

DIAMOND SPONSORS

Chick-fil-A, Inc.

Atlanta-based Chick-fil-A, Inc. is a family owned and privately held restaurant company founded in 1967 by S. Truett Cathy. Devoted to serving the local communities in which its franchised restaurants operate, and known for its original chicken sandwich, Chick-fil-A serves freshly prepared food in more than 2,200 restaurants in 46 states and Washington, D.C.

Chick-fil-A system sales reached nearly \$8 billion in 2016, which marks 49 consecutive years of sales growth.

In 2017, Chick-fil-A received the top score among fast food brands and one of the top 10 scores overall for customer experience in the Temkin Experience Ratings survey, and the company's internship program was ranked #13 in career website WayUp's survey of the top 100 best summer internships. In 2016, Chick-fil-A was named the Technomic Consumer's Choice for "providing value through service," named the "the most polite restaurant in the country" in QSR Magazine's annual drive-thru report and was the only restaurant brand named to the Top 10 "Best Companies to Work For" by 24/7 Wall Street.

"Chick-fil-A is one of the most generous companies I have had the pleasure of partnering with," shares Cathy Berggren, Executive Director of the Real Life Center.

From donating surplus food to local shelters and soup kitchens through their Chick-fil-A Shared Table program, to feeding victims and first responders after a disaster, their restaurant Operators give away food all year long to those who need it most. Chick-fil-A also wants to help restaurant team members achieve their dreams of higher education. Since 1973, they have awarded approximately \$45 million to 42,400 team members.

Being a Chick-fil-A Operator is about more than serving chicken, it's about having a positive impact in the local community. That's why, around the country, their restaurant Operators find creative ways to serve. Chick-fil-A believes kindness is a higher calling.

"Everyone I have had a chance to collaborate with at Chick-fil-A demonstrates a servant leadership and great generosity," Cathy Berggren adds. *"The Real Life Center has been blessed by donations, sponsorships and employees joyfully serving for many years."*

Truett Cathy said it best: *“We should be about more than just selling chicken. We should be a part of our customers’ lives and the communities in which we serve.”*

“I am so humbled for the opportunity to serve on the Board of the Real Life Center,” shares Missy Bryan, Executive Administrator at Chick-fil-A. *“The Center continues to make a huge impact on individuals and families, as well as the community,”* Missy explains. *“As the Real Life Center seeks to honor God by serving others, God continues to be faithful to the ministry”.*

More information on Chick-fil-A is available at www.chick-fil-a.com.

Fayette Woman Magazine

We are so grateful to Joyce Beverly, Owner of Fayette Woman Magazine, for her generous gift to the *Harvest for Hope Gala* through a Diamond sponsorship for the second year in a row. Fayette Woman is a voice for and about women who live in Fayette County, Ga. Fayette Woman believes that everyone’s life is a journey and no matter how grand or modest, every one of us has a story. Their goal is to cultivate a sense of community among their readers while giving their advertising partners a professional, trusted and positive environment for their messages.

Fayette Woman has been publishing since 2001 and will be celebrating a big milestone in 2018 - their 200th issue. *“Telling one story at a time is powerful, but seeing all stories over time has generated a significant body of work,”* shares Joyce Beverly. *“I love how a story doesn’t just impact the person sharing it. It also impacts those who read the story to feel encouraged and hopeful. We often feel that we are the only ones going through our challenges, and to see someone else thrive is encouraging.”*

Every new issue is Joyce’s new favorite but some stories do stand out! *“In October 2005, Fayette Woman proudly featured Helen Kogel Denton, a retired veteran of World War II, who worked for General Eisenhower, typing battle plans for D-Day. It demonstrates how faithfully using your skills can have global and eternal impact. We can all use our gifts. When you start believing you can do something, you absolutely will.”*

Fayette Woman has supported the mission of the Real Life Center for many years and we are most grateful! *“My next story can come from someone the Real Life Center has helped,”* Joyce adds. *“To support a group who faithfully helps others struggling in our community is magnificent. Local is everything to us.”*

Everything starts at home, in your neighborhood, in your town. Successes at home have a ripple effect on the community.”

Fayette Woman was established in January 2001. The printed monthly magazine is distributed to Kroger, libraries, medical offices, hair and nail salons, restaurants and more than 400 high-traffic businesses and service providers in Fayette County. *“I am looking forward to both an exciting and challenging time to be in communications, and learning to take advantage of new opportunities,”* Joyce concludes. *“The opportunities in our field are enormous and we hope to be on the forefront in our local community.”*

“If you have not already done so, please take a look at their monthly magazine. It features great content that will inform, inspire and motivate you,” shares Cathy Berggren, Executive Director of the Real Life Center. *“Thank you Fayette Woman for your heart for our community!”*

For more information, visit <http://fayettewoman.com/edition>.

Insight Real Estate Advisors

Insight Real Estate Advisors was created by Jeff Warlick to address the needs of home owners working to sell their homes without relying on a full service real estate company.

The company manages the transaction from contract to closing, assisting both the buyer and seller. It is a fee-based service, not a standard commission-based service.

“Real Estate is at the heart of a community because homes are where people live and enjoy the experiences of their lives. We believe in helping people sell their home so they can feel a sense of satisfaction of being able to manage that aspect of life,” shares Jeff Warlick, Owner. *“This is a reflection of what the Real Life Center does to support families in the challenges of their lives,”* Jeff adds. *“As a company, we believe in supporting our community because we are a part of it.”*

In the next few years, Jeff Warlick and Insight Real Estate Advisors look forward to a growth spurt, bringing on board new team members and expanding their services.

Jeff has 5 wonderful grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. He currently lives in Peachtree City, and loves sailing, scuba diving and helicopter flying.

“Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to Jeff Warlick for his generous gifts to our Harvest for Hope Gala for two years in a row,” shares Cathy Berggren, Executive Director of the Real Life Center. “Jeff has a true heart for his community and is a connector of people. We appreciate the tremendous role he played on our Gala Organizing Committee and are truly blessed by him.”

“Jeff has the unique gift of strategic planning and connecting non-profits with a donor base. He has helped us with sharing our message in a powerful way through the Rotary Club and other organizations,” add Rosemarie Gossett in Marketing. “We have learned a lot and are grateful for his counsel”.

Panasonic Automotive Systems Company of America

Panasonic Automotive Systems Company of America (PASA) is a division company of Panasonic Corporation of North America and the leader in automotive infotainment and connectivity system solutions, according to IHS. Panasonic Automotive Systems Company of America acts as the North American operating company of Panasonic Corp.’s Automotive & Industrial Systems Company, which coordinates global automotive and industrial systems and components operations. Panasonic Automotive is headquartered in Peachtree City, Georgia, and with sales, marketing and engineering operations in Farmington Hills, Mich.

“Although our North American Headquarters is located here in Peachtree City, GA, our operations span the globe with over 5,000 employees who support business with nearly every global automotive customer you can think of. People around the world are interfacing with Panasonic technologies that we make right here,” explains Brian Ullom with Program Management. “We expect to grow in both size and revenue within the next few years, however, we know the future of mobility is rapidly changing, which means our customer’s business is evolving. PASA is focused on nurturing our product development process to ensure that we can design and produce technology solutions that will provide our customers with a competitive advantage in the future.” In the Automotive News global tier 1 supplier rankings, Panasonic Automotive Systems of America is ranked #17 globally, and #15 in North America.

“As an outstanding organization, PASA has been an equally exceptional partner to the Real Life Center for many years,” shares Cathy Berggren, Executive Director of the Real Life Center.

“Giving back to our local community in the form of funding, product donations and our employees’ time and expertise is a priority for the company, and certainly something we view as our responsibility,” Brian explains. “It’s easy to see this alignment in our corporate mission to create ‘A Better Life, A Better World’ in all that we do – whether it’s through the development of leading-edge technology solutions for our global customers, or giving to local charitable organizations looking to positively impact even a small piece of the world.”

The primary target for PASA’s giving is to support non-profit organizations that are focused on educational, social and environmental welfare. *“In the case of Real Life Center, local families in need are provided with holistic care to get them back on their feet quickly through a year-long plan aimed at ensuring long-term stability.”*

“Panasonic has been generous to provide hundreds of back packs so that the children of our Real Life Center families can be set up for success at the beginning of each school year,” according to Cathy Berggren.

PASA’s charity group is comprised of 15 outstanding members who volunteer their time working with various charities and deciding which groups truly help the community. *“They all are the main reason our group supports the local community”*, Brian concludes.

For more information, visit <https://careers.panasonic-automotive.com/>

Rinnai America Corporation

Rinnai America Corporation, a subsidiary of Rinnai Corporation in Nagoya, Japan, was established in 1974 and is headquartered in Peachtree City. Rinnai Corporation manufactures gas appliances including tankless water heaters, a wide range of kitchen appliances and heating and air conditioning units. As the technology leader in its industry, Rinnai is the largest gas appliance manufacturer in Japan and is the number-one selling brand of tankless gas water heaters in North America. With a global perspective to create 21st century products for the home and business, Rinnai Corporation commits itself to safety and the pursuit of comfortable lifestyles.

We are grateful that Rinnai has been a loyal supporter of the Real Life Center's mission since 2014 by holding multiple food drives and participating in the *Scouting for Food* Corporate Challenge for the past three years in a row. This is

also the second year where they have gifted the Real Life Center with a Diamond \$5,000 sponsorship at the Harvest for Hope Gala.

“Our employees told us back in 2014 that it was important for Rinnai to be involved in the local community,” shares Michelle DeFeo, Human Resources Director. *“We love this community, its leaders and its people. Giving back is part of our culture. What we appreciate about the Real Life Center is that all support and assistance we provide goes back into helping local families get back on their feet.”* Rinnai America Corporation also supports Bloom, Midwest Food Bank and the Atlanta Motor Speedway charities.

“Rinnai has been an exceptional supporter of the Real Life Center,” shares Cathy Berggren. *“They have faithfully demonstrated their commitment to their local community and the Real Life Center since they arrived in 2014.”*

There is a lot on the horizon for Rinnai America Corporation. The company plans to build its first North American manufacturing facility in Griffin. They will start manufacturing and assembly operations in an existing factory in Griffin in 2018 and then move these operations to a new facility that Rinnai will construct. The company will also build a new two-story headquarters building and will launch a state of the art North America Innovation and Training Center.

For more information about Rinnai’s entire product line, visit www.rinnai.us.

Rolling Hills Baptist Church

Rolling Hills Baptist Church has been an active supporter of the Real Life Center for almost one decade. They are a church community with a true servant's heart, but they did not get there by chance! *“Back in March of 2010, we made a rather radical decision so we could focus more intentionally on increasing mission efforts in our community and beyond,”* shares Frank Mercer, Senior Pastor of Rolling Hills Baptist Church. *“We had limited funds to make a difference in the lives of others, so we voted to put our church building and 21 acres of beautiful property up for sale. People could not believe it!”* The building sold after one year, and the church community started worshipping in local movie theaters; first at Tinseltown in the Fayetteville Pavilion, and then at the NCG Cinemas in Sharpsburg where they still are today.

“So many church cultures in the US are consumer-driven, and people join churches to get their personal needs met,” Pastor Frank explains. “We have a different DNA. Our church exists to serve Jesus by serving others with the goal of inviting Jesus into their hearts. If you are willing to roll up your sleeves and shed blood, sweat and tears in the service of others, we are the church for you,” Pastor Frank adds. *“We may meet in an auditorium at NCG Cinemas, but after each service we all scatter and we are everywhere, ministering in our local neighborhoods, office buildings, small groups and our partnerships with other non-profit organizations.”*

Missions and ministry is how Rolling Hills wants to define itself as a church. Whether they are building a house in Mexico or handing out water to shoppers on a hot Georgia day, they want the benefactors of the effort to understand the love of Christ through their actions.

In September 2010, Rolling Hills Baptist Church signed a one-of-a-kind formal partnership agreement with the Real Life Center to provide financial assistance to select clients whose needs exceed what the center can pay for. As part of the agreement, Pastor Frank personally follows up with each client to check on how they are doing, and to offer spiritual help if wanted.

“We treasure our unique partnership with the Real Life Center,” Pastor Frank explains. *“We all have the privileged opportunity to share God’s love in tangible ways, and the Real Life does that very well. They are aligned with our culture. What makes the partnership powerful is the opportunity for our church to provide financial and spiritual assistance beyond what the Real Life Center can offer.”*

Volunteers have spent countless hours at the Center sorting clothing and incoming food donations, assisting with special operational projects and serving at the monthly Mobile Food Pantry. *“Every day we wake up on the largest English speaking mission field in the world,”* Pastor Frank concludes. *“We get to live and love like Jesus lived and loved, not only institutionally, but also individually.”*

“We appreciate you more than words can express,” adds Cathy Berggren, Executive Director at the Real Life Center. *“Your mission and our mission are 100% aligned, and we have thoroughly enjoyed serving with each one of you!”*

For more information, visit www.wheresthesteeple.org.

The UPS Foundation

Real Life Center received a \$5,000 sponsorship from The UPS Foundation, which drives global corporate citizenship and philanthropic programs for UPS (NYSE:UPS).

The grant will be used toward building innovative programs in 2017-2018 to enhance the Real Life Center's current family-based services, including life coaching and one-on-one mentoring.

"We are honored to receive this grant from UPS and thrilled to be able to continue to care for our local families while increasing the variety of ways to invest in them," says Cathy Berggren, Executive Director of the Real Life Center. "This gift does not only help strengthen our local families, but strengthens our community overall!"

Established in 1951 and based in Atlanta, Ga., The UPS Foundation identifies specific areas where its backing clearly impacts social issues. In support of this strategic approach, The UPS Foundation has identified the following focus areas for giving: volunteerism, diversity, community safety, and the environment.

In 2013, UPS and its employees, active and retired, invested more than \$102 million in charitable giving around the world. The UPS Foundation can be found on the web at UPS.com/foundation. To get UPS news direct, visit pressroom.ups.com/RSS.

"The UPS Foundation is honored to support Real Life Center's efforts to help struggling families," said Eduardo Martinez, president of The UPS Foundation. "Our goal is to fund powerful programs that make a lasting difference to the global community."

TravNow

TravNow is a Private Membership Travel Agency involved in helping families travel and save money doing it. *"We know that families who take vacations together lead better lives. Facts show that families who spend quality time together thrive. Vacations reduce stress, bring spouses closer, and provide a*

base for kids to learn and experience the world,” shares Ron New, President of TravNow.

“Once upon a time there were travel agencies dotting the business landscape, but unfortunately they have all gone the way of the dinosaur,” Ron explains. “The internet has removed the service aspect out of the personal travel equation. Consumers have lots of choices and options in front of them, however, rarely do the choices offer independent information from a travel professional.”

TravNow offers two unique options. For non-members it offers the fastest hotel and condo platform in the retail travel marketplace. For members it offers a prime option where they can have the support of a travel pro while enjoying guaranteed savings over online pricing 100 % of the time.

The official launch of TravNow will be in the early spring of 2018. The site will have over 5,000 Destination City pages and more than 500 original travel blogs for unique insight to under advertised travel markets. *“We intend to bring our Membership Model specifically to associations, alumni groups and charity groups as an opportunity for their members to save money over online pricing, while providing valuable revenue sharing with the parent organizations at the same time. We anticipate the next few years will show great promise for our business model and the team who makes it happen,”* Ron adds.

Travnow has 100 dedicated employees who do their best to insure customer satisfaction every day with offices in Asheville, North Carolina and Peachtree City, Georgia.

“They also have a great heart for their local community,” shares Cathy Berggren, Executive Director at the Real Life Center. *“Ron New and his company have been a gift to the Real Life Center for many years, and have supported us monthly and with our initiatives. We are so grateful”.*

“Real Life Center is an amazing organization”, Ron explains. *“They help hundreds of families every day! Unfortunately, our company does not have the expertise to help people like they do. So our goals locally are simple: find the best organizations who have unique insight and understanding of the social needs of local families - and help that organization in any way we can. Real Life Center provides the best local platform to turn*

our resources into real results. Cathy Berggren is an amazing leader for the organization. I once sat down with her and asked if there was a way myself or our company could help her directly with any current initiatives. I looked at her

schedule for the next four weeks and I was humbled: dozens of fundraisers, trainings, meetings with needy families and business leaders alike. 1000 percent dedication to the cause of helping others. One day I aspire to make such a difference, but today we can help with the one commodity that every charity sadly always has to find, money. Businesses just need to treat charity like part of their infrastructure. Businesses pay rent, office supplies, and payroll every day. They somehow find the money. They just need to look at their charitable contributions as another employee on their payroll. They will not even notice the money gone- but they will notice the difference in the lives they change.”

For more information, visit www.travnow.com.