



MEMORANDUM

To: Economic Development Ally

From: Robert D. Long

Date: January 21, 2009

Re: Darlington County Progress Campaign for Private Funds

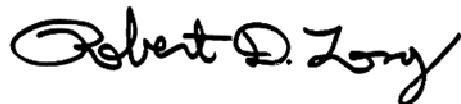
The Darlington County Progress, Inc. is a private sector arm of the Darlington County Economic Development Partnership. Progress was created by business leaders throughout the county to provide private sector support and leadership to our publicly funded economic development program. Progress' mission is to promote, implement and support activities designed to improve the economic development efforts of Darlington County and to maintain a quality climate for business and industry.

Progress is a not-for-profit corporation to assist in outreach marketing efforts, existing business and industry services and economic development ally relations. No Progress funds are utilized for Partnership overhead. For our efforts to be a success, we need your assistance.

A membership pledge card is attached. Your consideration to financially assist our efforts is very much appreciated. Membership benefits include business referrals, preferred vendor directory, newsletters, e-mail notices, press releases, and invitations to annual meeting, project announcements, existing industry and economic development ally appreciation functions and annual golf tournament.

During these troubling economic times, your support is more important than ever. Your contribution is vitally important for us to be proactive and successful in our economic development efforts in Darlington County.

With best regards,



Robert D. Long
Executive Director



Membership Pledge Card

To become a member of the Darlington County Progress, Inc., a private sector arm of the Darlington County Economic Partnership, please complete the membership pledge card below. Please make sure to indicate your preferred level of membership. Visit our website for more detailed information on membership levels at www.dcedp.biz.

<p>Winners Circle Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Championship \$25,000/year minimum<input type="checkbox"/> Checkered Flag \$15,000/year minimum<input type="checkbox"/> Green Flag \$10,000/year minimum<input type="checkbox"/> Pole Position \$5,000/year minimum<input type="checkbox"/> Qualifier \$2,500/year minimum	<p>Ambassador Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000/year minimum (10+ employees)<input type="checkbox"/> \$500/year minimum (< 10 employees) <p>Out-of-Town Corporate Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> \$1,250/year minimum (10+ employees)<input type="checkbox"/> \$750/year minimum (< 10 employees) <p><input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership \$250/year minimum</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Membership \$250/year minimum</p>
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If joining at Winners Circle membership level, please indicate whether you would like to be billed annually or semi-annually. If choosing to be billed semi-annually, please remit the first payment with this form. If joining at the Ambassador, Out-of-Town Corporate, Individual or Non-Profit membership level, please remit dues with this form.

Please make checks payable to **Darlington County Progress, Inc.** and return to PO Box 902, Darlington, SC 29540.

Please bill me: Annually Semi-Annually

If you would like to make a multiple year pledge, please indicate how many years you would like to commit at the above checked membership level: 4 years 3 years 2 years

Company Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

Physical Address: _____

Preferred Billing Address: _____

Phone #: (_____) _____ Fax #: (_____) _____

E-Mail: _____ Website: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please make a copy for your files and remit original Membership Pledge Card. Please call 843-398-4600 if you have any questions. Federal Tax ID Number: 57-0846199.

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL BENEFITS

<Excerpt from By-Laws of Darlington County Progress, Inc.>

2. **MEMBERSHIP CLASSES AND RIGHTS** – In addition to the voting rights and committee membership privileges as outlined in these By-Laws for the membership categories outlined in (a) through (e) below, other benefits of these various membership categories shall be set by the Board. There shall be the following classes of memberships:
 - (a) Winners Circle Member - A Winners Circle Member will have the right to vote on each matter submitted to the general membership, will have the right to vote on Winners Circle elections to the Board of Directors of Progress and the Board of Directors of the Darlington County Economic Development Partnership.
 - (b) Ambassador Member - An Ambassador Member will have the right to vote on each matter submitted to the general membership, vote on general member elections to the Board of Directors of Progress, and may serve on the Board of Directors and/or the Executive Committee of Progress and on the Board of Directors of the Darlington County Economic Development Partnership.
 - (c) Out-of-Town Corporate Member - An Out-of-Town Corporate Member cannot have a permanent office location in or conduct regular or substantial business in Darlington County. An Out-of-Town Corporate Member will have the right to participate in functions of the organization and to receive all mailings but will not have the right to vote on any matter submitted to the membership for consideration.
 - (d) Individual Member - An Individual Member is someone who is not currently employed by one of the businesses who have a membership in Darlington County Progress but wishes to be involved in Progress' efforts. An Individual Member will have all rights of an Ambassador Member.
 - (e) Non-Profit Member - A Non-Profit Member is designated as a 501 (c) and would consist of educational, religious and non-profit service organizations that wish to be involved in Progress' efforts. A Non-Profit Member will have all rights of an Ambassador Member.