



# December Chamber Chatter!



*News From Our Members, About Our Members*

## Governor Haslam Designates 22 Healthier Tennessee Communities

*Recognition event increases number of Healthier Tennessee Communities to 46*

Governor Bill Haslam and Governor’s Foundation for Health and Wellness CEO Richard Johnson recently designated 22 communities as Healthier Tennessee Communities. The recognition honors counties for their successful work to improve the health of their citizens. Hamblen County was one of the counties named in the recognition event on November 28. Sherrie Montgomery and Becky Hodge of Healthy Hamblen traveled to Nashville to participate in the designation ceremony.



Photo left to right: Stacy Bauges, Senior Regional Director, Governor's Foundation for Health and Wellness, Sherrie Montgomery, Healthy Hamblen, Governor Bill Haslam, Becky Hodge, Healthy Hamblen

The Healthier Tennessee Communities initiative takes a grassroots approach to improving Tennesseans’ health by engaging citizens and local leaders in cities, towns counties, neighborhoods and college campuses

across the state.

To be designated, the communities established wellness councils and developed sustainable community-wide events and activities that support physical activity, healthy eating and tobacco abstinence. They then tracked and measured outputs and accomplishments for the programs.

The Foundation launched the Healthier Tennessee Communities Initiative in March 2015 with nine pilot communities. Today more than 100 communities, neighborhoods and college campuses are engaged with the program and 46 have already received their designation. More information about the program, including a list of participating cities and counties and other Healthier Tennessee initiatives is available at [healthierTN.com](http://healthierTN.com)



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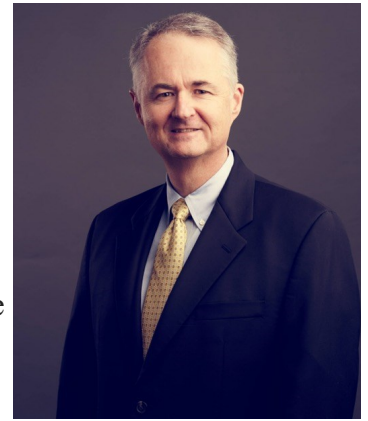
## Upcoming Workshop Planned for Non-Profit Boards and Executive Directors

Tracy Lewis, Founder and Executive Director of Hidden Treasures Academy, Inc. has organized a workshop for Non-Profit Boards and Executive Directors. This workshop will take place on **Saturday, January 20 from 9 AM - 3 PM** in the **Theater at First Presbyterian Church (Morristown)**. The registration fee will be \$35, which will include lunch. Tracy has personally worked with several boards in Jefferson and Hamblen Counties and she has observed how members / directors often find themselves mired in unfulfilling details. They are frequently uncertain about their roles, the role of the Executive Director, and how to conduct business in such a way that maximizes the full potential of the human and financial resources they control. Her hope is that this workshop will resolve those issues and many more!

Participants will learn about a comprehensive, coherent, and replicable model that has the power to transform their board experience and to place their nonprofit on a platform to achieve the dreams they have for the people they desire to serve, so their board service will become a source of joy, hope, and satisfaction as they leave an important legacy for those who follow them.

The workshop presenter will be Mr. Tommy Blackmon. Mr. Blackmon has worked with nonprofit boards for 20 years. He served on the board of one of the largest private schools in SC for six years, including a term as chair, during which time, the school became independent of the founding church and transitioned its model of governance. He recently completed a three-year term as board chair for Habitat for Humanity of Greenville County and served on the HFHGC capital campaign cabinet. He is currently an emeritus board member. HFHGC also transitioned its model of governance during his tenure. Tommy has led numerous board governance workshops and presentations for nonprofits including Together SC, formerly SCANPO.

As Director of Advancement at Southside Christian School, Tommy led the school's first-ever capital campaign, raising more in gifts and pledges than had previously been donated in the school's thirty-eight year history. He was named a Distinguished Alumni in 1998 and is a Riley Fellow of the Diversity Leaders Initiative at Furman University, Class XXIII. He is an active community volunteer including service to the Simpsonville Chamber of Commerce, Mira-



*Mr. Tommy Blackmon*

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## HC\*EXCELL Welcomes Harville as Executive Director

HC\*EXCELL welcomes Stan Harville as the Foundation's Executive Director as of December 1, 2017 following Tish Jones' retirement on November 30. Stan is well-prepared having completed six months of onboard training, including management of the 2017 JA BizTown program. Many of you may already know Stan but for those that do not allow me to introduce him. He has an impressive background in education: serving as an elementary and high school teacher and coach, assistant principal and principal in the Hamblen County system and as a Director of an early childhood center in Dandridge. Stan obtained his BS in Education from UTK in 1981 and received his Master's degree in Administration and Supervision from ET-SU in 1986. The board believes that Stan's knowledge of education and his familiarity with the Hamblen County School System will assist him in strengthening and broadening the work of HC\*EXCELL.



HC\*EXCELL was created in 1991 and since its inception, the foundation has been a strong community advocate and that continues to be true today. We are grateful for your past support and look forward to continuing our relationship as we move forward.



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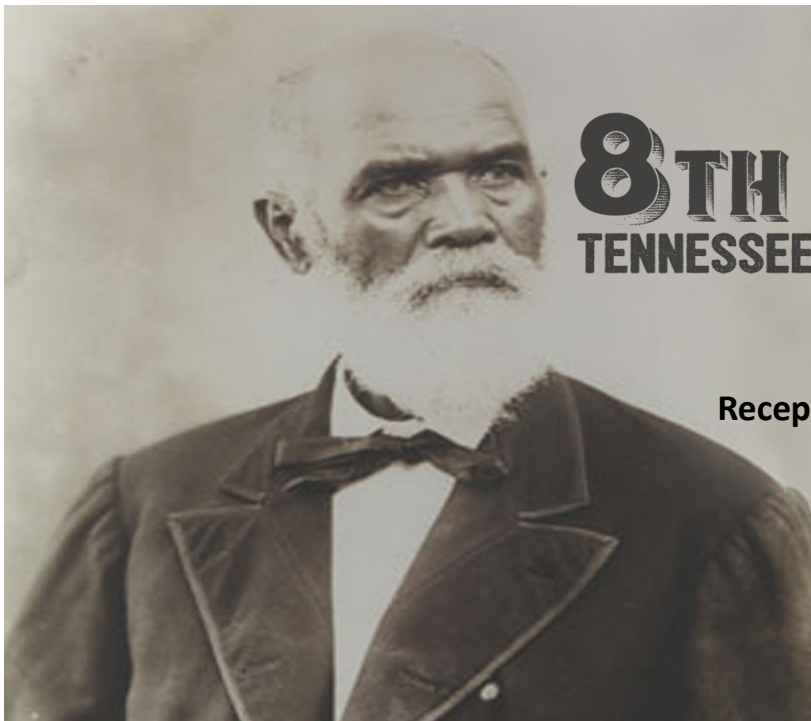


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