



GEORGIA HAITIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.

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ORGANIZATION PROFILE

The Georgia Haitian-American Chamber of Commerce, Inc. (GAHCCI) began operation on June 20, 2011, and was incorporated on August 11, 2014 as a non-profit organization with 501(c) 3 status under the Internal Revenue Service Code.

OUR MISSION

GAHCC, Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes to advance the business and economic interests of the Haitian-American community in Metro Atlanta and the State of Georgia, and to promote bi-lateral trade and investment in Haiti.

These purposes include:

- Building the business and technical capacity of the Haitian business community.
- Promoting awareness and increasing participation of the Haitian business community in the wider economy.
- Providing coaching and mentoring services to Haitian businesses to promote growth and increase profitability.
- Advancing entrepreneurship among the Haitian community.
- Advancing the financial literacy, economic capacity and quality of services available to the Haitian community.
- Fostering collaboration with other civic organizations working to advance economic development.
- Working with the diplomatic and larger business community to build trade with and investment in Haiti.

The GAHCCI will undertake fundraising events and act as a social entrepreneur to support the fulfillment of the Chamber's mission and activities as well as hold workshops, seminars, roundtables, networking sessions, and trade missions.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **Member Driven:** We focus on programs and services that contribute to our members' success.
- **Collaboration:** We create strong partnership with institutions to provide our members with the resources and tools needed to be successful.
- **Education:** We nurture leadership, and implement educational programs that contribute to our members' professional growth.
- **Visionary:** We invest in the professional growth and development of aspiring young professionals of Haitian descent.

GAHCCI attracts a diverse membership base and its efforts have touched the businesses of many in the general Atlanta community and Haiti. Over the years, GAHCCI has:

- Hosted events to facilitate its members to build a strong professional network
- Delivered entrepreneurship training for its members and the public
- Provided scholarships for deserving high-achieving students of Haitian descent in Georgia
- Organized many civic, social and cultural functions targeting the general Atlanta community
- Partnered with other organizations to organize events to celebrate Haitian Heritage Month
- Hosted the annual Future Leaders Scholarship Awards Banquet

GAHCCI's operations rely totally on proceeds from its fundraising efforts and the donation of time and resources by its members and friends.

GAHCCI is governed by its bylaws that provide for management by a board of directors comprised of an executive body elected by GAHCCI's members every two years and 2 trustees appointed by the president. The following positions comprise the executive body: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Parliamentarian. The annual general meeting is held in December. The board is supported by standing committees chaired by members appointed by the president.