

# EMERGING

BARROW COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL REPORT



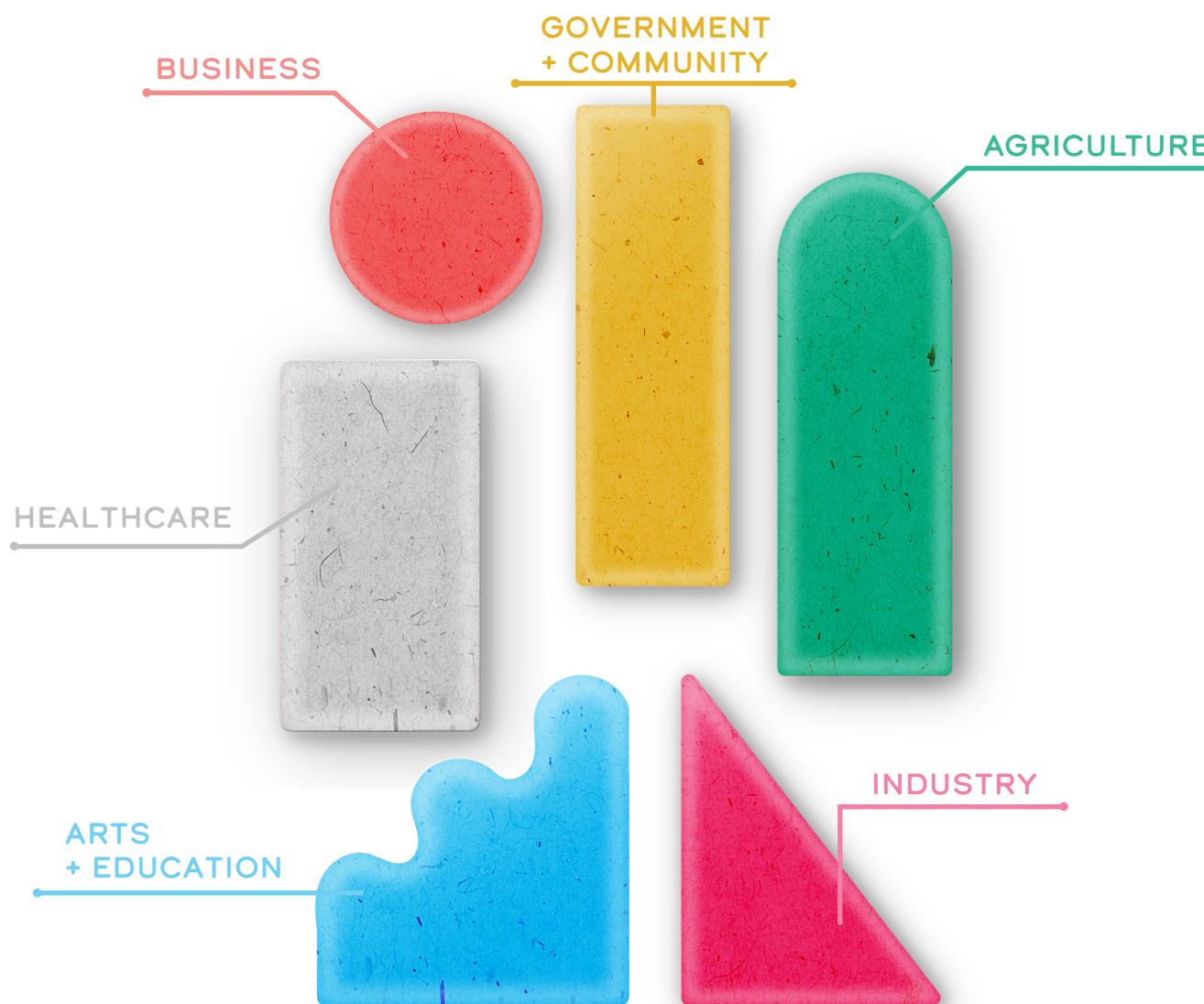
BARROW COUNTY COMMUNITIES

AUBURN BETHLEHEM BRASELTON CARL STATHAM WINDER

# THE CHAMBER IS EMERGING:

In its literal sense, emerging means to "move out of or away from something." A second meaning of emerging is to **"become apparent or prominent."** It is this meaning that guided the Barrow County Chamber of Commerce in 2022, this year and the coming years.

- As an even more effective advocate for the business, industrial, and commercial sectors.
- As a necessary and sought-after voice in the important conversations taking place about the future of this county.
- As a vital force in celebrating this community in all its variety and diversity.
- **As a stronger and bolder leader for Barrow County.**



TO EMERGE IS TO GROW. TO EMERGE IS TO BECOME MORE.  
TO EMERGE IS TO BECOME AN INTEGRAL PART OF WHAT BARROW COUNTY  
IS AND WILL BE. WE INVITE YOU TO COME WITH US ON THIS JOURNEY.

THE BARROW COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
**IS NOT STANDING STILL.**  
WE ARE:

## CONNECTING

Connecting with new businesses and supporting existing ones. We welcome business and industry to the table to strengthen and grow the entire community. **We welcome business and industry to bring to the table those new voices.** And we welcome business and industry to assist in creating growth in our county that enhances the quality of life here.

## WELCOMING

Welcoming new residents by offering connections to business, government, recreation, culture, and worship to ease their entry into our community. **We welcome new residents with resources for their everyday needs.** And we offer new residents one on one answers to their many questions.

## CREATING

Creating prosperity for all by supporting businesses and industry in workforce development, hiring, and retaining quality employees, and in their operations through programming options. Offering new and better ways to grow and improve business in turn creates and grows prosperity, both for businesses and their associates who work for these companies.

**TOMMY JENNINGS**  
PRESIDENT



# IN 2022,

THE CHAMBER OFFERED MEMBERS OPPORTUNITIES THEY COULD NOT FIND ANYWHERE ELSE.

BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER FOR COMMON PURPOSES AND CRITICAL OPPORTUNITIES.

#### NETWORK BARROW



#### SMALL BUSINESS LUNCH AND LEARN

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE ACCOMPLISHMENTS TOGETHER



OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE IN CONVERSATIONS WITH EACH OTHER ABOUT THEIR BUSINESSES



#### FIRST TUESDAY



#### EGGS AND ISSUES

OPPORTUNITIES TO HEAR FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS ABOUT IMPORTANT ISSUES



#### WOMEN IN BUSINESS



I'VE BEEN TRULY HONORED TO SERVE AS CHAMBER CHAIR OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, AND I AM REALLY PROUD OF THE STRIDES THE CHAMBER HAS TAKEN WHILE NAVIGATING THE UNCERTAINTY OF THE PANDEMIC AND ALL OF ITS FALLOUT.

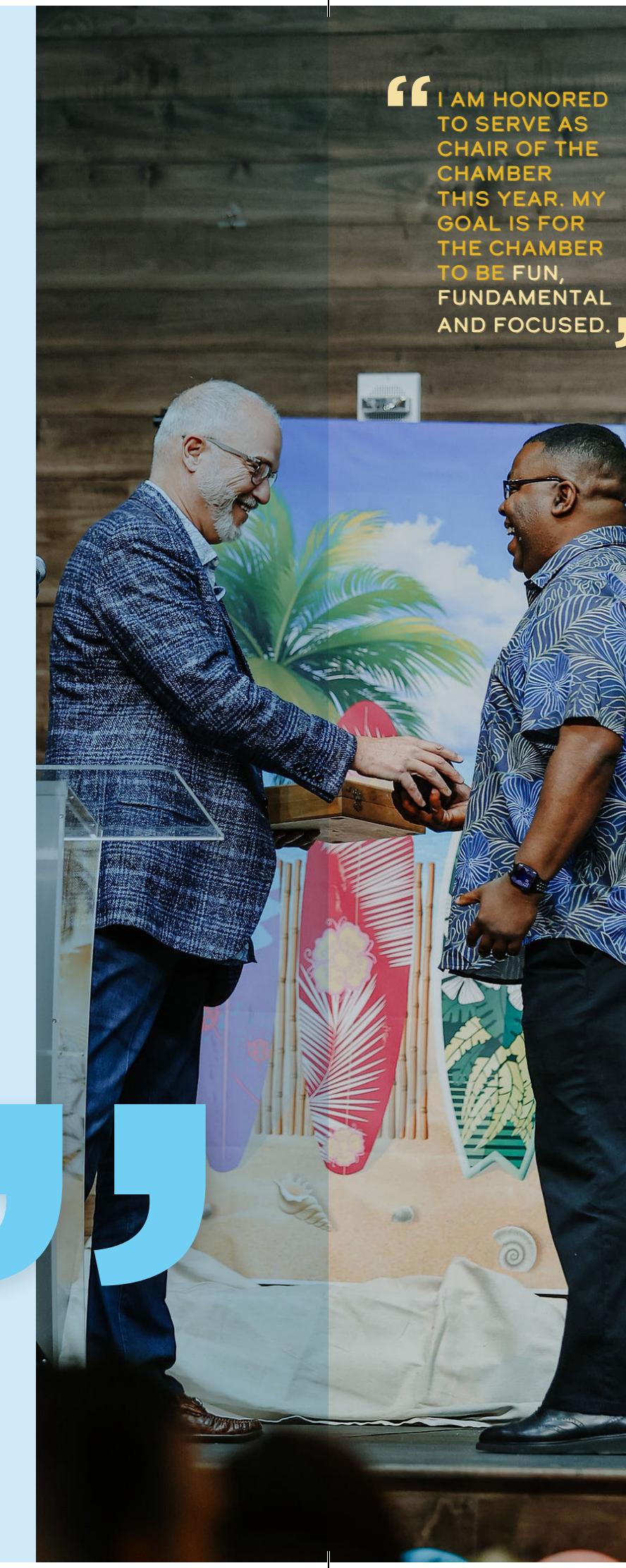
TOMMY AND HIS STAFF HAVE DONE AN AMAZING JOB OF ADAPTING TO THE EVER-CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES TO KEEP PROVIDING GREAT PROGRAMMING AND THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF MEMBER SERVICES.

WE NOW FIND THE CHAMBER STRONGER THAN EVER AND POISED TO HELP LEAD OUR COMMUNITIES INTO AN EVEN BRIGHTER FUTURE.

I AM EXCITED ABOUT MASON'S LEADERSHIP THIS YEAR AND DAVID'S IN 2024.

**YOUR  
CHAMBER  
IS IN VERY  
GOOD  
HANDS.**

**CHRIS  
MADDOX**  
2021-2022 CHAIRMAN



**“I AM HONORED TO SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE CHAMBER THIS YEAR. MY GOAL IS FOR THE CHAMBER TO BE FUN, FUNDAMENTAL AND FOCUSED.”**

# MASON ORR

2023 CHAIRMAN

## FUN

The Chamber in 2023 will be fun and exciting. With all the growth in Barrow County in business and the community, these are exciting times. **I want the Chamber to provide a fun and memorable experience for all our members and the community,** and to show how great our community is. One of my business's values and a Chamber value is to have fun and enjoy what you do. Let's have a fun and exciting time in 2023 and the years to come.

## FUNDAMENTAL

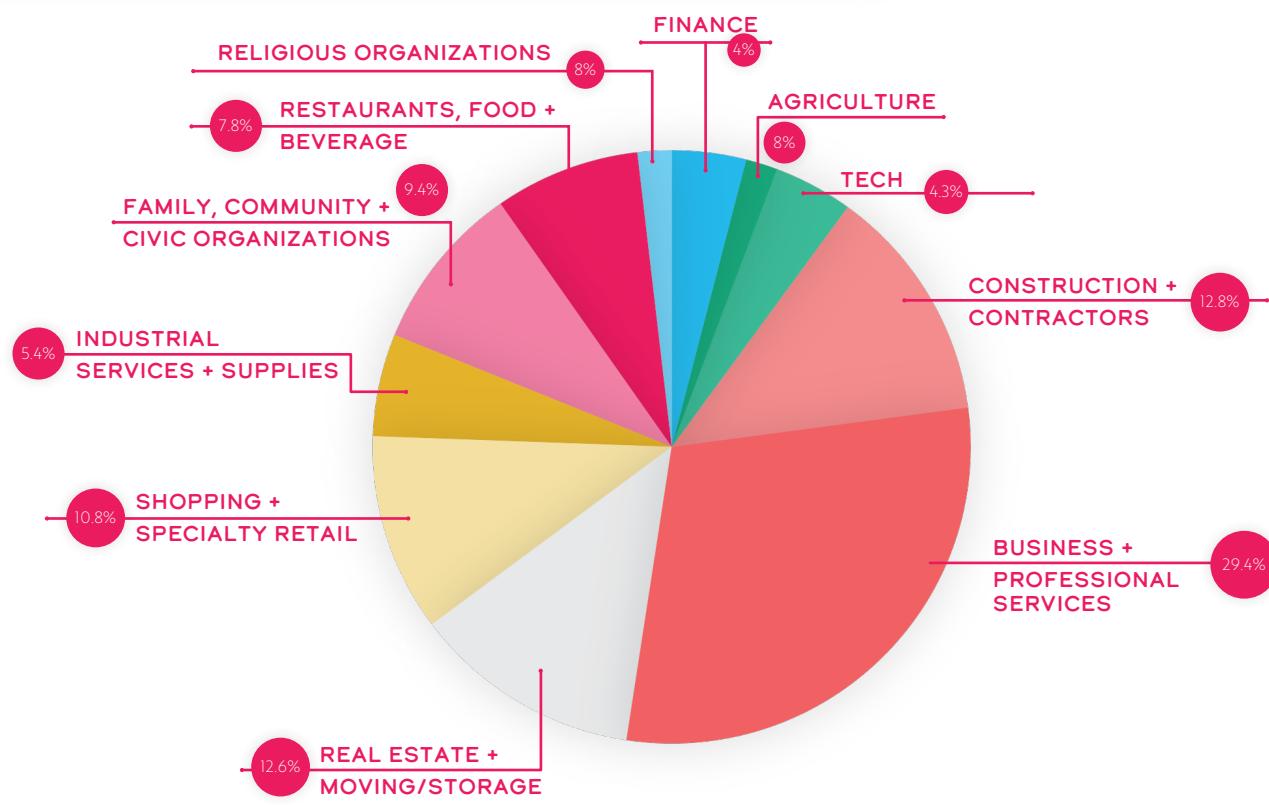
I believe the Chamber should provide programs and services that benefit both our internal and external customers. **I want the Chamber to be a champion for its current members, new members, and community** by providing great resources, information, networking, and a conduit to all the local governments within Barrow County.

## FOCUSED

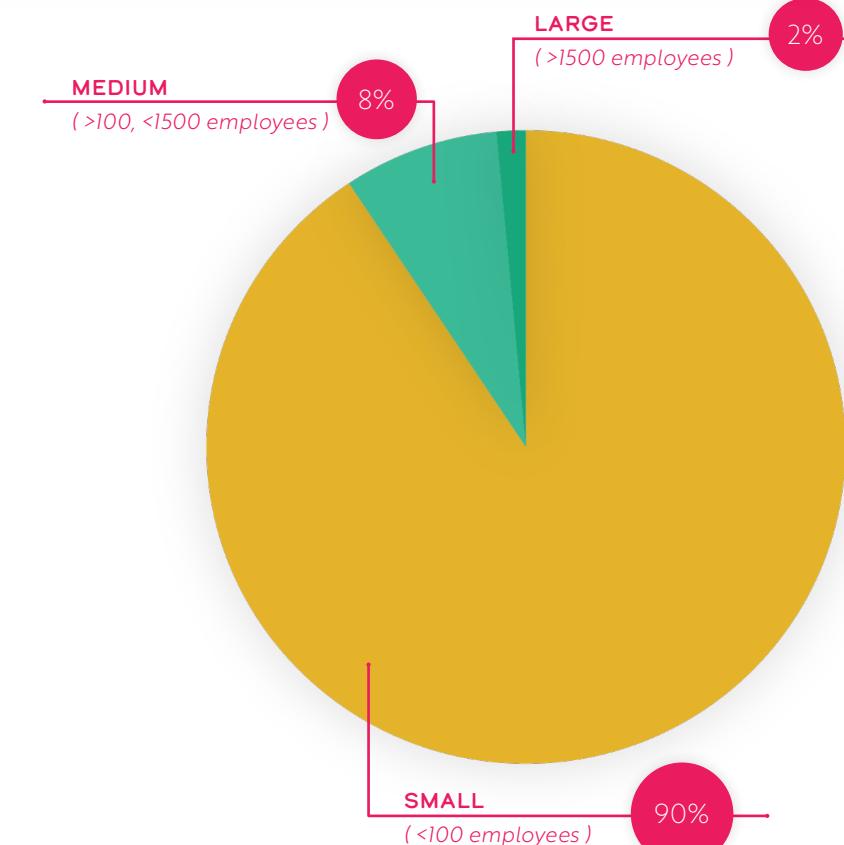
I want the Chamber to focus on our members and the community. We will show how Barrow County is a great place to live and work. **The Chamber is in a great position to support business and the community.** I am very humbled to be the chair for 2023 and look forward to all the great things to come.



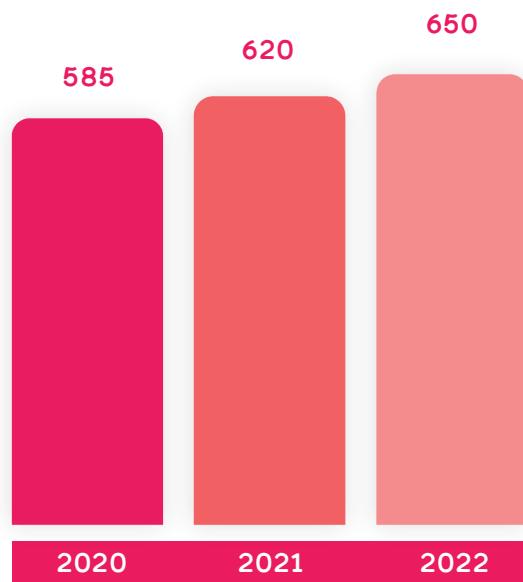
## MEMBERS BY INDUSTRY



## MEMBERS BY BUSINESS SIZE



CHAMBER MEMBERS



BARROW COUNTY POPULATION



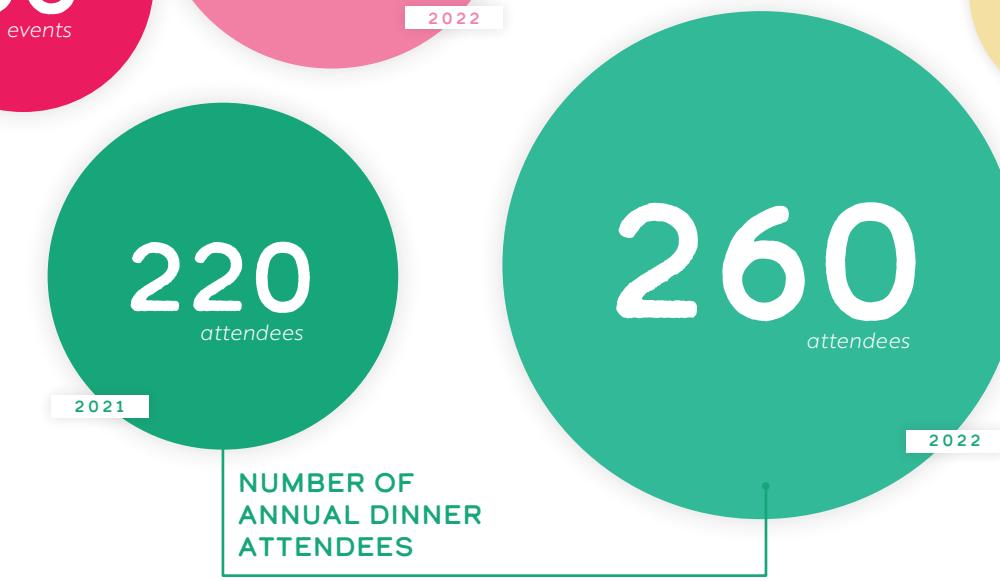
NUMBER OF CHAMBER EVENTS



NUMBER OF NETWORK BARROW ATTENDEES



NUMBER OF ANNUAL DINNER ATTENDEES



# GOLF TOURNAMENT



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# CLAY SHOOT



# ANNUAL DINNER

CONGRATULATIONS TO  
**MARY BRYANT**  
*Mary Bryant & Associates Insurance Agency*



BUSINESSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

→ The team that makes it all happen!



*past winners of the Businesswoman of the Year award*

# DAVID BLETH

2024 CHAIRMAN

IT TOOK GETTING INVOLVED WITH THE BARROW CHAMBER TO SEE FIRSTHAND THE TREMENDOUS WORK OUR CHAMBER DOES BEHIND THE SCENES TO PROMOTE OUR COUNTY.

AS HARRISON POULTRY APPROACHES OUR 65TH ANNIVERSARY AS ONE OF THE LARGEST EMPLOYERS IN THIS COUNTY, I KNOW THAT MR. HARRISON WOULD BE VERY PROUD OF THE EXPLOSIVE GROWTH SEEN IN RECENT YEARS. HE LOVED THIS COMMUNITY AND SERVED IT IN SO MANY WAYS THROUGH THE YEARS, AND HIS EXAMPLE IS A BENCHMARK FOR THE COMPANY TODAY.

MY GOAL FOR 2024 IS THAT THE CHAMBER BECOMES A BRIDGE-BUILDER - THE ORGANIZATION THAT HELPS BRING PARTIES TOGETHER TO HAVE IMPORTANT CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OF OUR GREAT COUNTY.

THAT IS ONE OF THE ROLES THAT CHAMBERS SHOULD PLAY IN COMMUNITIES LIKE OURS.

## BRIDGE-BUILDER

*The organization that helps bring parties together to have important conversations about the present and future of our great county.*

David is the President and CEO of Harrison Poultry, the 2022 Business of the Year.



# IN 2022,

we laid a foundation for a Chamber that will become integral to every important conversation and decision in Barrow County.

# 2023

and the next few years are going to be invigorating. Will you help us create a vibrant future for our community?

THANKS TO OUR

# CHAMBER INVESTORS

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## BOARD OF GOVERNORS



## CHAIRMAN'S CIRCLE



## CORPORATE PARTNERS

