



# GREATER HALL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## Health & Wellness Initiatives

**MISSION:** Greater Hall Chamber / VISION 2030 Health & Wellness Initiatives strive to provide high-quality, affordable healthcare to all residents and provide an innovative set of wellness programs for individuals to manage their health.

### HEALTHCARE COMMITTEE

The Healthcare Committee was formed in 2007 and includes representatives from hospitals, physician groups and other health-related organizations. The committee meets monthly and hosts community-wide programs and events to discuss access to healthcare, wellness programs and benefits, healthcare services, legislative issues, health insurance and other important health and wellness topics.

### VISION 2030

The VISION 2030 Healthcare Consortium works collaboratively with community health stakeholders and is focused on improving the health of the citizens of Gainesville-Hall County.

### HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAMS

The Greater Hall Chamber's **14th Annual Chamber Chase 5K & 2 Mile Wellness Walk** returns Fall 2021 to Lanier Islands. An expected 2,000 will meet on **SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 (6pm)** for fun and fitness as 5K runners and spirit-filled walkers enjoy this lakeside race. The event promotes community wellness with dozens of company-sponsored teams. Awards for the fastest team, the team with the most spirit, the fastest CEO, and fastest community team create excitement and great participation. The Chamber Chase 5K has become one of the community's most successful wellness programs.

The **Annual HealthSmart Expo** is in its 14th year and scheduled for **OCTOBER 6, 2021** at Lanier Technical College, Ramsey Conference Center in Gainesville. The event features over 50 wellness exhibitors and FREE community health screenings. The day begins with a Kick-off Breakfast where Hall County's "**Most Fit Company**" award recipients are recognized. Judging criteria for the contest includes wellness, nutrition and physical activities that the company provides for its employees. The Most Fit Company program was developed to raise company wellness awareness and promote healthy workplaces in the community.

The **Healthy Hall Awards** spotlight those in the healthcare industry that are making a significant impact on our quality of life through excellence in healthcare. The **5th Annual Healthy Hall Awards Luncheon** will be held on **MARCH 2, 2022** at Lanier Technical College, Ramsey Conference Center in Gainesville.

The **Drugs Don't Work** program is offered to Greater Hall Chamber member employers and provides tools to empower business managers to maintain a drug-free workplace. Enrollment and certification through the Drugs Don't Work program can also help lower certified Drugs Don't Work partners workers' compensation premiums. Monthly informational newsletters are distributed to partners in both English and Spanish. Currently, over 200 area companies are designated Drug Free Workplaces through this program.

### COVID-19 / Vaccines

The Greater Hall Chamber has been the community's go-to resource throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Since April 2020, the Chamber has hosted community webinars with healthcare officials from Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Longstreet Clinic and the Department of Public Health. Timely updates, resources for business reopenings, compiled data and information on vaccines have been given to the community. The Chamber continues to provide valuable resources to guide business through the pandemic.

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