Monthly Key Accomplishments – November 2010

I. Leonard Leadership Scholars
Students from the Terry College of Business participating in the Leonard Leadership Scholars program visited Pelham on October 17th. Community partners scheduled a lunch in their honor and the students led a meeting afterwards to discuss the scope of the project and gain a clear understanding of the expectations from the community partners. Students received a tour of the building and of downtown Pelham. Students are now actively working on the project which will ultimately guide the community in marketing the Hand Building and identifying suitable tenants.

II. Disaster Preparedness Plans
Two teams of students enrolled in an MIS Class taught by Dr. Mark Huber are working on projects for “clients” in Colquitt County. One group is creating a disaster preparedness plan for Heritage Church located in Moultrie, GA. This is a very large church that is currently operating without a disaster plan. Students visited Moultrie and met with church leaders and are in the process of creating a plan to be implemented by the church. Another team is evaluating disaster plans that the emergency management director for Colquitt County is presently using. Students will compare the plan to others of similar areas and make recommendations for suggested improvements. This team is meeting via video-conference with the EMA director and his staff. Both groups will visit Moultrie later in the semester to present their final products.

III. Census 2010
We have received notification that the mail-in response rate for Colquitt County for the 2010 Census was up 7% from the 2000 rate of 65%. This is a great accomplishment for the community. At a time when many communities were experiencing a decrease in participation a census work group facilitated by Archway was able to make great progress in educating Colquitt County residents about the ease and importance of submitting a Census questionnaire. We are anxiously awaiting the final participation numbers but are very optimistic that they will reflect increased participation as well.