

HALL COUNTY CONTACTS

Governments

Hall County.....	hallcounty.org.....	770-535-8288
Gainesville.....	gainesville.org.....	770-535-6862
Flowery Branch.....	flowerybranchga.org.....	770-967-6371
Oakwood.....	cityofoakwood.net.....	770-534-2365
Lula.....	lulaga.gov.....	770-869-3801
Clermont.....	clermontga.com.....	770-983-7568
Buford.....	cityofbuford.com.....	770-945-6761
Braselton.....	braselton.net.....	706-654-3915
Gillsville.....	.....	770-869-9000

Business Licenses

Hall County.....	.....	770-531-6815
Gainesville.....	.....	770-535-6861
Flowery Branch.....	.....	770-967-6371
Oakwood.....	.....	770-534-2365
Lula.....	.....	770-869-3801
Clermont.....	.....	770-983-7568
Buford.....	.....	770-945-6761
Braselton.....	.....	770-654-3915
Gillsville.....	.....	770-869-9000

Building Permit Information

Hall County, Lula and Clermont.....	.....	770-531-6809
City of Gainesville.....	.....	770-531-6809
City of Flowery Branch.....	.....	770-967-6378
City of Oakwood.....	770-534-2365

Trade Name Registration

Clerk of Superior Court.....	770-531-7025
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Planning and Development

Hall County.....	770-531-6809
Gainesville.....	770-531-6570
Flowery Branch.....	.....	770-967-6378
Oakwood.....	.....	770-534-2365
Lula.....	.....	770-869-3801

**CONTACT US
TO LEARN MORE**

Georgia Department of Revenue.....	.....	770-718-3700
Georgia Department of Labor.....	.....	770-535-5484
Georgia Mountains Regional Commission	.....	.....
Revolving Loan Fund.....	.....	770-538-2609
Hall County Environmental Health Dept.....	.....	770-531-3973
Advanced Manufacturing Tech Center.....	.....	770-531-4500
Lanier Technical College Manufacturing Development Center.....	laniertech.edu.....	770-535-9220

STATE CONTACTS

Secretary of State.....	sos.state.ga.us.....	404-656-2817
Trademark.....	.....	404-656-2861
Incorporation.....	.....	404-656-2817

Georgia Department of Revenue (dor.ga.gov)	.....	.....
Certificate of Registration.....	.....	404-417-2400
Withholding Tax Number.....	.....	404-417-4477
Alcohol & Tobacco Tax Unit.....	.....	404-656-4262
Sales & Use Tax Division.....	.....	404-656-5687

Georgia Department of Economic Development (georgia.org)	.....	.....
Small Business and Innovation.....	770-538-2757

Better Business Bureau.....	404-688-4910
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FEDERAL CONTACTS

Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN)
Internal Revenue Service.....	irs.gov.....	404-338-7962 800-829-4933
US Dept. of Commerce, Trademark Office.....	.....	800-786-9199
Dept. of Agriculture Consumer Protection.....	.....	404-656-3627
Georgia Dept. of Agriculture.....	.....	404-656-3645
U.S. Bureau of the Census.....	.....	404-730-3833
U.S. Department of Commerce.....	.....	404-730-3007
Small Business Administration.....	404-331-0100
Service Corp. of Retired Executives (SCORE).....	404-331-0121

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2017 Small Business Resource Guide

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GREATER HALL
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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MISSION STATEMENT

To improve the overall business climate for member growth, promote community development, facilitate political action and enhance the quality of life.

Gainesville-Hall County is one of the fastest growing communities in the country. Situated between the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains and Metro Atlanta and surrounded by Lake Sidney Lanier, our community provides an ideal location to grow your professional and personal life.

Our economy is made up of both large and small companies representing diverse businesses. From light to heavy industrial and manufacturing to professional services and retail, all forms of the entrepreneurial spirit call Gainesville-Hall County home.

Gainesville-Hall County embodies an environment that encourages and empowers entrepreneurs to start innovative new companies as well as strengthening and nurturing existing companies.

We are progressive and supported by the political and business leadership to retain and promote positive planned economic growth, as well as enhance quality of life.

We are committed to helping entrepreneurs realize their business dreams.

The Greater Hall Chamber is dedicated to supporting an aggressive business environment and making a positive contribution to the community by serving as a resource for information, a voice for business and a valuable link to state and government.



Kit Dunlap
President & CEO
Greater Hall Chamber

The primary goal of the Greater Hall Chamber is to help your business succeed by fostering a thriving and vigorous business environment. We're proud of our community and what it offers. We hope you'll join us in supporting one of the most exciting and inviting communities in the United States. We're here to help you grow your business!



Local small business owners, **Derrick and Danielle Case**, founders of the successful **Dress Up**. The entrepreneurs opened their first storefront in 2009 and have expanded to 17 store fronts, in four states, 200+ employees, and a huge online and social media presence.

The Greater Hall Chamber was founded in 1908 and serves Hall County and the surrounding area, including the cities of Gainesville, Flowery Branch, Oakwood, Clermont, Gillsville, Lula, Braselton and Buford. Gainesville Hall County, Georgia, USA, is an ideal location to do business and strives to help you maximize your success in every arena.

With over 2,400 business members and representatives, the Chamber Team strives to fill our members' needs through a full range of business services, including:

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| <i>Economic Development</i> | <i>Community Programs</i> |
| <i>Networking & Referrals</i> | <i>Government Relations</i> |
| <i>Small Business Programs</i> | <i>Visitor's Center</i> |
| <i>Membership Services</i> | <i>Leadership Programs</i> |
| <i>Education Programs</i> | <i>Healthcare Programs</i> |



Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce Small Business Volunteers (L-R): **Jim Grier**, *Champion Capital Alliance*; **Tim McDonald**, *Lanier Technical College*; **Tony Paramore**, *Gainesville Paint*.

Small Business Start Up Tips

Create a business plan: Create a plan to outline your company's direction – often a requirement for funding.

Market Research: Know your customers and competition.

Your industry: An important step in succeeding in your industry is knowledge. If you're planning to sell products or services to business customers you need to know more about them. Research your competitors or B2B customers.

Funding: Funding sources will analyze your financial projections in your business plan to determine whether to invest or loan funds.

Legalities: Seek assistance for the best legal structure and help with regulatory guidelines.

Small Business Resources

UGA Small Business Development Center (SBDC)
906-B Interstate Ridge Drive • Gainesville, GA 30501
770-531-5681
gainesvillesbdc.org

SCORE
PO Box 7142 • Gainesville, GA 30504
770-538-2522
score.org

*Free Consultations • Business Plan Assistance
Funding Advice • Information for Entrepreneurship*

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- *Monthly Small Business Success Seminars*
- *Multiple Networking Events • Advertising Opportunities*