



DARIEN-MCINTOSH  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

*We're so glad you're here*

# WELCOME

MEMBERSHIP GUIDE 2025

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# ABOUT

The Darien – McIntosh County Chamber members are the businesses, government, and community leaders representing various industries. The Chamber also partners with individuals and organizations in the Coastal Georgia region and across the State as part of our strategic effort to inspire a positive change in our communities.

Our goal is to cultivate a community where businesses desire to operate, people are enthusiastic about visiting, and where everyone wants to live! We are advocates, the voices and energy of our communities- a vital facet in economic development and impact.

The Darien – McIntosh County Chamber of Commerce is the voice of business and business owners. On behalf of our members, we actively communicate with government representatives at the local and state levels to advocate for economic stability and consistent growth.

The mission of the Darien-McIntosh County Chamber of Commerce is to promote economic growth, represent our membership and enhance the quality of life while protecting our cultural and natural resources in McIntosh County.



# ABOUT



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# MEET THE STAFF

# MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

## ADVOCACY & AWARENESS

The Chamber serves as a liaison to our community government & works hand-in-hand with our elected officials and community leaders to suit the needs of our business community.

## BILLBOARD OPPORTUNITIES

Affordable billboard exposure exclusive only for our members in the small business community.

## BUSINESS CREDIBILITY:

National studies indicate that being a member of your local chamber of commerce increases a business's credibility and reputation.

Every member receives a window decal that we recommend displaying on your front door.

## BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE AND SUPPORT

We offer small business counseling through our partnership with the Georgia Chambers of Small Business Federation.

In addition, your Info Hub log in has a "Resources" tab that houses useful information and business resources

## BUSINESS DIRECTORY LISTING AND REFERRALS

Online membership directory at [www.DarienMcIntoshChamber.com](http://www.DarienMcIntoshChamber.com) ties directly into [www.DiscoverDarien.com](http://www.DiscoverDarien.com), highlighting a member's business to both locals and tourists before arrival.

When members, residents, or tourists make inquires, we recommend Chamber Member businesses first.

## WEBSITE POSTINGS

Add your business' events, job postings, and special deals to the Chamber's website.

Chamber member events are automatically duplicated onto the community calendar as well!

## INSURANCE BENEFITS

Group health insurance is available for 2-50 eligible employees through the Georgia smart plan.

401k retirement plan exchange is available through the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. (Call for Details)

## NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Advertising is great but so are public relationships! Increase your business's visibility by meeting other owners and leaders at chamber-hosted events like, Coffee & Connect, Desserts & Development, and Business After Hours, are great ways to get "plugged in" to the local business community.

## ONE ON ONE SESSIONS

Schedule one on one time with our Chamber team to brainstorm, talk through issues and connect with resources.

## STAY CONNECTED AND STAY INFORMED

The Darien-McIntosh Chamber e-newsletters and monthly Chamber Wave magazine are the best ways to stay informed on area business issues, opportunities, news, and events.

## PROMOTION AND ADVERTISING

Our welcome center is available to all members to display brochures and business cards for promotional purposes.

## ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

**Board Room:** that seats twelve, is now available to book. Call 912- 437-6684 to make a reservation. We also have room in the front lobby for small gatherings.

**Shredding:** If you have personal and business documents that you need to shred, we now offer convenient document shredding as a benefit.

**Notary Services:** We provide these services at no cost to chamber members. By appointment only!

Exclusive Chamber Member

# OPPORTUNITIES

GAIN EXPOSURE FOR YOUR BUSINESS WHILE SUPPORTING YOUR COMMUNITY BY SPONSORING OUR SIGNATURE EVENTS INCLUDING:

*Altie Awards and Chamber Gala*  
*Blessing of the Fleet*  
*State of the Community Breakfast*

*Red, White & Blue on the Bluff*  
*Marsh Madness Golf Tournament*  
*Annual Chamber Auction*

## HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

Only chamber members are eligible to host chamber events such as:

Coffee & Connect

Desserts & Development

Business After Hours

Business Expo

Job Fairs and MORE!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Join other men and women who serve on our board, chamber committees and councils or volunteer at our events. Simultaneously, promote your business and give back to your community!





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## **2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

*\*some dates subject to change\**

**January 7th - Desserts & Development**

**January 16th - Coffee & Connect**

**February 7th - Altie Awards and Chamber Gala**

**February 15th - Fisherman's Breakfast**

**February 20th Business After Hours**

**March 4th - Desserts & Development**

**March 14th - Job Fair**

**March 20th - Coffee & Connect**

**April 9th - Blessing Worship Service**

**April 10th - Fishermen Dinner hosted by Skippers**

**April 11th - 13th - Blessing of the Fleet**

**April 24th - Business After Hours**

**May 6th - Desserts & Development**

**May 15th - State of the Community Breakfast**

**June 12th - Business After Hours**

**June 28th - Red, White & Blue on the Bluff**

**July 8th - Desserts & Development**

**July 17th - Coffee and Connect**

**August 15th - Business Expo and Job Fair**

**August 21st - Business After Hours**

**September 9th - Chamber 101**

**September 18th - Coffee and Connect**

**September 27th - Marsh Madness Golf Tournament**

**October 16th - Business After Hours**

**November 6th - Desserts & Development**

**November 18th - Annual Chamber Auction**

**November 20th - Coffee and Connect**

**December 18th - Business After Hours**

# Join a health plan for small businesses in your state

Enjoy a cost-saving solution providing benefits your employees want

You deserve an easy, affordable way to offer high-quality healthcare to your employees. The Georgia Chamber SMART Plan (SMART) plan, available through Georgia Chamber of Commerce, offers small businesses in your state access to comprehensive healthcare benefits at rates usually reserved for larger organizations. These plans are designed specifically for businesses who are Georgia Chamber of Commerce members and include the benefits, programs, and services that reflect your local communities.



**Get peace of mind with the strength of a care network serving millions locally and nationwide**

Serving millions of people in Georgia for more than 80 years

Part of the nation's largest health benefits company

Part of the BlueCard® program through the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association which includes more than 1.7 million doctors and hospitals nationwide who contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield companies, more than any other insurer.<sup>1</sup>

## Big benefits for small business

When you join the Georgia Chamber SMART Plan (SMART) plan, your small business becomes part of a large, self-funded group that shares in the overall claims risk with other small businesses. As part of this group, you'll enjoy the financial protection backed by Anthem's stop loss coverage, and a flexible choice of plans designed exclusively for Georgia Chamber SMART Plan (SMART) plan participants. Lower, predictable costs and easier administration make it a great alternative to Affordable Care Act (ACA) plans, letting you focus on running your business — not your health plan.

## A healthy business depends on healthy employees

Along with financial peace of mind, you can offer your employees access to care through one of the nation's largest networks of high-quality doctors, hospitals, and other healthcare professionals. Eligible businesses also receive expanded health and wellness tools, services, and resources designed to empower your employees to make more-informed healthcare decisions that can improve health and help lower costs for everyone.





## The Anthem difference

Joining a larger self-funded group helps small businesses save on costs while providing robust Anthem benefits to their employees. Our health plans, and the doctors and other care professionals we choose to work with, must meet our high standards before we connect them with local businesses like yours. Plus, you have stop loss protection included with the plan. The cost of this coverage is built into predictable monthly payments, so you know what to expect in health plan costs.

### Cost advantages

- Competitive rates
- Fixed, predictable payments
- Stop loss coverage to protect you from high-cost claims
- Additional savings for dental, vision, life, and disability benefits

### Inclusive, flexible access

- A choice of benefit plans
- Anthem's broad Blue Open Access POS network and Essential Rx formulary
- Virtual care through the SydneySM Health app
- Inclusive access for people who reflect local communities where they work

### Ease in use

- One single account management team ready to answer questions and resolve issues
- Simpler plan administration and streamlined renewal process
- One place to manage multiple plans

### Virtual care through the SydneySM Health app

Employees can have a video visit or chat with a doctor 24/7, in English or Spanish, for common health concerns for no or low cost using our Sydney Health app. They can also check their symptoms, find a doctor or pharmacy, and price a drug. Mental healthcare is available by appointment. Your employees can set up a video visit with a licensed therapist, board-certified psychologist, or psychiatrist.<sup>2</sup> Visits can be scheduled in four days or less with a therapist or psychologist and within two weeks with a psychiatrist.<sup>3</sup> Psychiatrists help manage drugs; they do not provide counseling or talk therapy.<sup>4</sup>

### Add on benefits and see how they connect – with Anthem Whole Health Connection®

By adding dental, vision, life, and/or disability benefits to your medical coverage, not only do you get a discount, but your benefits are connected. This helps doctors see a complete view of a person's health, resulting in better outcomes, efficiencies, and savings.

# THE GEORGIA CHAMBER 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN EXCHANGE<sup>®</sup>

## HOW IT WORKS



### EASY TO ADMINISTER

- TAG Resources employees are ERISA trained
- TAG Resources employs and retains top ERISA attorneys
- Exclusive Bedrock software platform developed by TAG Resources

#### Client Benefits

- Takes pressure off your administrative resources
- Allows you to use those resources elsewhere
- Provides access to service providers with ERISA and investment expenses
- A retirement department similar to large companies



### FIDUCIARY PROTECTION

- Effective ERISA-compliant administration
- TAG Resources is 3(16) Administrative Fiduciary
- TAG Resources is 402(a) Named Fiduciary
- TAG Resources hires the 3(38) Investment Fiduciary
- All backed by fiduciary insurance

#### Client Benefits

- Reduces liability
- Eliminates investment selection responsibility
- Reduces fear of lawsuits
- High level of protection



### COMPLIANT

- Effective ERISA-compliant administration
- Knowledge of DOL
- Centralized data at TAG Resources
- Bedrock technology

#### Client Benefits

- TAG Resources assumes responsibility for plan compliance with DOL and IRS regulations
- Limit exposure to fines and penalties
- Inquiries and audits handled directly by TAG Resources



### COST EFFECTIVE

- Pooled concept
- Hundreds of businesses aggregated together
- Negotiate plan cost based on larger, cumulative asset pool
- Institutionally-priced investments typically only available to the largest institutions

#### Client Benefits

- Lower direct plan cost
- More services for the cost
- Your plan has large plan features
- Repurpose resources
- Lower cost can lead to better participant outcomes

*Let's get you signed up to be*

# **A CHAMBER MEMBER**

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*Come by and see us in person at 1074  
Magnolia Bluff Way, Darien GA  
OR*

*visit our website at*

*<https://business.darienmcintoshchamber.com/application>*



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