

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



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Over the past year, some of the Chattanooga Chamber's most notable job creation projects achieved major milestones. Volkswagen introduced the all-new, Chattanooga-made Passat which *Motor Trend* named Car of the Year. Alstom shipped its first locally-made turbine. Amazon.com hired more than 1,200 area residents to get its new fulfillment center off the ground in time for the holidays. Even as past efforts bore fruit, the Chattanooga Chamber delivered impressive new results:

- Launched the International Business Council, representing more than 20 countries.
- Worked directly to assist companies in announcing 1,928 new jobs.
- Led the communications that resulted in Chattanooga being named among the Top 7 Smart Cities in the world by the Intelligent Community Forum.
- Brought the Young Professionals Association of Chattanooga (YPAC) under the Chamber umbrella.
- Reached 427 million people world-wide with public relations efforts.
- Saved member companies that used our discount programs an average of \$515.

Another benefit of Chattanooga Chamber membership is the Resource & Relocation Guide and Chattanooga Chamber Business Directory which you now hold in your hands. I invite you to use this publication for promoting our community, recruiting new employees and identifying local companies to supply the goods and services you need.

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