



# OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

## THE AURORA REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXISTS TO BE...

### Catalyst for business growth and success by

- Celebrating 49 ribbon cuttings, grand openings, and groundbreakings;
- Hosting 99 Employer-focused events and programs that gathered more than 3,625 attendees;
- Welcoming 77 new members;
- Providing information on ACA changes, employment law updates, cybersecurity
- Saving members money through programs with Office Depot, Comcast, Constant Contact, and more;
- Promoting member information to 2,294 twitter followers and 1,138 Facebook fans;
- Conducting surveys on economic outlook and issues.

### Convener of leaders and influencers who make things happen by

- Coordinating six candidate forums (mayoral, city council, park district, and school boards);
- Collaborating with 72 local, regional, and national partners to strengthen the economy and support job creation;
- Promoting a legislative agenda that prioritizes employer interests;
- Participating in 218 public policy meetings with elected officials and employers to address pressing concerns;
- Providing 16 events for members to interact with elected officials, including Lt. Gov. Sanguinetti, mayors, as well as local and state representatives.

### Champion for a stronger community by

- Advancing career pathways in IT, healthcare, and manufacturing;
- Championing job skills development for students with special needs;
- Re-engaging out-of-school youth through the Manufacturing Careers Internship Program;
- Supporting 58 community improvement projects focused on wellness, crime, entrepreneur and small business success, and more;
- Supporting more than 14 resource fairs, job fairs, and career events;
- Serving on state and national boards to advance the community's interests.

## CONNECT. GROW. INFLUENCE.

The Aurora Regional Chamber of Commerce is a private, not-for-profit, membership-driven organization comprised of more than 700 members representing nearly 40,000 employees. Our mission is be the catalyst for business success by providing leadership that facilitates the creation of a prosperous regional economy and effective advocacy for our members. The Chamber has become one of the largest, oldest, and most influential organizations in our area by working for more than a century to make the Aurora and North Aurora region a better place to live and work for all.

