

John McGrath
*The Health Foundation of Greater Massillon
 Chairman's Message*



Ohio Means Internships and Co-ops

Daryl Revoldt, Executive Director, Workforce and Economic Development at Stark State College, is working with the State of Ohio encouraging employers to utilize college interns in the work environment. Daryl states that "The Ohio Means Internships and Co-ops (OMIC) Grant is an investment in state and private money to increase the number of internships and co-ops for employers and students in key industries to close the skills gap, increase student completion, and give Ohio a competitive advantage in the global human capital talent marketplace."

Stark State College will provide up to half of \$15 per hour for each intern with a cap of \$3,000 per company per intern per semester. Interns can work up to 20 hours during the spring and fall semesters and up to 40 hours during the summer semester.

This is an excellent opportunity for a successful and meaningful experience for both employers and students.

For additional information call Daryl Revoldt, at 330.494.6170 x4412 or 330.806.5231 (cell), or email him at drevoldt@starkstate.edu.

October Legislative Breakfast

Join business colleagues from the Massillon Area Chamber of Commerce, the Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce, and the North Canton Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, October 8, at 7:30 a.m. for a Legislative Breakfast. Mike Novelli of AultCare will present a Health Care Reform update.

The joint event will be held at Massillon Eagles #190. Make reservations (\$10 per person) by calling the Massillon Chamber office at 330.833.3146 or emailing info@massillonohchamber.com.

Free BRN Assistance Funnel Resources to Businesses and Helps Cut Red Tape

Where can I source employees? Are there incentives available to help my business expand? How do I create a business plan? Is exporting my product a possibility?

Business owners face these questions, and many more, on a daily basis. The Business Resource Network (BRN) can help connect your business with resources that answer these questions through a single point of contact and at no charge.

The BRN is a partnership representing chambers of commerce, workforce and economic development organizations, universities, colleges, career and technical centers, community organizations, and state and local government agencies. Its structure provides a seamless delivery system for a full range of programming resources, important funding streams, and real solutions for businesses. Tailored information on incentives, tax breaks, employment and training assistance, succession and/or business plans, marketing, exporting assistance, expansion or upgrades, and more are examples of client needs and challenges that can be addressed by the BRN.

The BRN takes the hundreds of resources and streamlines them into a single access point for employers, bringing them from Point A to Point Z of the process. The BRN navigates through the red tape of governmental agencies and programs to determine which funding streams would be best suited to the employer's current and future needs to grow, improve, or expand their businesses.

Contact the BRN to find out how a 60-minute comprehensive and confidential interview can help your business access over 40 partners and their resources to help your business thrive. BRN's goal is to retain businesses in the region and help them grow by delivering key services and incentives with as little hassle and bureaucracy as possible. The services are free and confidential and BRN does not ask for proprietary information.

BRN is enriching our community by building stronger businesses!

For more information, call Kelly Haer, BRN Manager in Stark and Tuscarawas Counties, at 330.491.2649, email her at Khaer@omjwork.com, or visit the website at <http://www.thebrn.net>.



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Golf Shirts

Massillon Chamber logo golf shirts can be purchased in the Chamber office for \$25 while supplies last.