

July 31, 2007

To all Chamber Members,

The Alexander County Chamber of Commerce is in the process of organizing and hosting a new teacher luncheon to welcome all newly hired teachers in Alexander County. The Alexander County School System expects to hire approximately 40 new teachers this year.

This event will be held in the Alexander Central Cafeteria at 12:00 noon on Thursday, August 16, 2007. For just \$35.00, a Chamber member may sponsor a new teacher who will be coming to Alexander County this fall. The sponsor will be matched with his/her teacher for the luncheon. For each additional \$35.00, members may sponsor additional new teachers, but they also need to provide an equal number of additional hosts for the luncheon. This will be a great way to welcome a new resident, promote your business, or simply make a new friend.

The Chamber of Commerce will be providing each new teacher with a gift bag. You, as a Chamber member, are asked to provide items to include in these gift bags. Items that you may wish to donate include note pads, pencils, pens, cups, certificates for a discount at your business, and, of course, your business cards. You may think of a creative way to make these new residents remember your business when they have a need for services. This is a low-cost way to be among the first in the business community to reach these new residents.

Complete the form on the back of this letter if you wish to sponsor a teacher, include items for the gift bags, and/or donate door prizes. We will need 50 of any items you wish to include in the gift bags, and these items need to be brought to the Chamber office by Monday, August 6.

If you have questions, please call the Chamber office at (828) 632-8141.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Denise I. Elder