Community Health

- Archway is part of a team working with Taylor Regional Hospital and Georgia Southern University’s Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health to complete a mandatory assessment of community health engagement for the IRS. The needs assessment and focus groups recently conducted by UGA’s College of Public Health will be utilized, and the Community Health Issue Work Group will work with Georgia Southern to survey the community and construct a community health engagement plan with the hospital. The first community engagement meeting took place August 31, and the work with Georgia Southern is scheduled to last until June, 2013.
- Archway’s Teen Pregnancy Reduction Committee hosted a Teen Maze Workshop on Tuesday, August 28 at the Pulaski County Board of Education. The workshop helped other communities in our Family Connections region and around the state plan their own Maze. Vonnie Berryhill, the Chair of this committee, led the workshop.

Economic Development

- The new United Pulaski website is under construction. Georgia Web Services and UGA students have been hard at work researching economic development websites and creating a new look for UP. According to the state, over 60% of new leads come directly from the community’s own economic development site. Look for the new site this fall!
- The UGA Small Business Development Center (SBDC) hosted focus groups in Pulaski County on Friday, August 3rd on behalf of the Chamber. The Chamber is trying to better serve the needs of local business by listening to the community’s input and designing a new website to promote local businesses. Information from this report will help identify valuable services and benefits.
- UGA students from a number of disciplines will be in the community this fall to focus on developing the area’s Agritourism potential. They will work with the Chamber and area businesses to create concepts for tourism, lay out the physical space, comply with safety regulations, and create a business plan and a marketing concept. Students will tour Hardy Farms Peanuts the week of September 10th to learn more about local agriculture.

Government Service Delivery

- UGA College of Environment and Design students have presented their initial work on the design of the Uchee Shoals trail and other summer projects. Their design work will be incorporated into a new interpretive sign located at the City Boat Landing. Lee Slade spoke on behalf of the
community at the College of Environment and Design and recognized the contributions of the department to Pulaski County and Hawkinsville.

**Housing**

- Since the community has graduated from the GICH program, Archway will continue to support community housing initiatives through HURA. At the last meeting, it was reported that locations are currently in the process of being cleared as funds are available.

**Leadership Development**

- The 2012 Class of Pulaski Tomorrow is underway. This year’s class has 18 participants. Graduation will be Tuesday, October 23 at Southern Hills Country Club. Melvin Everson will be the guest speaker. All Pulaski Tomorrow alumni and local officials will be invited to attend.
- Pulaski Tomorrow will be hosting an “Opportunity Fair” on Tuesday, October 9. The purpose of the event is to educate class participants about volunteer opportunities and ways to get involved in the community. **If your club or civic group would like a table at the Opportunity Fair, please contact the Archway Office.**
- Congratulations to Pulaski Tomorrow members Tyler Jenkins, Nevin Shennett and Jeff Tarver. They have mentored over 60 young men this summer in the 1st Hawkinsville Hoops League. This program combines basketball, food and fellowship with meaningful classroom activity. Come support the Hoops League on Friday, August 10th as they play their Championship game at Middle Georgia Tech’s new gym in Warner Robins.

**Public Education**

- The Archway Education Committee is working with UGA faculty members Dr. JoBeth Allen and Roberta Gardner this fall on community/parent engagement in the schools. Meetings with individual school committees are scheduled for September 13 and 14. Community education meetings will be held every nine weeks around report card time.