



INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT



MBCIA is proud to recognize the industries that have generously contributed to the Macon200 Bicentennial Fund. We are thankful for their commitment to making a positive impact in the local community and are grateful for their support in commemorating this historic milestone. Their dedication is invaluable, and we are excited to have them as partners in building a brighter future for Macon-Bibb County.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

In April, the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority's Executive Director, Stephen Adams, had a productive month. The team hosted a private school lunch and learn, furthering MBCIA's commitment to education and community engagement. MBCIA also hosted the Commissioner Echols' Energy Summit, which brought together industry leaders, policymakers, and community members to discuss ways to promote sustainable economic growth in the county. Stephen along with Doug Faour, Macon-Bibb County Aviation Director, attended the MRO Americas Conference in Atlanta, engaging with key stakeholders and exploring potential partnerships for the future. Through networking events, MBCIA is able to form connections, foster community involvement, and take the lead in economic prosperity and sustainability. By doing so, they are able to create a brighter future for the area.

EXISTING INDUSTRY MANAGER REPORT



Student of the Year Banquet

Education is a vital component in the growth and success of any industry. The Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority's Existing Industry Manager understands this importance and consistently works to promote education in the community. Recently, they attended and sponsored the Bibb County Schools Student of the Year Scholarship banquet, showcasing MBCIA's commitment to promoting education in the county. MBCIA aims to provide a skilled and knowledgeable workforce that can meet the demands of growing industries in the area by supporting programs that foster academic excellence. With a strong focus on education and community involvement, MBCIA is dedicated to creating a brighter future for Macon-Bibb County.

PROJECT MANAGER REPORT

A letter from Gary

The Mayor of Macon, Lester Miller, has a longstanding commitment to addressing homelessness in the city. The Brookdale Resource Center on Brookdale Ave is one of the latest initiatives to come out of this vision. The center started as a warming shelter during the winter months, but has since expanded to include a range of services, with a focus on supporting those experiencing homelessness. The latest addition to the center is a garden, and MBCIA was invited to assist with the project. The first phase of the garden project involved building and installing 49 garden boxes, overseen by Michael Glisson of the MBC Parks and Recreation Department and Carol Kelly, the County Extension Office Director. Students from Rutland High School helped to build the boxes, which were then planted with a variety of fruits, vegetables, and herbs. The hope is that residents of the center will be interested in gardening and will work alongside the center's Master Gardener to cultivate the plants. The food produced by the garden will be used to feed the residents of the center.

The long-term plan is to expand the garden to the rest of the property, including the installation of blueberries, other berries, fruit trees, and even hydroponic growing. Additionally, community members are invited to "adopt a box" in the garden and help bring it to fruition.

Overall, the Brookdale Resource Center's garden project is an innovative way to support those experiencing homelessness in Macon. By providing an opportunity for residents to grow their own food, the center is promoting self-sufficiency and healthy living. Additionally, community involvement in the project ensures that it will be sustainable for years to come.

Best,
Gary

COMMUNITY NEWS

Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority welcomes International Representatives of Economic Development to Macon, Georgia



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