifth Third Bank, FirstEnergy Corp., FirstEnergy Foundation, FirstMerit Bank NA, Flexsys America LP, The Flood Company, Floyd Browne Group, GAR Foundation, The Geopfert Company Inc., GOJO Industries Inc., The Goodyear Tire

& Rubber Company, Hattie Larlham, Herman Machine Incorporated, Hilton Akron/Fairlawn, Hitachi Medical Systems America, Inc., Hitchcock Fleming & Associates, Inc., Holland Oil Company, Home Builders Association, Hottle & Associates Inc., The House of LaRose, InfoCision Management Corporation, Jentner Financial Group, Jo-Ann Stores Incorporated, JPMorgan Chase Bank NA, Kent State University, KeyBank NA, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Levey & Company, Lockheed Martin, Maritime Systems & Sensors, Louis Perry & Associates, Inc., MAC Management, Meaden & Moore, Ltd., Midcap & Company, Mogen Real Estate Company, Moore Stephens Apple, Myers Industries Inc., NAI Cummins Real Estate, Inc., National City Bank, National Electrical Contractors Association/N.C.O., Nelson Development Ltd., North Akron Savings Bank, OMNOVA Solutions Foundation, OMNOVA Solutions Inc., PepsiAmericas, PolyOne Corporation, Portage County, QualChoice Health Plan Inc., Roadway Express, Roetzel & Address, ROTOCAST Technologies Incorporated, Rubbermaid Home Products, The Ruhlin Company, Schipper Enterprises, Schneller, Inc., A. Schulman, Inc., Seal Master Corporation, Sheraton Suites Akron/Cuyahoga Falls, Sky Bank, Smithers Scientific Services Inc., SS&G Financial Services, Stark & Knoll Co., LPA, State and Federal Communications, Inc., Struktol Company of America, Summa Health System, The County of Summit, Superior Staffing Inc., Terminal Warehouse, The University of Akron, Time Warner Cable, Toth Buick-Pontiac-GMC, US Bank, Visiting Nurse Service & Affiliates, Wal-Mart #1911, Welty Building Company Ltd., WhiteSpace Creative, Wojno Development, YRC Regional Transportation



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Strategic Goal:
Market and promote the benefits of doing business in the Greater Akron Region in order to attract, retain, expand and create businesses.



Charles E. Jones
Vice Chairman,
Business Development

Recruiting and Retaining Companies

- Collaborated with the Governor's newly founded marketing organization, Ohio Business Development Coalition (OBDC), to ensure that Ohio enhances its marketing efforts.
- Publicly recognized communities in Northeast Ohio that are pro-business through the Business Friendly Community Program.
- Placed targeted industry ads promoting Greater Akron as a business location in *Area Development*, *Midwest Real Estate News* and *Rubber and Plastics News*.
- Partnered with Team NEO to implement an aggressive marketing strategy to retain 6 core industry sectors.
- Assisted 21 companies with their investments in the Greater Akron Region totaling \$60 million, creating 630 new jobs, and retaining 700 jobs. Collaborated with economic development allies to attract Homesite Insurance from Boston, Massachusetts to the Greater Akron Region; to support Yellow Roadway Corporation's newly established subsidiary, YRC Regional Transportation; and to assist Applied Vision, Inc.'s expansion efforts.
- Participated in site dedications and officially recognized the following companies for their local investments: Wacker Silicones, ACRT Inc., Doyle Systems, item MB Kit Systems, Noble Industrial Metals, Preferred Rubber, Cornerstone Products, and Corporate Express.
- Showcased the Greater Akron Region at 9 trade shows – Society of Automotive Engineering World Congress in Detroit, Michigan; K Fair Messe and Hannover Messe in Germany; Corporate Real Estate Executives (CORENET) in Toronto and Las Vegas; FABTECH International in Chicago; American Chemical Society Rubber Show in Pittsburgh; the Ohio Fuel Cell Symposium and the Great Lakes Industrial Show in Cleveland. This participation resulted in 175 investment leads for the region.
- Hosted the first "Discover Northeast Ohio" area familiarization tour in conjunction with the NEC World Golf Championships to promote Greater Akron to site selectors.
- Coordinated the visits of 8 foreign business delegations (Japanese, 2 German, Swiss, Russian, Indian, Chinese, and Turkish) to help them establish business investment opportunities.

IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS THE REGION HAS EXPERIENCED

\$248 million in private investments;
54 companies expanded and/or located;
1,000 new jobs created.



Robert W. Malone
Vice Chairman, Advocacy

ADVOCACY

Strategic Goal:
Represent the interests of our membership at the local, state and federal levels by advocating for issues of importance to economic development.

Influencing Business Development Issues

- Led efforts in the state legislature to exempt jigs, dies, patterns, and drawings from tangible personal property tax in the Governor's Tax Reform proposal, saving manufacturers in Northeast Ohio tens of thousands of dollars in taxes.
- Worked successfully with the City of Akron, Akron Public Schools, The University of Akron, and the National Inventors Hall of Fame to fund and develop a math, science, and technology community learning center.
- Helped the Summit County Workforce Investment Board create its new One-Stop Employment Center called "The Job Center."
- Supported the BizMat project for the Greater Akron Region allowing BizMat's Recycling Center to assist small businesses with hazardous waste disposal.
- Contacted state legislators in support of the Institute for Global Studies, as well as the Telecom legislation.
- Supported the Reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act with our senators to increase federal support for highway infrastructure.
- Hosted congressional luncheons with Congressmen Ralph Regula, Steve LaTourette, and Ted Strickland, bringing our congressional representatives face-to-face with Chamber members.
- Provided informative programs on the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Project and the "How-to's of Brownfield Redevelopment."
- Helped secure non-stop air service from Akron-Canton Airport to Denver through Frontier Airlines and to Las Vegas through AirTran Airlines.
- Advocated on behalf of the college community to establish a Doctor of Pharmacy degree program at Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine (NEOUCOM).
- Supported the passage of Issue 1 Jobs for Ohio by spearheading a letter-writing campaign and hosting Lt. Governor Bruce Johnson to discuss the issue's importance.
- Initiated a relationship with Ohio Treasurer Jeanette Bradley by having her visit the Chamber.
- Implemented CapWiz, a grassroots advocacy online tool that provides a resource for members to communicate their views to area lawmakers.
- Lobbied the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) for the creation of an Akron high school basketball tournament for NCAA recruitment.
- Supported the passage of the Summit County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (MRDD) levy.
- Endorsed the Akron Public Schools' 5.9 mil operation levy request.
- Continued advocating on behalf of the Seasons Road interchange on State Route 8.
- Hosted Local Officials Recognition Luncheon and recognized three local legislators.
- Lobbied on behalf of Summit Health Ventures and BioEnterprise for Third Frontier funding.

WORKING WITH OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS, 21 BUSINESSES WERE ASSISTED WITH THEIR EXPANSION OR LOCATION TO OUR REGION:

ABSC Inc.
ACRT Inc.
Applied Vision, Inc.
ASCA Inc.
Austin Printing
Blair Rubber Company
Cornerstone Products
Corporate Express
Doyle Systems
Excelsior Markings
Forestal Plastics
Frontier Airlines
Homesite Insurance
ICI Networks
item MB Kit Systems
K-Company
Noble Industrial Ltd.
Preferred Rubber Incorporated
YRC Regional Transportation
YMCA

Vision:
A high quality of life for all citizens
of the Greater Akron Region.

Mission:
To promote economic development
to benefit the people of the
Greater Akron Region.



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Strategic Goal:
Lead and coordinate activities to provide an educated and skilled labor force to be globally competitive, and to provide quality employment opportunities.



Karen L. Talbott
Vice Chairman,
Workforce Development



John G. Pickard
Vice Chairman,
Business Services



Dennis A. Kleidon
Vice Chairman,
Small Business



Charles E. Conner
Chairman,
Small Business Council

Attracting and Retaining Talent

- Continued the community/leadership dialogue with Rebecca Ryan, Next Generation Consulting, Inc., to create actions that will help slow the emigration of knowledge workers.
- The Chamber, along with the 4 major young professional (YP) organizations, held an event that attracted 600 people. The event gave members of the YP groups, business leaders, and the community-at-large a forum to celebrate the unique qualities of Akron through the eyes of the next generation. (For copies of Ryan's reports on Greater Akron, go to <http://realneo.us/node/1154>.)
- Rebecca Ryan presented her 18 final recommendations on how the region can attract and retain young talent. The Chamber has taken the lead on 3 of her recommendations: (1) staff a full-time executive director to serve Greater Akron's young professionals' groups; (2) develop a multimedia tool kit that Greater Akron's employers can customize for their talent attraction efforts; and (3) convene employer roundtables in the industries in which talent needs are the greatest.

- Helped kick off College 360° Brain Drain initiative targeted at college graduates to enroll, engage, and employ more college students in the region. The Chamber continues to encourage business leaders to create more internships.
- Published a Greater Akron Relocation Guide as an employee recruitment tool. "Alive With Opportunities" partnered with the Summit Educational Initiative to launch the Goodyear Leadership Network for Education with 17 charter members to develop experiential learning networks (assistantships, shadowing, etc.). The charter members included public schools, private and parochial schools, universities, and non-profit organizations with a focus on education in Summit County.
- Created a video to increase awareness of the importance of investing in talent retention and attraction for the Greater Akron Region.

BUSINESS SERVICES

Strategic Goal:
Provide membership benefits and services that give our members an operational and financial competitive advantage.

- Briefed 200 community leaders on the economy at the Greater Akron Chamber's Second Annual Economic Outlook Conference.
- Enrolled 54 members in the Chamber's healthcare plans, bringing the total enrollment to 748.
- Provided members with Workers' Compensation group ratings, saving them over \$4 million.
- Hosted 37 networking events that brought 2,600 people together to share best business practices and to create solid business contacts.

- Continued collaboration with other organizations, such as SCORE, in assisting 1,277 small business clients with business advice.
- Awarded 3 local business leaders for their achievements: "Entrepreneur of the Year," Timothy Sheeler, First Credit International Corp./Healthcare Resolution Services, Inc.; "New and Emerging Business of the Year," Jeffrey S. Ruby, The Ruby Group Inc.; "Small Business Advocate of the Year," Bruce A. Jentner, Jentner Financial Group.



Thomas G. Knoll
Vice Chairman,
Entrepreneurship

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Strategic Goal:
Promote innovation, technology development and commercialization, new business formation, and new venture opportunities to facilitate entrepreneurship.

Linking Resources to Entrepreneurs

- Partnered with NorTech and the Ohio Polymer Strategy Council in the successful bid to establish the Center for Multifunctional Polymer Nanomaterials and Devices.
- Partnered with OH!Polymer Inc. to deliver cost reduction and operations efficiency seminars for Akron area polymer and metalworking companies.
- Provided office space and support to NEO411.biz, an organization that serves as a one-source portal of network providers for Northeast Ohio entrepreneurs. The NEO411.biz staff connected 50 people to important business resources.
- Collaborated with JumpStart Inc. to provide counseling for high growth companies and to provide pre-seed and seed capital.
- Co-sponsored an event with COSE to promote the Northeast Ohio Business Plan Challenge, offering participants assistance with building upgraded business plans.

- Closed 2 loans for entrepreneurial companies that will result in technology applications and expansions globally and the creation/retention of 70 jobs through the Akron Development Fund.
- Co-sponsored a seminar on Innovation with CAMP (Community of Smaller Manufacturers).
- Became part of the leadership team for The University of Akron Research Foundation's Arch Angel Network to promote investments in technology-based enterprises in Northeast Ohio.
- Developed an Akron Succession Planning program with Kent State University's Ohio Employee Ownership Center.

AKRON, OHIO IS

"Among the Best U.S. Cities to
Expand or Relocate a Business,"
according to
Expansion Management's
3rd Annual Mayor's Challenge.





EXPOSURE AND RECOGNITION



James N. Crutchfield
Vice Chairman, Marketing

- Kept members informed of activities through six *Directions* newsletters and through the Chamber's web site, www.greaterakronchamber.org, which received over 165,000 visits.
- Created a new membership communications campaign, "Connect with the Chamber," to grow membership.
- Led the charge to develop a stronger identity for Greater Akron and selected Hitchcock Fleming & Associates, Inc. (hfa) as its marketing communications agency of record.
- Attracted 630 business leaders (a 20% increase over 2004) to the Chamber's Annual Meeting, which featured Rebecca Ryan speaking about her year-long work in the Greater Akron Region.
- Published 12 key demographic and economic reports including a polymer directory, economic indicators, and population trends used by companies making critical decisions on locating, expanding, or creating a business in the Greater Akron Region.
- Provided economic and demographic community information to 700 people interested in the Greater Akron Region.
- The media relied on the Greater Akron Chamber for its expertise in business development, advocacy, and workforce development including talent attraction, business services and issues relating to entrepreneurship, and small businesses. The Chamber and its initiatives appeared in print, radio, and television 200 times, an increase of 250%.



Thomas E. Tulodzieski
Chairman-Elect



Richard J. Kramer
Vice Chairman, Finance

The Greater Akron Chamber will accelerate its efforts by focusing on the following key economic development priorities:

- Increase the attraction, retention, expansion, and creation of businesses to the region.
- Continue to develop a talent retention and attraction strategy for the region.
- Create new marketing tools to promote our region and enhance retention and recruitment of talent.
- Expand our advocacy program to include legislative initiatives, policy priorities and resources for economic development.
- Enhance the role of the Chamber in supporting and/or creating entrepreneurship initiatives in the region.
- Continue to develop benefits and services that give our members a competitive advantage.

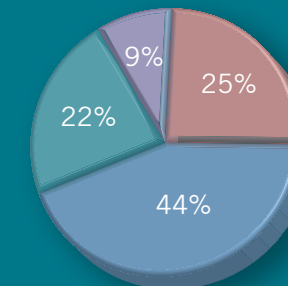
LOOKING AHEAD TO 2006

TOP 11 REASONS TO CONNECT WITH THE GREATER AKRON CHAMBER

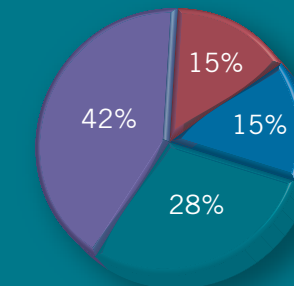
- A shared commitment to the region's economic vitality and quality of life for employees and their families.
- Promotes economic development activities for the tri-county Greater Akron Region.
- Strengthens the community by providing a representative voice for the business community on air service and transportation infrastructure, healthcare, education and workforce development issues.
- High profile networking and exposure opportunities at the region's best business events.
- Business development programs/activities for entrepreneurs.
- Cost savings through member-to-member discounts and exclusive member rates.
- Access to more than 30 products including customized lists, relocation information, economic data and business directories from our Research Department.
- Leadership training through programs, committees and partnerships of the Greater Akron Chamber.
- Business referrals from the Greater Akron Chamber Membership Directory and Web Site, www.greaterakronchamber.org.
- Exclusive marketing and sponsorship opportunities through 25 programs.
- Increase awareness among young professionals of the advantages of living and working in the Greater Akron Region.

2005 FINANCIALS

REVENUES



EXPENSES



Investors
Services
Membership Dues
Grants & Govt. Contracts

Workforce Development
Advocacy
Membership Services
Economic Development



INVESTORS

CHAIRMAN'S COUNCIL \$50,000(+) INVESTMENT PER YEAR

City of Akron
FirstEnergy Corp.
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company
Summit County

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE \$25,000(+) INVESTMENT PER YEAR

ACME Fresh Markets
Akron Beacon Journal
Akron General Medical Center
Albrecht Incorporated
AT&T
Dominion
FirstMerit Bank NA
National City Bank
Summa Health System

CORNERSTONE PARTNERS \$10,000(+) INVESTMENT PER YEAR

Aircraft Braking Systems Corp.
Akron Children's Hospital
Brouse McDowell, LPA
Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLP
GOJO Industries Inc.
JP Morgan Chase Bank, NA
KeyBank NA
Portage County
A. Schulman, Inc.
Sky Bank

CHAMPION SUPPORTERS \$5,000(+) INVESTMENT PER YEAR

Advanced Elastomer Systems
Akron Aeros
ASW Services Companies
Barberton Citizens Hospital
Bridgestone/Firestone Incorporated
Ernst & Young, LLP
Jo-Ann Stores

Kent State University
Lockheed Martin Maritime Systems & Sensors
OMNOVA Solutions Inc.
Roadway Express
Rubbermaid Home Products
Sheraton Suites Akron/Cuyahoga Falls
The Schipper Group
The University of Akron
US Bank

VISION BUILDERS \$2,500(+) INVESTMENT PER YEAR

AESCO Electronics Inc.
AirTran Airways
Akron Area Board of REALTORS
Akron-Canton Airport
Akron Community Foundation
ALLTEL Communications
Associated Materials Inc.
Bober, Markey, Fedorovich & Co.
Brennan Industrial Group, Inc.
Brennan, Manna & Diamond, LLC
Brockman, Coats, Gedelian & Co.
Brott Mardis & Co.
CAM Incorporated
CB Richard Ellis Inc.
CBIZ/Mayer Hoffman McCann
Charles Schwab Corporate Services
Charter One Bank FSB
Coca-Cola Bottling Company
Cohen & Company
Coldwell Banker/Hunter Realty
Corporate Express
Cutler Real Estate
Dave Towell Cadillac-Saab
The Davey Tree Expert Company
FedEx Custom Critical Inc.
Fifth Third Bank
Floyd Browne Group

Geopfert Co. Inc.
Hattie Larlham
Hilton Akron/Fairlawn
Hitchcock Fleming & Associates, Inc.
Hottle & Associates
House of LaRose
InfoCision Management Corporation
Jentner Financial Group
Louis Perry & Associates, Inc.
MAC Management
Meaden & Moore, Ltd.
Mogen Real Estate Co.
Moore Stephens Apple
NAI Cummins Real Estate
North Akron Savings Bank
Pepsi Americas
PolyOne Corporation
QualChoice Health Plan Inc.

The Reserve Group
Roetzel & Andress
The Ruhlin Company
Schneller, Inc.
Seal Master Corporation
SS&G Financial Services
Stark & Knoll Co., LPA
State and Federal Communications, Inc.
Struktol Company of America
Terminal Warehouse Inc.
Time Warner Cable
Toth Buick-Pontiac-GMC Truck Inc.
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