

THE POWER OF PARTNERS




Greater **Akron**
Chamber

2010 ANNUAL REPORT



OUR MISSION

The mission of the Greater Akron Chamber is to drive economic development and prosperity for the people of the Greater Akron Region.

DID YOU KNOW?

According to a study conducted by The Schapiro Group and Market Street Services, when consumers know that a business is a **member of the Chamber of Commerce**, they are **44 percent more likely** to think favorably of it and **63 percent more likely** to purchase goods and services from the company in the future.

LEADING TOWARD THE FUTURE

Successful communities and strong organizations require leadership and engagement from many partners. In the Greater Akron Region, we are fortunate that we have so many — from government officials, entrepreneurs, educators and business leaders who are risk-takers — finding new ways to take advantage of opportunities that make the Akron region a great place to live, work and play. Their positive energy and camaraderie fuel the spirit of innovation that allows Greater Akron to compete and prosper in the global market.

All of our partners — economic development organizations, our members, and the community at-large throughout Greater Akron and Northeast Ohio — all play vital roles in ensuring the sustainable economic vitality of our region. Those collaborative achievements are highlighted throughout this report.

As your Chamber heads into its 104th year of service, your continued involvement in the Chamber and the community is more critical than ever. Our focus on the future encompasses a number of key issues that are critical to Greater Akron's progress:

- Economic Development — retaining and growing our existing businesses and recruiting new ones.
- Talent Development — ensuring a workforce that meets and exceeds the ambitions of the companies that are starting, expanding and relocating to the region.
- Community Action and Advocacy — by convening community leaders, we will continue to be the primary business advocate to ensure a strong business climate.
- Greater Awareness of the Chamber — connecting people to our programs and services that save hundreds of companies money on their benefits.
- Create the Capacity to Succeed — Building on the culture of leadership by strengthening stakeholder relationships and obtaining the resources necessary to impact the Chamber's A Factor: "Advance Akron. Our Region. Our Future."

Your investment in the Greater Akron Chamber makes you a partner in all that we achieve. It gives you access to valuable business information, connections to help grow your business, and is a partnership critical for success of the community.

As we look to the year ahead, we remain focused on serving our members and the Akron region by staying true to our mission and continuing to be an agent of positive change.



Virginia C. Albanese

Daniel C. Colantone, CCE

Chair

President & CEO

PRIORITY 1: GROW GREATER AKRON

Strengthen our economy by retaining and attracting businesses and talent.

RETAINING JOBS

The Chamber:

Actively worked to support existing businesses to ensure they stay in Greater Akron.

- Assisted 14 companies with location and expansion investments totaling \$236 million, creating 996 new jobs and retaining 139 jobs.
- Worked with state and local elected and economic development officials to assist AT&T with their new \$120 million mobility data center which will launch 4G LTE wireless network services.
- Conducted 331 face-to-face business visitations through the Summit Business Partnership retention and expansion program to help companies stay and expand in Greater Akron; expanded company visitations into Portage and Medina counties.
- Invested in a regional partnership with Team NEO, which resulted in 53 new leads and 19 qualifying prospects.

LINKING ENTREPRENEURS TO RESOURCES

The Chamber:

Created opportunities for high-growth businesses and entrepreneurs to thrive.

- Connected companies with potential investors through entrepreneurial partner, Akron Regional Change Angels (ARCHAngels); provided \$74 million in funding to 34 companies.
- Launched a peer-to-peer program, Entrepreneur Connect, to facilitate conversation on economic and business issues.

RECRUITING BUSINESSES

The Chamber:

Attracted target business sectors including polymers, liquid crystals, advanced energy, biomedical; instruments, controls and electronics; and logistics to create jobs.

- Showcased the Greater Akron Region at trade exhibitions and marketing missions: Hannover Messe in Germany; Medical Design & Manufacturing in New York City; 2010 K-Fair in Dusseldorf; International Tire & Exposition Conference (ITEC) in Cleveland; and NEOTEC Logistics Conference. Generated 16 qualified new leads of companies interested in Greater Akron as a business location.
- The Chamber, along with the Youngstown-Warren Chamber of Commerce, coordinated the first annual National Defense Familiarization Tour involving 14

- defense contractors within Congressman Tim Ryan's 17th Congressional District.
- Coordinated visits with foreign business delegations from Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, China, Croatia, Denmark, Finland (2), France, India, Italy, Macedonia, Netherlands, Norway, United Kingdom, and Wales.

THE POWER OF COLLABORATION

The Chamber:

- Collaborated with Team NEO and the Stark Development Board to host a familiarization tour for site selectors in conjunction with the Bridgestone Invitational and the Pro Football Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.
- Joined with The University of Akron Research Foundation (UARF), Kent State University's Ohio Employee Ownership Council (OEOC), Kent State University Center and The University of Akron Finance Department's M & A Conference to provide entrepreneurship assistance.
- Partnered with the Akron Urban League Minority Business Development Organization (MBDO) to increase the development of minority and disadvantaged-owned businesses; co-sponsored the inaugural Greater Akron Supplier Diversity Conference with more than 50 participants and 150 vendors.



Involta Breaks Ground - Involta, LLC of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, announced plans to construct a LEED Certified data center on 18 acres of the historic Brown-Graves site in South Akron and anticipates the facility will be fully operating by the fourth quarter of 2011. According to Involta, the \$20 million investment will result in the creation of over 50 new jobs over the next 2 years.

L to R: Chamber President and CEO Daniel Colantone, City of Akron Mayor Don Plusquellic, Involta CEO Bruce Lehrman, Involta Chairman Lonnie Bloomquist, former Governor Ted Strickland and Summit County Executive Russ Pry.



PRIORITY 2: INVEST IN HUMAN CAPITAL

Build a competitive workforce prepared for the jobs of the future.

PREPARING OUR WORKFORCE — INVESTING IN EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

The Chamber:

- Provided 60 students majoring in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines the opportunity to intern with 47 companies through a \$230,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Labor.
- Participated in launch of NOCHE "Talent Dividend... Progress by Degrees" action plan to increase college attainment in the region.
- Partnered in Ohio STEM Learning Network (OSLN) Akron Hub which received \$1 million grant to advance STEM education.
- Was awarded a \$50,000 grant for connecting 25 STEM teachers with 5 businesses to exchange "real-world" math and science applications.
- Provided leadership to help develop a future STEM high school.
- Co-sponsored dedication of the new National Inventors Hall of Fame® School...Center for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Learning. The school is a collaboration of the City of Akron, Akron Public Schools, The University of Akron, National Inventors Hall of Fame, Akron Tomorrow and the Greater Akron Chamber, and is critical to developing a highly-skilled talent pool. The school is one of only ten in Ohio and the only middle school focused on this unique and cutting-edge design.
- Supported The University of Akron's \$546,000 grant request to expand STEM education curriculum into two middle schools in the Akron Public Schools System.
- Supported talent recruitment efforts with Austen BioInnovation Institute in Akron (ABIA).



PRIORITY 1: continued

INFLUENCING BUSINESS CLIMATE ISSUES

The Chamber:

- Collaborated with seven metropolitan chambers and the Ohio Chamber of Commerce to produce the *Redesigning Ohio: Transforming Government Into a 21st Century Institution Report*. The report serves as a road map for greater effectiveness and efficiency in the following areas: Budgeting for Outcomes, Charter Agencies, Entrepreneurial Management, Government Regulations, Tax Expenditures, Civil Service, Pension Benefits, Health Care, Criminal Justice, and Local Government.
- Partnered with Summit County, the City of Akron, The University of Akron and the Greater Ohio Policy Center to host the "Building Prosperity in Greater Akron Forum" — framing new approaches to strengthen the Akron metropolitan area's future. Over 250 community stakeholders participated in a series of panel discussions that focused on the interconnections between selected assets of the Greater Akron Region, supporting talent and workforce development, promoting unique clusters of innovation and stabilizing and strengthening the quality of place for downtown and neighborhoods.
- Advocated for federal and state funding of economic development initiatives.
- Presented the 7th annual Economic Development Forum, which highlighted the region's retention and expansion initiatives to 120 economic development professionals.

ACCOLADES FOR GREATER AKRON

- After a four-year consecutive claim to the Governor's Cup, Ohio placed 2nd in the 2010 top ten states for capital expansion by *Site Selection* magazine, with 376 capital expansion projects in 2010. — *March 2011*
- 2010 was the busiest year ever at Akron-Canton Airport, with a total of 1,563,031 customers traveling to and from CAK; passenger records were broken nine out of 12 months in 2010; for the decade, passenger figures doubled. — *January 2011*
- The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) awarded the Greater Akron Chamber with a 2010 Excellence in Economic Development Award in recognition of its Summit Business Partnership program. — *September 2010*
- Akron-Summit County Public Library was recognized with the highest rating — Five Stars — in the second round of the LJ Index of Public Library Service, a national rating of public libraries in the *Library Journal*. The Index identifies the star libraries in the United States. — *February 2010*



Excellence in Economic Development Awards Ceremony in Columbus, Ohio. L to R: William Best, FM, Chairman of the IEDC Board of Directors; Richard Rebadow, Executive Vice President, Greater Akron Chamber; Gregg Cramer, Vice President, Economic Development, Greater Akron Chamber; and Timothy Solomon, CECD, Chairman of the IEDC Awards Task Force.

PRIORITY 3: IMPROVE PERCEPTIONS

Tell our story to business leaders and talent locally, nationally and globally.

PROMOTING GREATER AKRON

The Chamber:

- Collaborated with Cleveland Plus to promote quality of life assets within the Northeast Ohio region via the newly launched website, www.theplus.us.
- Led reorganization of the All-American Soap Box Derby Board of Directors and helped secure \$400,000 to retain the Soap Box Derby and to create positive national publicity for Greater Akron; helped raise \$825,000 for the film, "25 Hill."
- Implemented an advertising program with national site selection publications to promote Greater Akron as a business location, including *Area Development*, *Business Facilities and Site Selection*.
- Published the second *Greater Akron Economic Development Guide*, which features business developments in the region, tells the Greater Akron story and promotes our region as a quality place to do business.
- Published and distributed 15,000 *Experience Greater Akron* relocation guides to assist companies in recruiting talent by highlighting the outstanding amenities that make our region one of the best places to live, work and play. The guide featured "75 Reasons We Love Greater Akron."
- Stimulated interest in our region through vital events that create a tremendous amount of economic impact and pumps millions of dollars into the Akron region: Bridgestone Invitational; Road Runner Akron Marathon; King for Kids Bikeathon; and the All-American Soap Box Derby.
- Published ten key demographic and economic reports, including a directory of largest employers, economic indicators and cost-of-living index, used by companies to make critical decisions on locating, expanding or creating a business in the Greater Akron Region.
- Provided economic and demographic community information to over 500 people interested in the Greater Akron Region.
- Was relied upon by the media for its expertise in business development, advocacy and workforce development, including talent attraction, business services, issues relating to entrepreneurship and small businesses. The Chamber and its initiatives appeared in print, radio and television 178 times, in addition to 750 message spots on five digital billboards.



ATTRACTING AND RETAINING TALENT

The Chamber:

- Hired a director of Young Professionals Network (YPN) to engage Young Professionals (YPs) in the Chamber, economic development and community. The YPN implemented a new structure that now connects young professionals in the following initiatives:
 - Recruited 17 volunteers to lead "work crews" to focus on the "Power of Six" priorities, including marketing the region, next generation leadership and community engagement.
 - More than 300 YPs attended events including a quarterly speaker series, sponsored by FirstMerit Bank.
 - Thirty-one outstanding young professionals in 20 industries were recognized with the 2010 "30 for the Future" Award, sponsored by Huntington Bank.
- Collaborated with Northeast Ohio groups and Rebecca Ryan to deliver a YP Summit identifying issues around talent attraction and retention.



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORK
A Program of the Greater Akron Chamber

PROMOTING GOOD WILL THROUGH OUR GLOBAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE

The Chamber:

- Since 2009, led 600 community members on cultural immersion trips to China and 60 to Italy to gain firsthand knowledge of the global market. The Greater Akron Chamber, the first Chamber to do so in the State of Ohio, has been a model for hundreds of chambers throughout the U.S.
- Partnered with the City of Akron and Summit County to develop Greater Akron promotional materials for Hannover, Finland and Israel trade missions.



PRIORITY 4: REVITALIZE OUR PHYSICAL ASSETS

Support the revitalization of downtown and other key areas by enhancing the quality of place.

BUILDING INNOVATION CENTERS

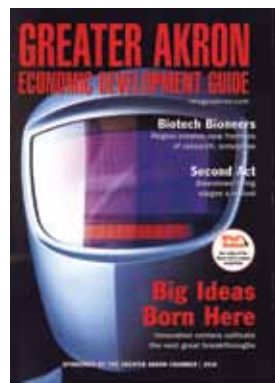
The Chamber:

- Supported the continued development of the Austen BioInnovation Institute in Akron (ABIA). The ABIA is a unique collaboration which expands upon the region's rich legacy in industrial and materials science to pioneer the next generation of life-enhancing and life-saving innovation for the 21st Century. Founders of the ABIA include Akron Children's Hospital, Akron General Health System, Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy (NEOUCOM), Summa Health System and The University of Akron.
- Supported the ABIA and The University of Akron Research Foundation (UARF) in receiving its award of the National i6 Challenge grant, an innovation competition led by the U.S. Department of Commerce. The ABIA/UARF award-winning project, "Innovating Solutions for Invention Xceleration" aims to increase innovation and minimize the time from idea to commercialization of new technology by bringing together world-class scientists, physicians, engineers, researchers and entrepreneurs in the biomedical devices and polymer science industries of Northeast Ohio.
- Collaborated with the City of Akron, Summit County and ABIA operating partners to receive a \$250,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Development designating the City of Akron as an Ohio Hub of Innovation and Opportunity. This designation will establish the Greater Akron Region as a Biomaterials Commercialization Hub, attracting domestic and international companies that will focus on wound healing and orthopaedics.

URBAN RENAISSANCE

The Chamber:

- Partnered with the University Park Alliance (UPA) and supported the Innovators Speaker Series.
- Supported the UPA and University Park Development Corp. (UPDC) successful merger.
- Promoted and assisted the UPA via the Greater Akron Economic Development Guide and other promotions.
- Supported the formation of a new strategy for UPA's urban master plan.



REGIONAL PLACES OF OPPORTUNITY

The Chamber:

- Supported the funding of:
 - Kent Central Multi-Model Transit, \$20 million.
 - Knight Center of Digital Excellence and Akron Urban League, providing internet access to the under-served, \$2 million.
 - Akron-Canton Airport's receipt of \$16 million from the FAA to complete the 2018 capital improvements.
 - The University of Akron Titanium Bridge federal funding application.
 - U.S. EPA Brownfield grants.
 - City of Akron for state and federal transportation funding of I-77 Main/ Broadway interchanges.
- Mobilized members in successful campaigns to renew:
 - The Akron-Summit County Public Library's levy.
 - Funding for the Third Frontier Program, which has created 48,000 jobs in manufacturing, biomedicine and alternative energy.

PRIORITY 5: ENHANCE VALUE FOR CORE BUSINESSES

Provide membership benefits and services that give small businesses an operational and financial competitive advantage.

CONNECTING BUSINESSES

The Chamber:

- Connected over 4,500 people to share best practices and to create solid business contacts through 42 networking events.
- Celebrated the accomplishments of six award recipients at the Small Business Council's Excellence in Business Awards Luncheon, sponsored by Apple Growth Partners and CFBank, with 227 business leaders in attendance. Recipients were AtNetPlus, Inc.; Knotice; Lucky Shoes, Inc.; MobilityWorks; Ron Marhofer Auto Family; and State and Federal Communications, Inc.
- Provided 120 golfers a business networking opportunity at The Chamber's 2010 Golf Classic at Portage Country Club, sponsored by SummaCare.

PRIORITY 6: CREATE THE CAPACITY TO SUCCEED

Build a culture of leadership and implementation by strengthening stakeholder relationships and obtaining the resources necessary for success.

MAXIMIZING INFLUENCE THROUGH AKRON TOMORROW

The Chamber:

- Partnered with Akron Tomorrow to align priorities and resources in a cohesive effort that secures Greater Akron's influence on Northeast Ohio-driven initiatives, including education excellence, economic competitiveness and other opportunities that have the potential to strengthen Akron's future.
- Partnered with Akron Tomorrow for a visit to Washington, DC, to promote economic development including ABIA.
- Partnered in strengthening collaborative efforts and leveraging resources in support of Team NEO, NorTech, Cleveland Plus and MAGNET.

INVOLVING EMERGING LEADERS

The Chamber:

- Continued to build active participation of emerging leaders in substantive ways — uniting our leadership and leveraging their talents and passion for a stronger Greater Akron Chamber and region.

ENGAGING VOLUNTEERS

The Chamber:

- Engaged volunteers in the Economic Development Council, Small Business Council and Chamber Services Council in areas from events and programs to government affairs and marketing.

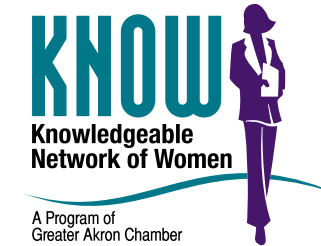
INVESTOR & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Chamber:

- Grew membership to 1,760 members from 1,634, an increase of eight percent and retained 83% of our members.
- Created and secured new sponsorship program giving companies unique opportunities for exposure.
- Engaged investors in key programs to connect them with one another and to experience firsthand the significant impact of the All-American Soap Box Derby and Bridgestone Invitational.

PRIORITY 5: continued

- Held four quarterly KNOW (Knowledgeable Network of Women) luncheons, sponsored by Crooked River Salon, which focused on unique perspectives on issues impacting women. KNOW membership reached a record of 350 members.



ECONOMIC OUTLOOK BRIEFING

The Chamber:

- Briefed 190 community leaders on the economy at the Greater Akron Chamber Economic Outlook, sponsored by Roetzel & Andress LPA, which featured Dr. Jack Kleinhenz, Kleinhenz & Associates.

VOICE OF BUSINESS

The Chamber:

- Communicated our positions through regular meetings and events with elected and government officials.
- Initiated seven events to inform and engage members with candidates.
- Co-sponsored the State of the City of Akron Address with Akron Kiwanis, Akron Rotary Club and Akron Press Club, with an attendance of 600.
- Held Elected Officials Luncheon honoring Commissioner Steve Hambley, Medina County; Engineer Michael Marozzi, Portage County; Mayor Don Plusquellic, City of Akron; and Executive Russ Pry, Summit County.
- Connected members to Business PAC (BIPAC), sponsored by State and Federal Communications. BIPAC is a grassroots advocacy online resource tool to communicate views to lawmakers and to gain information on public policy issues.
- Produced 2010 Spring and Fall election guides on issues which appeared on the ballots.

HELPING MEMBERS SAVE MONEY

The Chamber:

- Enrolled 578 total member companies to our SummaCare health plan, saving them \$1.9 million; enrolled 228 total member companies in our Workers' Compensation group rating program, saving them \$770,000.



**PRIORITY 6:
continued**

COMMUNICATING WINS

The Chamber:

- Implemented the A Factor: "Advance Akron. Our Region. Our Future." marketing plan, creating awareness of our six priorities aimed at improving the Greater Akron community. The priorities are: grow Greater Akron; invest in human capital; improve perceptions; revitalize our physical assets; enhance value for core businesses; and create the capacity to succeed.
- Attracted over 750 business leaders to the Chamber's 103rd Annual Meeting, sponsored by BCG & Company, which featured the H. Peter Burg Business Leadership Award presentation to Donald T. Misheff, Managing Partner with Ernst & Young.
- Kept members informed of activities through social media, a print *Directions* newsletter, which reached a distribution of 6,000, and weekly e-mail blasts.
- Received over 78,370 visits to the Chamber's portal Website, www.greaterakronchamber.org from businesses and potential talent seeking information on the Akron region.

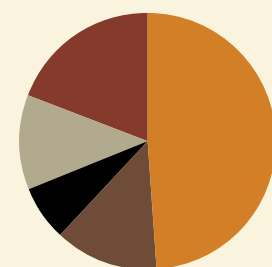
TOP TEN REASONS TO CONNECT WITH THE GREATER AKRON CHAMBER:

- A shared commitment to the region's economic vitality and quality of life for employees and their families.
- Strengthens the community by providing a unified voice for the business community on policy issues that foster economic growth and community improvement.
- High-profile networking and exposure opportunities at the region's best business events.
- Exclusive marketing and sponsorship opportunities through diverse programs.
- Opportunity to connect through volunteering with others who want to make a difference.
- Business assistance 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.
- Business referrals from the Greater Akron Chamber's online membership directory at www.greaterakronchamber.org.
- Increase professional development opportunities for young professionals (YPN) and professional women (KNOW) to connect them to each other and the community.



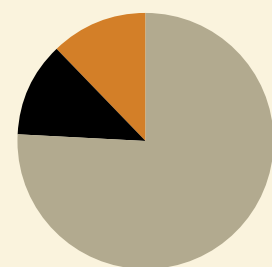
Röchling (RURSH ling) Automotive USA selected Akron for its \$15 million, 75,000 square-foot facility to be built in the Massillon Road Industrial Park. Röchling does injection molding of automotive parts. The company will initially employ 123 skilled workers including machinists, with an annual payroll of approximately \$5 million. The Greater Akron Chamber and regional partners — the City of Akron, Summit County, the State of Ohio, Springfield Township, FirstEnergy Corp., NEOTEC and Team NEO — worked with the Binswanger Company, Röchling's site location consultant, on behalf of the three Northeast Ohio communities of Akron, Hudson and Stow. "Röchling Automotive USA is quite excited about our new facility in Akron. Over the course of our decision-making process, we worked closely with both the City of Akron and the Greater Akron Chamber. Both groups have been welcoming and helpful," said Sandy Schmidt, CPA, Commercial Manager, Röchling Automotive USA LLP. "As a new business, we have already received a lot of support. We look forward to a long and prosperous future in Akron."

2010 FINANCIALS



REVENUE

- Investor & Dues Funding **49%**
 - Business Services Benefit Income **13%**
 - Product Sales & Other **7%**
 - Event & Program Income **12%**
 - Government & Grant Funding **19%**
- Total Revenue **100%**



EXPENSES

- Economic Development **76%**
 - Business Services **12%**
 - Advocacy & Workforce **12%**
- Total Expenses **100%**

GREATER AKRON CHAMBER INVESTORS

An investment in the Greater Akron Chamber and its "Advance Akron. Our Region. Our Future." economic development program is an investment that pays handsome dividends. A number of companies elect to enhance their organization's membership by becoming an Investor. These investors encourage positive growth in our region and are key to our continued success. Investment levels range from \$2,500 to \$50,000(+) per year.

**CHAIRMAN'S COUNCIL
\$50,000(+) Investment Per Year**

- Akron Children's Hospital
- City of Akron
- Dominion
- FedEx Custom Critical
- FirstEnergy Corp.
- The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company
- KeyBank NA
- Summa Health System

**PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE
\$25,000(+) Investment Per Year**

- A. Schulman, Inc.
- Akron Beacon Journal/Ohio.com
- Akron General Health System
- AT&T
- BCG & Company
- Brennan Industrial Group
- CHASE
- FirstMerit Bank NA
- GOJO Industries, Inc.
- Huntington Bank
- Time Warner Cable
- The University of Akron

**CORNERSTONE PARTNER
\$10,000(+) Investment Per Year**

- Albrecht Inc.
- ASW Global, LLC
- Buckingham Doolittle & Burroughs, LLP
- Cascade Capital Corporation
- CBIZ Mayer Hoffman McCann
- Charles Schwab Corporate Services
- Cohen & Company
- Ernst & Young LLP

- J. Rayl Transport, Inc.
- Meggitt Aircraft Braking Systems
- OMNOVA Solutions
- PNC
- Roetzel & Andress LPA
- The Schipper Group
- Signet Enterprises
- SS&G Financial Services
- Welty Building Company Ltd.

**CHAMPION SUPPORTERS
\$5,000(+) Investment Per Year**

- AESCO Electronics Inc.
- Akron Aeros
- Akron METRO Regional Transit Authority
- Apteryx Inc.
- Bober Markey Fedorovich
- Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations
- ComDoc Inc.
- The Davey Tree Expert Company
- Exxon Mobil Chemical
- Fifth Third Bank (Northeastern Ohio)
- Hattie Larlham
- Hilton Akron/Fairlawn
- Hottle & Associates Inc.
- Kent State University
- Lockheed Martin Maritime Systems & Sensors
- Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy
- The Ruhlin Company
- Sherwin-Williams Company
- Visiting Nurse Service and Affiliates

**VISION BUILDER
\$2,500(+) Investment Per Year**

- Akron Area Board of REALTORS
- Akron-Canton Airport
- Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority
- Apple Growth Partners
- Associated Materials Incorporated
- The Babcock & Wilcox Company
- Brennan Manna & Diamond LLC
- Bruner-Cox, LLP
- CAM Inc.
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- CIGNA Health Care of Ohio Inc.
- Coca-Cola Bottling Co of Eastern Great Lakes
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- GPD Group
- Giant Eagle
- Hammond Construction Inc.
- Harwick Standard Distribution Corp.
- Hayes Lemmerz International
- Hitchcock Fleming & Associates
- InfoCision Management Corporation
- Inside Business Magazine
- Interactive Media Group
- Jentner Financial Group
- Meaden & Moore Ltd.
- Mike Pruitt Honda
- Northwestern Mutual Financial Network/Northeast Ohio Group
- The Reserve Group
- Rubber City Arches, LLC
- Seal Master Corporation/ELBEX
- Stark & Knoll Co., LPA
- State and Federal Communications, Inc.
- Sterling Jewelers Inc.
- Store TEK Engineering Inc.
- Struktol Company of America
- Summa Western Reserve Hospital
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- Wojno Development, LLC
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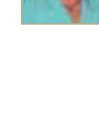
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Names have changed, but since 1907, the Chamber has been a driving force in the continual improvement of our economy while providing valuable services to our members and community.

To be members of the Chamber's Board of Directors, candidates must be the CEOs or top decision-makers of their companies in the region. This makes the Board strong and decisive. The members of the Board include the top local officials of Fortune 500 companies or subsidiaries, local or national large firms, small businesses, government leaders and nonprofit institutions including universities and hospitals.

CHAMBER FACTS:

- A private, nonprofit corporation
- 1,760 members
- Over 250 active volunteers
- More than 15 volunteer task forces

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