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, 2012 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.
- Thanks to Dr. Sandra Kopacz from Taylor Regional Hospital for spending the day better explaining the health and health care in Pulaski County!

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. Suzanne Barnett and Josh Walton from SBDC will be assisting the Chamber this fall with social media, new member Board Training and developing a work plan for 2013. They will also work through the Chamber to provide continuing education opportunities to Hawkinsville businesses in 2013.
- UGA students from a number of disciplines will be in the community this fall to focus on developing the area’s Agitourism 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 toured Hardy Farms Peanuts the week of September 10th and will develop a concept in October.

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**

- Archway will continue to support the Housing efforts of Hawkinsville and Pulaski County.
- Archway toured the Cotton Mill Lofts and Market with Ocmulgee Order in September. These beautiful new facilities should be ready to open this fall.

**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 are 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.**

**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 took place in September and individual engagement activities are planned for each school.
- The next Archway Education meeting will be held in October. Look for a date to be announced soon.
- Support literacy in our community. Come out for a night of fun on Tuesday, October 16 at 6 pm at the Board of Education for “Are you smarter than a Child”. Admission is $2 and all proceeds go toward scholarships for our local CLCP. Sponsorships are still available.