RECOGNITION

*Identification as a Leader In Business:

All members are given a plaque announcing their affiliation with the chamber. Members are encouraged to display this plague at their place of business. Chamber membership conveys both trust and credibility to your customers.

*Membership Listings: Your membership will be represented in our Membership Directory.

*Total Expense: The total amount you pay for membership dues is tax deductible as a business expense and not a charitable donation.

*Other Benefits Of Chamber Membership:

- -Numerous advertising opportunities.
- -Opportunities to meet civic and social leaders.
- -Use of Chamber meeting rooms and equipment.
- -Contributing to improving our local quality of life through active support of education and economic development.
- -Collective strength of Chamber members to monitor and influence legislation.

Membership Application-Lumberton Area Chamber of Commerce, Lumberton, North Carolina

State State City City_ Principle Representative: Mailing Address: Company Name: Street Address:

Business Classification (as indexed in Yellow Pages);

Fax Number Telephone Number:

Email Address:

WHAT YOUR CHAMBER **CAN DO FOR YOU?**



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What Your Chamber Can Do For You?

It's fair to say that **YOUR** Chamber does not "cost" but rather it "pays." Everyday the Chamber is working to make your business a success.

As an active member of the Chamber, you receive many direct and indirect benefits as a result of your membership. This publication outlines just a few of those benefits.

SERVICES

- * Business Referrals: The Chamber and its members make frequent referrals for products and services of Chamber member, only.
- *Web Page Listing/Web Link: Chamber members are listed on the Lumberton Area Chamber of Commerce website (www.lumbertonchamber.com). A hyperlink to your business's website is offered.
- *Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies: If you are opening a new business or just relocating, the chamber will be on hand to perform your ribbon cutting ceremony. All chamber member grand opening ceremonies and ribbon cutting ceremonies are featured in the monthly newsletter.
- *Business Card Display: Chamber members are encouraged to display their promotional materials at the Chamber. We have many visitors and chamber members stop by looking for information on places to stay, restaurants and sites in Robeson County.

RESOURCE PUBLICATIONS

- *City and County Maps: The Chamber publishes and distributes an up-to-date paper map of Lumberton and Robeson County.
- *Monthly Newsletter: The Chamber newsletter is published monthly by Lumberton's local newspaper, the Robesonian. It identifies new Chamber members and provides the latest Chamber news.
- *Demographic Information: The Chamber maintains local demographic information including census figures and statistics.

DIRECTORIES AND LISTINGS

- *Chamber Directory: This is the Chamber's main source for referrals. It is a free membership service in which members are listed alphabetically and by business category. The directory is provided to all of its members and is available for area visitors. This is the only directory of its type in the area. Advertising options are offered in this publication.
- *Relocation Packages: Free relocations packages are available to individuals interested in moving to our area.
- *Industry List: The Chamber maintains a listing of industrial corporations that call Robeson County home.

NETWORKING

*Business After Hours: This is a "meet-andgreet" opportunity hosted by a member providing an opportunity to network with hundreds of other members and industry leaders. *Committees and Task Forces: Chamber members are welcome to volunteer some of their time, experience, ideas and suggestions with any of the Chamber's committees and task forces. Chamber volunteers play an integral part in improving the quality of life in our community.

EDUCATION

- *Lumberton Area Leadership Institute: A community leadership development program specifically designed for Robeson County's emerging leaders.
- *Seminars and Workshops Training Programs: A variety of seminars and workshops are held throughout the year to enhance leadership, management, and customer service skills.

EVENTS

- *Golf Outing: The LACC Golf Classic is held in April and is open to Chamber members with any level of golfing experience.
- *Other Events: The Lumberton Christmas Parade, Washington Issues Trip, The Chairman's Gala and St. Patrick's Day Mixer, are just a few of the community events that the Chamber organizes. Sponsorships for all events are available to Chamber members.
- *Safety Awards: A banquet for regional businesses and industries recognizing safety in the work place. This event is cosponsored by the NC Department of Labor.