I. Archway Professional Participates on Cooperative Extension Advisory Boards – December 21 and January 6

Archway Professional Mary Beth Chew participated in local Cooperative Extension Advisory Board meetings; including the Brunswick-Glynn County Family and Consumer Sciences Advisory Board (December 21), as well as the Glynn County 4-H Advisory Council (January 6). These meetings offered the opportunity for a diverse cross section of community members to become aware of the Archway Partnership, as well as for the AP to learn what needs existed in the community and to identify opportunities for future collaboration.

Although unable to attend the Glynn County Agriculture Advisory Council on January 7, CEC Robi Gray and Chairwoman Betty Ann Lewis visited with Archway staff to indicate the need for higher education resources to conduct more comprehensive analysis of the County’s agricultural resources, and in turn, impact on Glynn’s Farm Gate value.

II. College of Coastal Georgia Cultural, Arts, and Lifelong Learning (CALL) Planning Committee Meeting – January 14

In preparation for the construction of a new performing arts facility on the campus of the College of Coastal Georgia, CCGA has convened a group of local arts experts and community leadership to identify both physical construction and programming needs for the performing arts center. Archway Professional Mary Beth Chew has been asked to serve on this committee as a link to the higher education resources available through the University System.

The first meeting was held on January 14, with monthly meetings scheduled throughout 2011. A final report with recommendations is anticipated at the end of the year. Possibilities for partnership with the Lamar Dodd School of Art, UGA Performing Arts Center, College of Environment and Design, as well as Terry College of Business. Continued involvement will help further identify specific needs.

III. Archway Professional Continues Making Local Contacts – Ongoing

As part of the start-up phase for this “new” phase of the Archway Partnership, Mary Beth Chew has continued making local community contacts to help identify needs and priorities in Brunswick-Glynn. Recent one-on-one meetings include: Gary Colberg (Southeast Georgia Health System); Woody Woodside (Brunswick-Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce); Mike Hulsey (Board of Education); Nathan Sparks (Brunswick and Glynn County Development Authority); and Mayor Bryan Thompson (City of Brunswick).

Future meetings are scheduled, and other contacts/resources have been identified.