



A Year of Action

As we approach the close of 2025, we invite you to reflect with us on a year of meaningful impact while considering a year-end, tax-deductible contribution to the **Dublin-Laurens County Chamber Community Foundation** to help sustain and expand this momentum in 2026.

This year, our Foundation has remained steadfast in its mission to strengthen workforce development, foster entrepreneurship, and improve educational outcomes across Laurens County. Through strategic partnerships and community support, we delivered programs that are already shaping our future talent pipeline.



Uniting community leaders to build a stronger future through childcare, education, and workforce solutions.

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Your tax-deductible donation to our 501c3 non-profit can extend programs like these through the next year!

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The Future is Here

One of our signature accomplishments was AIM2SUMMIT, a large-scale workforce and innovation expo designed to introduce students and families to careers in AI, automation, manufacturing, mechatronics, and skilled trades. Held on October 2, 2025, this interactive event directly connected local middle and high school students with employers, post-secondary institutions, and emerging technologies—turning curiosity into career awareness and opening doors to opportunity.



AIM2SUMMIT

October 2, 2025



2,562 Attendees



33 Exhibitors



51 Volunteers
280+ Volunteer Hours

“Just wanted to give a quick report on our day here at AIM 2 Summit in Dublin... It's been a great networking opportunity and the students were all VERY engaged.”

-MELISSA COX, MUSEUM OF AVIATION





“The gift of reading is something that can't be taken away once obtained, and it's fundamental to all future learning.”

-Will Curry, Board Member



Read for the Win

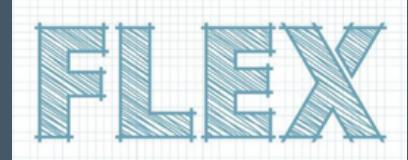
Throughout the year, the Foundation has partnered with strategic literacy initiatives - promoting mentorship, volunteerism, and a love of reading. Led by Ronda Walker, the Foundation's **Literacy Taskforce** partners with childcare centers, schools, and community events. We have gifted childcare centers with books and appreciation gifts for their dedicated workers. With the help of the Archway Partnership and the University of Georgia, a Birth to Five literacy campaign has been created. With additional funding, we can take these literacy goals to new heights!



Youth Entrepreneurs

In partnership with **Georgia FLEX**, the state's recognized student entrepreneurship initiative, our Foundation was chosen to lead our Laurens County competition. All Laurens County high schools signed letters of intent, opening participation to every 9th–12th grade student. Through FLEX, students attend business-led workshops, develop business plans, receive mentorship from local business owners, and compete in a Shark Tank-style pitch competition with cash prizes—preparing them for ownership, innovation, and leadership.

In March of 2026, our local youth business champion will be selected and will attend the State FLEX Competition in April.



550+
Business
Plan
Workshop
Attendees

27
Business
Plans
Submitted



DHS
ELHS
Trinity
WLHS

13 students
Representing
All 4 Local
High Schools





“We are placed here for a reason - and that reason is to give what we can, when we can.”

-Sara Kolbie,
Foundation Director

Local Partnerships



As we close 2025, the **Dublin-Laurens County Chamber Community Foundation** is exceedingly grateful for the partners who have made our mission possible. Whether it was a business owner taking the time to share wisdom with a high school entrepreneur, a volunteer investing their time in the next generation, or a donor who shared their precious resources to make our community stronger - we see you, we are thankful for you, and we look forward to a greater 2026.

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