OUR TEAM:

Community Members
Brad Cowart – Realtor, Real Estate Advisors Group
Brice Wood - NWGA Regional Commission
Cindy Williams – CEO, Cartersville Bartow Chamber
Jody and Daisy Harrison – Acworth Residents/New Life Baptist Church
Daniel Lochridge – Renasant Bank
Doug Belisle – Director, Bartow Collaborative (GA Family Connection)
Jessica Mitcham – Director, Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter
Kelly Whitmire – Bartow County Schools Social Worker/Homeless Liaison
Matt Warren – Crosspoint City Church

Bartow County Government
Commissioner Steve Taylor
Lamont Kiser – Community Development Director
Brandon Johnson – Zoning
Valerie Gilreath – Grant Writing Director
Brielle Shinall – Grant Writing
Patrick Nelson – Redevelopment Coordinator
Alexis Roberts – UGA Extension Office
Overview:
Area Statistics:

• 8,000 Residents
• Over 50% Without a High School Diploma
• 32% Living at or below the Poverty Line
• 66% Of Homes in the Area are Mobile Homes
• 45% of Homes are Valued at Less than $50,000
If we are to see true transformation, we must work to redevelop the population at the same time we aim to redevelop the area.
Year One Recap:

- 32 Blighted Properties Demolished Countywide in 2017 (*13 Properties in Target Area)
- 15 additional properties in court proceedings (Oct-Dec 2017)
- 63 Active Code Enforcement Cases countywide (Dec 2017)
- Improvements to Junk Ordinance
- Minimum Square Footage for all Single Family units to 1200 sq. ft.
- Increased Permit Fees and penalties
- Solid surface underpinning required for Mobile Homes
Year One Recap:

• BLESS Coalition did major remodels of 4 homes in the area (Roofs/bathrooms/etc.) and 3 additional renovation projects in 2017 (Wheelchair ramps/repairs/etc.)

• Community Garden built at the Allatoona Resource Center

• $60,000 in material was donated for BLESS build teams and garden team and an additional $1100/month goes to ongoing build investments
Year One Recap Continued:
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- Serve Saturday each month including Street Store, Garden team, BLESS General Store, Book Mobile, and Build Teams.
- Street Store – Over 1700 people served and thousands of articles of clothing distributed
- BLESS General Store (Toiletries, housecleaning products, etc.) over 350 families served since July 2017
- The Book Mobile began in 2017 and has distributed over 115 Library cards, over 450 books have been checked out and over 400 books have been given away in South Bartow
Tire Amnesty:

• Offered first Tire Amnesty for 4 days in November 2017
• 1500 Tires collected

• 2nd Tire Amnesty planned for April 2018 with grant funding from EPD to collect approximately 9000 tires
Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)

- Our Team supported Prestwick Companies project to build Senior Housing (55+) in Bartow County
- Prestwick’s application was approved to build 70 units in Bartow County beginning construction 2018
- In addition, the City of Cartersville also had a developer receive the LIHTC to build a 50 unit multi-family project
Looking Forward to Year Two:

- Two Market Rate Apartment Complexes looking in the Target area due to proximity to I-75 and Atlanta
- Total of around 550 units
- Bartow County taking over maintenance of 2 parks on Lake Allatoona and 2 additional campgrounds bringing new tourists through the area
- LakePoint North Campus Road to begin construction in 2018
- Red Top Mountain State Park is investing in new infrastructure within the park attracting more usage
Looking Forward to Year Two:

- **MAIN FOCUS:** BCHP is looking to partner with the Bartow Cartersville Land Bank to acquire property to be used in CHIP Application in 2018 to build permanent affordable housing
- Targeted housing assessment once potential property for CHIP is identified
- Hosting additional Renter’s Rights and Homeowner Seminar’s to educate the public on opportunities (BCHP hosted first Renter’s Rights in 2017)
- Offering College Tour Day to all 5th Graders at local elementary school (Partnership with ALES, Rotary, BLESS, ARC and Cartersville Bartow Community Foundation)
- Continued Serve Saturdays
- BLESS Weekend in April 2018 to include additional larger scale home improvement projects, community clean-up efforts, and health screenings for area residents
- Bartow Give A Kid A Chance School Supply Program
- Job Training and Fairs