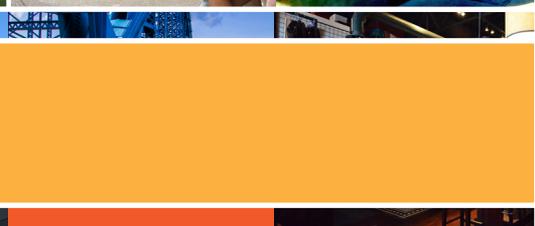
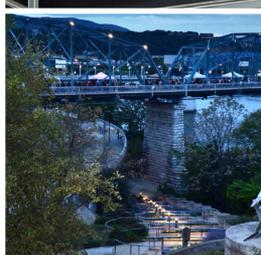




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Andy Berke, Mayor

March 27, 2015

Greensboro Chamber of Commerce
Intercity Visit to Chattanooga

Dear Greensboro Chamber of Commerce:

On behalf of the citizens of Chattanooga, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our city. We are honored to have the Greensboro Chamber in Chattanooga on April 22, 2015.

Chattanooga has tremendous natural assets, from our mountains to the Tennessee River. In recent years we've seen our city transform with a vibrant downtown, including the Tennessee Aquarium and Riverwalk. We hope that you have the opportunity to enjoy all Chattanooga has to offer while you spend this special time in our city with your friends and colleagues.

Once again, thank you for choosing Chattanooga. We hope everyone will enjoy their stay in our city.

Sincerely,

Andy Berke
Mayor

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DR. DARYL BLACK
Executive Director
Chattanooga History Museum

Dr. Daryl Black has served as Executive Director of the Chattanooga History Museum since 2009, and began as the curator in 2006. His curatorial duties included designing educational programs and tours, teaching courses on local history topics, consulting with community institutions about interpreting local history, strengthening curatorial practices, and providing professional leadership in the field of public history.

A 1994 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Black holds an M. A. in history, with honors, from California State University, Long Beach (1997) and a Ph.D. in American social and cultural history from the University of California, Irvine (2001). He has taught at the University of California, Irvine, Auburn University, and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Hal Bowling is co-founder and Executive Director of LAUNCH, one of Tennessee's only microenterprise development initiatives. LAUNCH assists underserved entrepreneurs with business start-up training, mentoring and support. In the first few years, LAUNCH has helped nearly 100 men, women and youth start businesses.

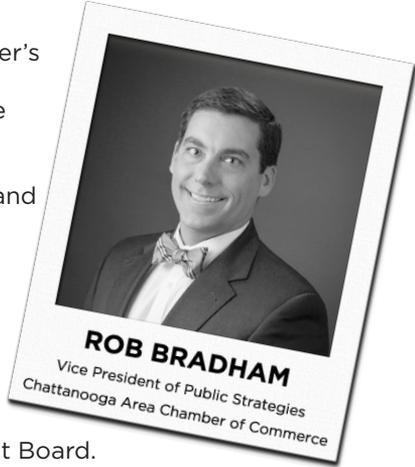
He developed \$35 million in new business for Spheris, a Nashville healthcare technology firm, leading them to make the Inc. 500 Fastest Growing Companies in the U.S. list in 2004 and 2005. He provided leadership to a number of public relations teams, one of which won the prestigious, nationally recognized Silver Anvil award in 2006 for excellence in marketing and public relations.

A graduate of Covenant College, Hal has worked as a consultant and business coach since 2006, facilitating millions of dollars in growth for more than 25 client organizations.



HAL BOWLING
Executive Director
LAUNCH

Rob Bradham serves as the Chattanooga Chamber's Vice President of Public Strategies. His responsibilities include direct management of the Chamber's advocacy efforts, including lobbying state and local government officials, as well as overseeing the Young Professionals Association and the Chamber's workforce development, public education and leadership programs. Rob has 15 years of governmental and public relations experience, and 10 years experience in trade association management. Prior to joining the Chamber in June 2010, Rob held a similar position with the Greater Richmond Chamber in Richmond, Virginia where he also served as Vice Chair of the Capital Region Workforce Investment Board. In addition to his experience with Chambers of Commerce, Rob has lobbied for universities, hospital systems, K-12 school districts, medical practices, developers, manufacturers, transit agencies, contractors, alcohol distributors, and many trade associations.

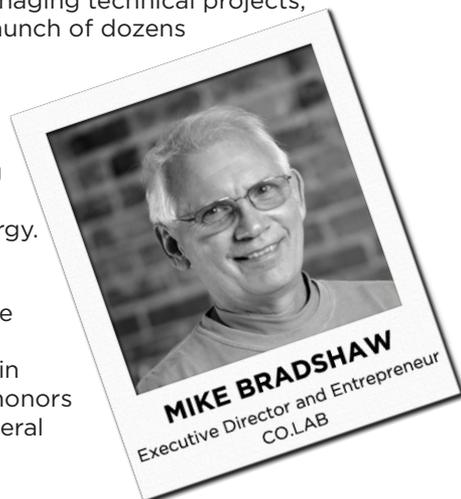


Rob is a member of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga and serves on the board of The Partnership for Families, Children and Adults, which provides numerous services to those in need in Chattanooga. He holds a B.A. in history with a minor in political science from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia.

Mike Bradshaw is the Executive Director and Entrepreneur of The Company Lab in Chattanooga, TN. CO.LAB is a part of the LaunchTN network of accelerators and is a major force in Chattanooga's start up community. CO.LAB manages Gig Tank, an accelerator designed to develop next-generation applications using Chattanooga's unique all-fiber gigabit network, along with a host of other programs and events designed to support Chattanooga's entrepreneurial community.

Mike has over twenty years of experience managing technical projects, orchestrating the design, development and launch of dozens of successful products for the consumer and professional markets. A project management professional (PMP), Mike has consulted on software and project management projects for several Fortune 500 companies, including Regal Cinemas, Brunswick Group/Sea Ray Boats, Alcoa Aluminum, NFPA and Duke Energy.

Mike earned his MBA (Masters of Business Administration) at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga, graduating in December, 2007. Mike is a graduate of Georgetown University in Washington, DC, earning summa cum laude honors and graduating first in his class with a BA Liberal Studies in Science.





Bruz Clark currently serves as the president and treasurer of the Lyndhurst Foundation, a private foundation located in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He has also acted as the foundation's director of environmental grantmaking for over two decades. Lyndhurst's current priorities include the revitalization of Chattanooga's urban core, with an emphasis on neighborhood redevelopment, parks and greenways, and issues related to sustainable design; the protection and restoration of the natural environment of the Southern Appalachians; and initiatives aimed at the enhancement of Chattanooga's social and educational climate.

A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Morehead Scholar, Bruz formerly taught biology and general science at the Baylor School. He is a member of the Society for Conservation Biology, Consultative Group on Biological Diversity, Land Trust Alliance, Southeastern Council of Foundations, and Timber Frame Guild. His interests include forestry, architecture, carpentry, outdoor recreation, and a newfound love/hate relationship with old-time fiddle playing.

Sheldon Grizzle, originally from Boca Raton, FL, moved to the Chattanooga area to attend Covenant College, where he studied applied psychology and was a two-time All-American soccer player. Sheldon has co-founded several companies spanning several industries including Spartan Ventures, ReadyCart, Blank Slate Ventures, The Company Lab, GIGTANK and Chattanooga Football Club.

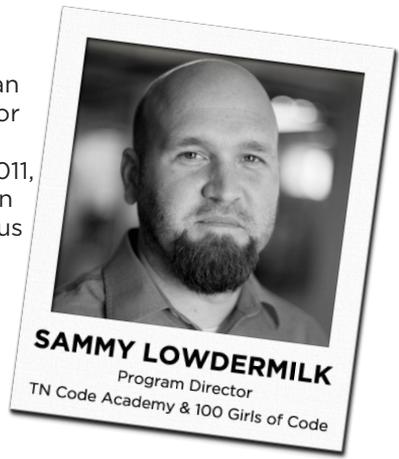
Over the last six years, he has played an important role in Chattanooga's meteoric rise as an internationally recognized entrepreneurial community. During his time at The Company Lab, he worked with more than 1000 entrepreneurs who have launched over 600 companies. He has written for the Wall Street Journal as a "Startup Guru" and his work has been featured in media outlets including CBS News, PBS News Hour, CNBC, Forbes, FastCompany, PandoDaily, TechCrunch, GOOD, GigaOm and Inc.



Through his involvement as a partner of Blank Slate Ventures and Spartan Ventures, he is an active investor in early stage companies. Sheldon held a board of directors role for QuickCue since the day of its founding and the company was sold to OpenTable in December 2013. He currently serves on the boards of SupplyHog, MyManny, Tennessee Aquarium, Chattanooga Football Club and Chattanooga Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Sammy Lowdermilk, a graduate of Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, TN, is Program Director for the TN Code Academy and 100 Girls of Code initiatives. A freelance consultant since January 2011, Lowdermilk has worked with such clients as Martin Methodist College, Emory Valley Center, and various political campaigns. His areas of specialty include program management, public relations, social media, graphic design and economic development projects.

Prior to owning his own consulting business, Lowdermilk served 8 years as District Director to former U.S. Rep. Lincoln Davis.



James McKissic is the Director of the City of Chattanooga Office of Multicultural Affairs. His role for the City includes linking diverse businesses to City of Chattanooga contracting opportunities, tracking the City's supplier diversity and working to promote goodwill among the employees and citizenry of Chattanooga. He is a native of Cleveland, TN, and has worked in the nonprofit and public sectors for more than 20 years. James holds a Bachelor of Science in secondary education from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, a Master of Public Administration from the Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service at New York University and an executive certificate from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

James is passionate about empowering communities and changing lives. He is also a committed arts advocate, community volunteer and artist, serving on the Hunter Museum's Acquisitions Committee, La Paz Board of Directors, SPLASH Art Program Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors for the Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga. James is also one of the founders of Jazzanooga, an annual music festival and community music education organization.



As Director of the Chattanooga Chamber's African American Business Development Program, Maria Noel facilitates African American business growth and job creation through various connections to the broader business community.

The African American Business Development Program targets African American businesses as well as other minority, women and veteran owned firms. The program offers owners and entrepreneurs the opportunity to make effective business connections, secure contracts or customers, and establish contact with major employers committed to economic inclusion.

Maria's prior experience includes involvement in projects that infused millions of dollars into the local economy as well as the addition of over 1,000 new jobs. She has more than 25 years of experience in marketing, public relations, and communications. She has consulted with Latin American leaders on revitalization through community visioning and grassroots input. She served on a statewide taskforce that created policies for recruiting grocery stores into food deserts; and she was a mayoral appointee to a five-year term on the area's public transportation authority board.

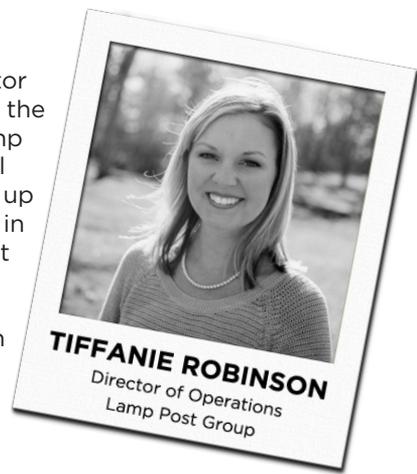
A native of Chattanooga, Maria earned a bachelor's degree in English Literature from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.



Philip Pugliese was appointed as Chattanooga's first bicycle coordinator in 2005. He is engaged in bicycle and pedestrian issues at the local and national level to promote active transportation. He has over two decades of experience in transportation and logistics management. As a board member for the Association of Pedestrian & Bicycle Professionals, Philip served as liaison to the National Complete Street Coalition and continues to assist communities as a workshop instructor. As principal of Prova Group LLC, Philip is currently directing public transportation and alternative energy projects. A graduate of Georgia State University, he also holds a Masters of Business Administration degree from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.



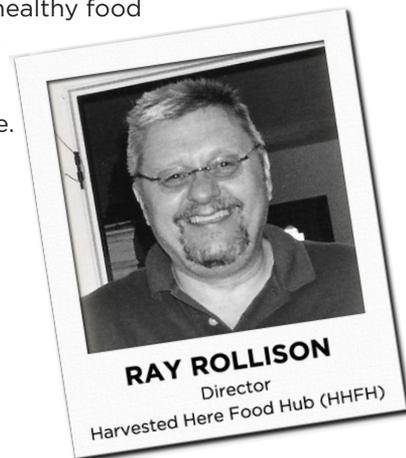
Tiffanie Robinson currently serves as the Director of Operations for Lamp Post Group, and is also the founder of WayPaver, the innovation lab of Lamp Post Group. She is a founder and active general partner at The JumpFund, an angel fund made up of all female investors focusing on investments in female led companies. An entrepreneur at heart and in practice, Tiffanie has spent the last 10 years launching and building companies, resulting in the sale of two companies. Through out her career, she has problem solved in the entertainment industry specializing in live events, restaurant creation and management, economic development, urban planning and talent acquisition.



Tiffanie is a Global Ambassador for the Thiel Foundation, a Sandbox Ambassador, a 2015 Harvard Business School Young American Leaders Fellow and the 2015 YP of the Year. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Communication from Lee University.

Ray Rollison joined the Harvested Here Food Hub (HHFH) as Director in May, 2014. Originally from Leesburg, VA, Ray has lived in New Jersey, Arkansas, California, Pennsylvania and now Tennessee. He brings over 30 years of food industry experience to the position. He has demonstrated success in the areas of perishable food operations, purchasing, merchandising, and business development.

The HHFH is a nonprofit organization intended to function towards sustainability while not losing sight of the social mission of strengthening and supporting local agriculture and providing healthy food throughout the Chattanooga area. Ray oversees all aspects of the operation including the management of the staff, farmer relations, community outreach, and regulatory compliance.



Stearns Financial Group was founded by Dennis Stearns in 1991 as a fee-only, North Carolina financial planning and investment management firm, with clients around the U.S. and Canada. Goldline Research named Stearns Financial one of the Leading Wealth Managers in the southeast U.S. three consecutive years. Stearns Financial is a 2011 Triad Business Journal “Fast 50” winner and “Top 100 Small Businesses” in North Carolina.

The Financial Planning Association (FPA) has called Stearns, “one of the leading scenario experts and futurists in the financial planning industry.” In addition to winning many awards, his honors include “Triad Entrepreneur of the Year,” and Greensboro Chamber “Small Business Advocate of the Year.” Stearns serves as Treasurer and chairs Strategic Planning for the Gateway University Research Park, home of the new Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering. He also serves on the national FPA Leadership Advisory Council. He co-authored CEO Road Rules: Right Focus, Right People, Right Execution. National publications quote him frequently, including Dow Jones Newswire, the Wall Street Journal, the Journal of Financial Planning, and the New York Times.



Donna Williams is the Administrator for the Office of Economic and Community Development for the City of Chattanooga, a position she has held since May, 2013. Projects currently underway in the department include the HUD Consolidated Plan, the Comprehensive Regional Growth Plan, the Affordable Rental Housing Initiative, launch of the Land Bank Authority, the Homeless Veterans Initiative, the Parks and Public Spaces Master Plan in addition to others.

Donna also has experience as an economic development and neighborhood revitalization professional as she has worked extensively with foundations, community-based organizations and other non-profits to assist with strategic planning, sales strategy, collateral development, rebranding, marketing and advertising for neighborhood-based initiatives in markets across the country. Donna has taught courses on *What NOT To Do When Developing Affordable Housing*, *Marketing Strategies To Support Your Neighborhood Stabilization Efforts*, *Selling Affordable Housing: It's About Quality*.

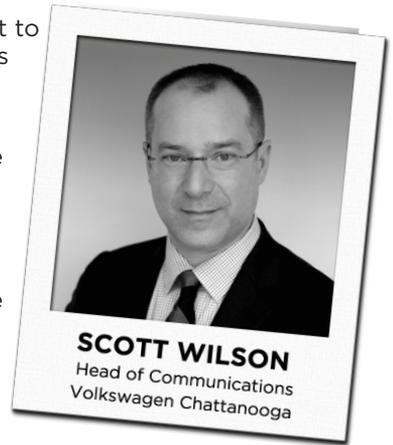


Scott Wilson currently serves as Head of Communications working with media and community relations for Volkswagen Chattanooga and has been a part of the Chattanooga plant since its construction phase in 2009.

Prior to Volkswagen, Wilson worked at BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee for seven years as public affairs manager for the commercial markets group. He served as director of corporate communications for The Johnson Group, an advertising and marketing agency in 2001.

Scott served Chattanooga Mayor Jon Kinsey as communications coordinator and special assistant to the mayor. Previously, he was the communications director for Leonard, Kinsey and Associates, a private real estate development firm.

Scott graduated from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and minors in English Literature and Psychology. He is a member of the Lookout Chapter of Public Relations Society of America where he has earned several awards including the top honor, the Lookout Award.



River City Company President and CEO, Kim White has put her passion for Chattanooga into practice for the past five years. For 30 years, River City Company has played an integral role in the revitalization of Downtown Chattanooga through partnerships with local government and the private and philanthropic sectors working to attract, expand and support efforts to advance downtown.

Before coming to River City Company in 2009, Kim served as president and CEO of the Corker Group as well as Luken Holdings and had a successful 16 year career with ALLTEL Communications.

Kim graduated with a degree in Art from the University of Tennessee Chattanooga. She is a past president of the UTC Alumni Board and serves as Real Estate Chair for the UC Foundation, the UT Foundation and is a member of the Chancellor's Roundtable. She is a board member of the Enterprise Center, Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce and an active member of the Chattanooga Rotary Club, Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church and co-chaired the Mayor's Downtown Taskforce for Chattanooga Forward among many previous board appointments including the Erlanger Hospital Authority.



Charles Wood currently serves as the Vice President of Economic Development for the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce. He has more than 15 years of economic development experience spanning a range of economic development efforts including business recruitment, retention and expansion, entrepreneurship and real estate development. During his career Charles led recruitment and expansion efforts resulting in thousands of jobs created by companies including Hewlett Packard, Toshiba, Mellon Financial, Schlumberger and GE.

He holds a Master's Degree in Economic Development from the University of Southern Mississippi and holds the designation of Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) from the International Economic Development Council.



John Ying is the General Manager for the Crash Pad: An Uncommon Hostel. Before moving to Chattanooga in summer 2011, he studied at University of Maryland, with degrees in Accounting, Information Systems, and English Literature. He got a corporate job straight out of school, and quickly realized that it wasn't fulfilling.

He moved down to Chattanooga and, without working a day of hospitality in his life, decided that he wanted to work in a climber's hostel. 4 years in and he still loves it.





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The mission of the Greensboro Partnership is to serve as the principle economic and community development organization in Greensboro and to strategically develop a vibrant community that creates, expands and attracts business and people while advancing the quality of life for all who live, work and visit our wonderful city.