Accomplishments

Archway engages Pharmacy professor for issue work groups
Dr. Henry Young, UGA College of Pharmacy and PSO Faculty Fellow, met at Grady General Hospital with representatives from Archway’s Community Health & Wellness and Teen Pregnancy Prevention Issue Work Groups. Dr. Young’s fellowship will focus on identifying University resources that can help in addressing community-identified health priorities. The group brainstormed ideas for the upcoming Youth Fit Fest and discussed strategies to track the impact of the event. The Teen Pregnancy Group expressed a desire for a longitudinal study to track the efficacy of the new sexual health curriculum currently being implemented in all Grady County Schools.

Below: Dr. Henry Young addresses issue work group members

Ochlockonee River Landing Enhancements
On Oct. 13, Archway graduate assistant Rachel Haddon from the UGA College of Environment and Design, toured boat landings along the Ochlockonee River in Grady County. Haddon will work on a project to envision enhancements to the landings at Highway 93, Hadley Ferry, and Dickey Ferry can use to promote its natural beauty and resources to potential visitors. Haddon’s work will complement mapping and water quality initiatives already begun by the Ochlockonee River Water Trail and biology students from Thomas University in neighboring Thomasville.

Below: Rachel Haddon and Grady County Manager Carol's Tobar at Hadley Ferry Landing on the Ochlockonee River
**Engineering Projects**

Two groups of students from the College of Engineering who have Senior Capstone Design Projects for sites in Grady County made site visits in October. One group, led by Dr. Jason Christian, will design a conceptual water and wastewater system for the City of Whigham. This concept will take into account potential residential and commercial development at Tired Creek Lake and could help businesses grow in downtown Whigham. A second group, led by Dr. Stephan Durham, will assist the Cairo-Grady County Joint Development Authority in determining the structural integrity of various sections of the Heritage Industrial Complex (former Roddenberry Pickle Plant). According to Durham, “Our students enjoyed the experience of talking with community members, investigating the sites, and developing a more clear focus of their primary deliverables. They left very excited about the future directions of their projects.”

*Left: Engineering professor Dr. Stephan Durham talks with Chadd Mathis, Grady Joint Development Authority Director, while a student takes notes at the Heritage Industrial Complex. Right: UGA Engineering students visit the Whigham Diner for local flavor prior to their site visits in Whigham.*

*Below: UGA Engineering students view the Rattlesnake Display at the Whigham City Hall.*
**Ongoing Efforts**

**Teen Pregnancy Prevention Issue Work Group**
The Teen Pregnancy Prevention Issue Work Group continues to identify stakeholder’s additional community and regional resources to help expand and deepen the impact of the initiative. To date, over 20 teachers (a minimum of three per school) have been trained in an evidence-based sexual health curriculum. In the coming months, the group will focus on building community awareness of this issue and on promoting the intervention strategy. Additionally, there is an emerging desire to implement a case management strategy for expectant and new teen mothers to ensure social supports are in place for them to continue to pursue education and gain employment.

**Cairo Train Depot**
Progress continues in the interior re-design of the City of Cairo Train Depot. This project involves collaboration between the city of Cairo, Archway Partnership Downtown Issue Work Group and the Lamar Dodd School of Art and is an action item in the downtown renaissance plan. Archway Operations Coordinator Sharon Liggett has met with Thom Houser a faculty member from LDSOA who is working on the designs.

**College and Career Academy Update**
The Education/Business & Industry Issue Work Group continues to focus on the Cairo High School College and Career Academy. The major activity this month was working with local higher education partners (Thomas University) to clarify post-secondary programs that line up with existing CCA pathways. This alignment will help students see the high school -> college -> career continuum more clearly. A workshop including stakeholders from Thomas University, Southern Regional Technical College, and the Cairo High School CCA is currently in the planning stages. This workshop will help kick off the official pathway mapping process.

**NOVA Award**
Grady County Archway Professional Betsy McGriff is working with Crystal Ramm, Grady General Hospital Administrator, to compile a submission for the Robert Wood Johnson Culture of Health Prize and the American Hospital Association NOVA Award. NOVA honors AHA member hospitals and health care systems for effective, collaborative programs focused on community health status. The RWJF Culture of Health Prize elevates communities that are making great strides in their journey towards better health.

**Community Resource Guide Database**
Building on the work of Mark Huber’s MIS class for the Sumter County SOWEGA CASA Community Resource Guide, Huber’s class will use the same infrastructure to build a searchable database using Grady County's Community Resource Guide. He has assigned two student teams to the project.

**GATEway Grant Refresh**
UGA College of Environment + Design students are working to refresh the planting plan designed for GA-112 at US-84 to comply with the recently updated Georgia Department of Transportation guidelines. The grant will be submitted for consideration in November.

**Ochlockonee River Promotional Materials**
Students from the Grady College of Journalism are working with representatives from the Grady County Chamber of Commerce, Calvary Lions Club, City of Whigham, and the Ochlockonee River Water Trail in Grady County to develop media kits to assist with promotion of tourism and cultural assets. Students
will provide clients with social media posts, press releases, PSAs, and web site recommendations, as well as formation information to be easily uploaded to Explore Georgia’s new web tool.

**Looking Forward**

**Youth FitFest**
The Archway Partnership Community Health and Wellness Issue Work Group will host the third annual Youth FitFest as a strategy to address childhood obesity. Tammy Harlow, Director of Nursing for Grady General Hospital, will serve as event chair. The event is tentatively planned for Saturday, April 30 at Davis Park in downtown Cairo.

**Cairo CCA Marketing/Branding Campaign**
The Cairo High CCA has engaged the Archway Partnership to assist with a marketing and branding campaign for the CCA. The goal is to communicate to the community at large what has changed since the initiation of the Charter in 2013 and what else is on the horizon.