



**Charles Jeff Mills
2016 Volunteer of the Year**

The Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year recognizes an outstanding person who has given significantly of his or her time and expertise to the Henry County Chamber of Commerce. Recipient must be recognized as a role model for other volunteers, having made a marked improvement to the Chamber as a result of their volunteer effort.

This year's honoree unquestionably meets and surpasses each of these requirements.

Our Henry County Volunteer of the Year may have retired from the United States Army after twenty-seven years of service, and then retired *again* after twenty years as a consulting engineer and project manager, serving clients from Mississippi to Maryland and from Kentucky to Puerto Rico, but he has *not* retired from giving of his time and energy to the greater Henry County community. A self-proclaimed serial volunteer, what he does in the community will exhaust you by just listening.

Our honoree is near and dear to us because of his activities at the Chamber of Commerce. He is the Chairman of the Board of the Henry County Convention and Visitor's Bureau [the "CVB"]. As Chairman, he also serves on the Board and Executive Committees of the Chamber.

He leads the Workforce Development team of the One Henry Economic Alliance, where he devotes significant time to managing several “fire teams” to further the development of workforce talent and education in Henry County.

He also is on the board of the Academy for Advanced Studies, Henry County's College and Career Academy, where he serves as Vice Chairman, and works diligently to promote a liaison between business and education.

He serves on the Board of Piedmont Henry Hospital, as well as being a member of the Piedmont Healthcare System Board of Directors, where he is a member of both the Governance and Audit/Compliance Committees.

He is a member of the board of directors of the Henry Radiation Oncology Center.

In his hometown of Locust Grove, he serves as the Chair of its Historic Preservation Commission, where he contributed to efforts to have the city placed on the National Historic Register, and he is an active member of the city's Downtown Development Authority. When the City needed a volunteer to lead a Livable Centers Initiative project, our honoree was there to help.

But to know where his *real* heart lies...he is the teacher of two adult Sunday School classes at Locust Grove First Baptist and the leader of Wednesday night Bible-study classes there.

In his spare time, he likes to “make sawdust” and walk the family dogs. You have probably recognized him so please join me in welcoming Mr. Jeff Mills, the 2016

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