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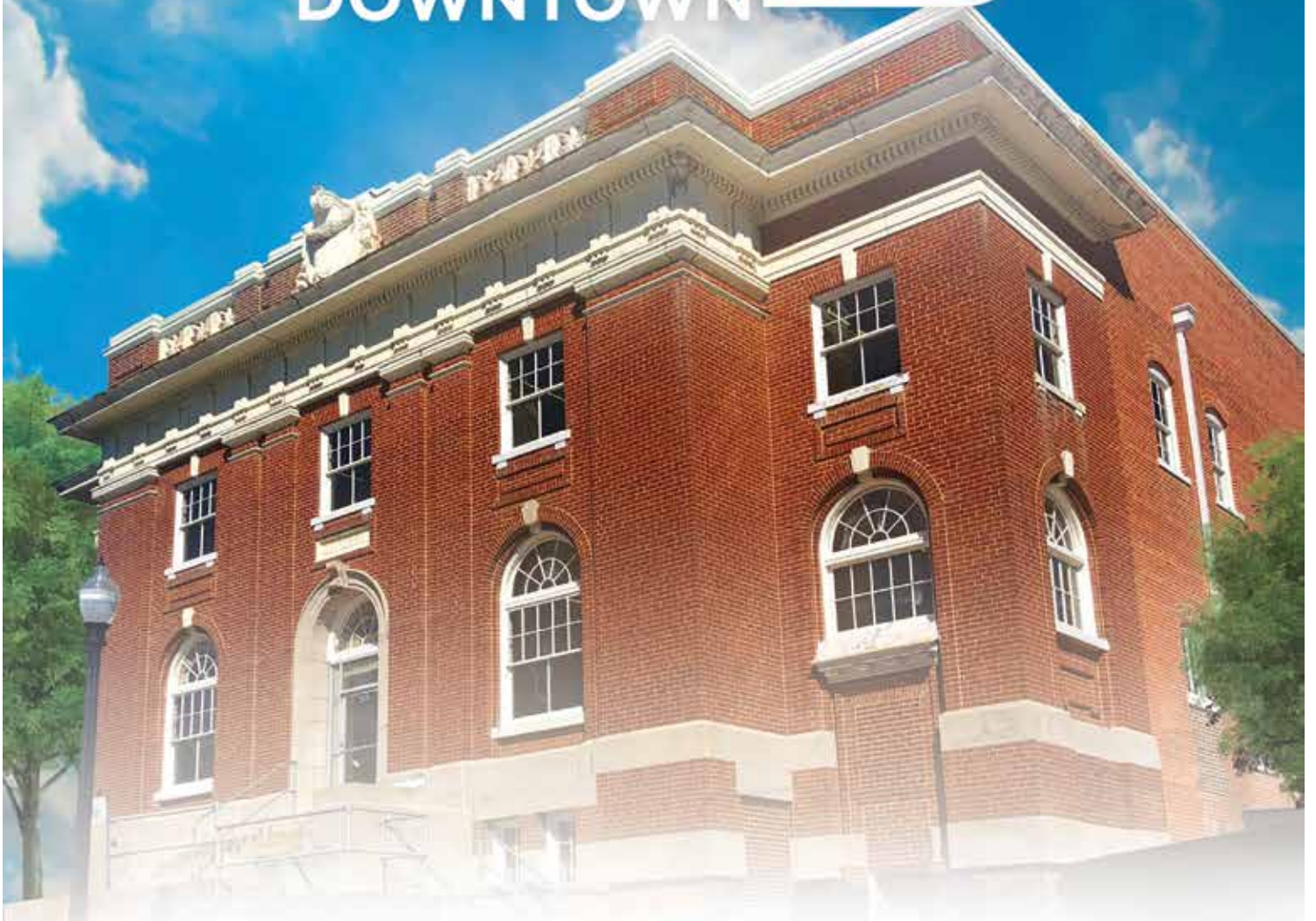
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PASSION OF PURPOSE

at WellStar Spalding Regional Hospital



Patients are at the heart of everything we do at WellStar Spalding Regional. For more than 100 years, the wellness of our community has been, and remains — our purpose. Each day, our physicians, nurses, volunteers, and team members dedicate their lives to serving others by sharing this passion of purpose to provide quality health care and support for our residents and neighboring counties.

WellStar Spalding Regional Hospital is a 160-bed acute-care facility that supports the medical/health needs of over 110,000

patients annually, from Spalding, Lamar, Pike, Butts, Upson and parts of Henry County. Spalding Regional is a not-for-profit hospital, delivering world-class healthcare as part of the WellStar Health System (largest system in Georgia). We reinvest into programs, enhanced services, new technologies and treatments for the benefit of our community. Being part of the WellStar Health Network means that no matter what your need, level, or urgency, we have the services, facilities and capabilities to provide the most comprehensive care.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

We believe prevention and early detection provide the best approach to maintaining health and avoiding disease. Our Community Education and Outreach department promotes this approach by being active in local health fairs, offers screenings, and organizes educational opportunities about various life-stages, to empower our community to get well, stay well and live well. Community events scheduled this year, include the following and more: Speaking About Wellness for Healthy Aging, Advanced Care Planning, Speaking About Wellness for Women, Medication Take Back, BRAdazzled (breast health), and Community Health Fairs. Call 770-956-7827 for more information.

GREAT PLACE TO WORK

WellStar Spalding Regional Hospital is a great place to work. WellStar has been recognized on FORTUNE magazine's 100 Best Companies to Work For list, as well as a top company by Working Mother and the National Association of Female Executives. We place enormous value on quality, safety and our team members. We strive to be an Employer of Choice, which means offering the best benefits and programs for our team members, so they can be successful at work and at home. At WellStar, we care for the people who care for our patients.



SERVICES THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, our medical specialties at WellStar Spalding Regional include: Emergency Services, Cardiac Health (including interventional cardiology), Primary Stroke Center, Orthopedic & Joint Health, Women's Services and Oncology. The hospital also operates several specialized outpatient facilities: Center for Rehabilitation (Griffin and Barnesville), Center for Sleep Medicine, and an award-winning Center for Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine.

- >> WellStar Spalding Regional serves the emergent needs of the community through our Emergency Department providing care for the more than 54,000 emergency patients seeking treatment annually. The Emergency Department includes a number of private medical exam rooms; specialized trauma and critical care rooms; computerized records for safe, accurate charting; direct access to radiology; and designated areas for issues such as decontamination and psychiatric care. The Emergency Department also includes a "Fast Track" care area for non-emergency issues.
- >> Our Emergency Medical Service (EMS) responds to more than 16,500 local calls annually and provides backup service for Butts, Lamar, Pike and Henry counties. Ambulance vehicles include Telemedicine that incorporates webcam functionality to communicate visually/verbally between the paramedic, physician and patient. Units are also equipped with onboard internet access to connect to EKG cardiac monitors and transport ventilators, supporting early diagnosis and treatment during transit to the hospital. King Vision Airway equipment is also available to visually assist in maintaining passages to relieve those who may have difficulty breathing to stabilize before arrival to the ER. The EMS has established a successful Community Medic program for patients who are frequently admitted into the ER. Paramedics visit patients at their home to monitor and assess their condition, in order to offer assistance before reaching the point of calling 911.
- >> Our Outpatient Services Center offers an array of imaging/radiology services 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We are accredited by the American College of Radiology (ACR) in CT, mammography, MRI, nuclear medicine and ultrasound. We recently upgraded our imaging technology, including multiple 3-D mammography machines, two advanced CT scanners, an enhanced MRI machine and a new digital general X-ray room. We also offer lung cancer screenings, bone density scanning, and house the area's only PET-CT scanner. In addition, the hospital's ambulatory services unit for outpatient surgeries as well as specialized services, such as chemotherapy and endoscopy, is provided within our Outpatient Services Center.

JUST FOR WOMEN

Spalding Regional has supported the health of women for over a century. With our specialized Women's Center, this tradition continues as we offer services for all the stages of a woman's life, from obstetrics to gynecology, and provide medical imaging, surgical services and health education resources designed exclusively for women.

Our Women's Services department delivers over 1,000 babies each year. We have a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) to assist infants who need extra care. Women's Services gives guided tours twice a month of the Labor & Delivery suites, Mother/Baby Unit and the Neonatal ICU. The department also holds free classes throughout the year for mothers to enjoy and to provide insight about specific pregnancy topics. This year's classes include: Breastfeeding, Joy of Parenthood (newborn care), and Pain Management for Childbirth.

Our hospital has a dedicated Breast Care Program, specializing in breast health and disease, breast surgery, diagnostic and interventional radiology, radiation and medical oncology, stereotactic biopsy and pathology. We have an Oncology Navigator who provides a single point of contact for cancer patients and their families — from diagnosis through the successful completion of treatment. Our Breast Care program now contains 3D Mammography and Breast MRI services to enhance patient experience and support early detection. We also offer walk-in mammograms twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

RECOGNITION

In addition to earning multiple Joint Commission accreditations, Spalding Regional has received several awards and commendations thanks to the dedication of our team members and physicians, including distinctions from the American Heart Association, Georgia Association of Emergency Medical Services and American College of Surgeons. The Center for Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine has been named National Center of Distinction. Our Primary Stroke Center was presented with the Gold Plus — Target: Stroke Honor Role Elite award by The American Heart/ American Stroke Association. The hospital's Emergency Medical Services was named "Best in the State" and was given the Gold Award for Cardiac Services from the prestigious American Heart Association. Recently, our hospital was bestowed with a statewide Quality and Patient Safety Award, regarding the Infection Prevention and Control category, from Partnership for Health and Accountability (PHA).

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From surgery to therapy, we are dedicated to providing the best possible care for joint conditions. Our Orthopedic surgeons are board certified and specialize in partial/total joint replacement, arthroscopy, and sports medicine. We have a Joint Replacement class specifically designed for patients undergoing hip and/or knee replacement surgery that provides details about what to expect before, during, and safeguards after surgery (home safety, nutrition/exercise recommendations, etc.). Physical and occupational therapists are onsite to evaluate and treat patients on the same day of surgery to enable a swifter recovery. WellStar Spalding also presents a supplemental component that offers several options for continued physical and occupational therapy once patients have been discharged from the hospital, including: home-health, outpatient therapy, and sub-acute rehab. WellStar Spalding Regional Hospital provides physical/occupational outpatient therapy at our Center of Rehabilitation locations in Griffin and Barnesville, and sub-acute rehab at our sister hospital, Sylvan Grove in Jackson.



WE ARE WELLSTAR

WellStar Spalding Regional is part of the WellStar Health System, nationally known for innovative care models, focused on improving quality and access to healthcare. As part of the largest health system in the state, we have access to a network that includes some of the most skilled physicians and advanced services in the country.

Our goal (purpose) is to help improve the health and well-being of our community. We look forward to taking care of you and your family and are proud to be a part of the health-care system of Spalding County.

WellStar Spalding Regional Hospital is located at 601 South 8th Street, Griffin, GA 30224. Visit wellstar.org or call 770-228-2721 for more information.



LEADING LEARNERS

GSCS is empowering students to graduate college, be career ready

The Griffin-Spalding County School System (GSCS) is an AdvancED accredited district serving 10,000 students in 11 elementary schools, four middle schools, two high schools, one alternative high school and the Griffin Regional College and Career Academy. Led by Superintendent James D. Smith, the following district initiatives help guide the GSCS strategic plan and vision of being agents of change, transforming students into future-ready learners and contributing members of society.



ZERO TO FIVE

The Zero to Five Initiative aims to identify, prioritize and partner with local daycares, pre-schools, agencies and organizations to address the needs of children from birth to age five. Using researched-based developmentally appropriate learning experiences, GSCS provides training and materials to local providers to help them prepare young learners for a successful, seamless transition to a formal prekindergarten and kindergarten class. We also connect families of young children in our community with diagnostic screenings, resources, and information to support their children's growth and development towards successful preparation for kindergarten and beyond.

GRIFFIN REGION COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY (GRCCA)

The Griffin Region College and Career Academy (GRCCA) began classes in 2016 serving high school students from Spalding, Butts and Pike Counties. This joint regional effort with Gordon State University and Southern Crescent Technical College offers juniors and seniors innovative career pathways that provide academic and real world experiences. GRCCA will offer the following pathways during the 2019-2020 school year: Auto, Aviation Flight Operations, Aviation Maintenance, CNA, Cosmetology, C++ Programmer, Criminal Justice, Distribution/Logistics, Electrical Systems, Film, Forensic Science, Marketing, Medical Office Staff, Paralegal, Precision Manufacturing, Teaching as a Profession and Welding. GRCCA also offers numerous core college academic classes with both Gordon State and Southern Crescent Technical College.

INTERNS AS TEACHERS

To address the teacher shortage in schools, GSCS Director of Strategic Talent Management Dr. Mack Bullard conceived an idea to fast track the hiring of new teachers. Interns As Teachers is an innovative new program that collaborates with colleges and universities to identify, develop and hire high-performing interns as teachers while they complete the last year of their teacher education program.

The interns are chosen from among the top high performing senior students and are recommended by their dean. Interns must also pass the content certification tests (required by the state of Georgia) and ethics and background checks.

The intern teachers spend the year teaching in the classroom while completing their degrees after hours, are partnered with experienced Master Teachers who serve as mentors that coach them and help them navigate the challenges of their first year of teaching and are given a stipend pay. The teachers who complete the internship program are eligible for a contract to be a regular teacher the following school year at a higher rate of pay than regular first year teachers and are also eligible for benefits a year earlier.

To recruit the best and brightest teaching students, GSCS developed partnerships with several Georgia universities such as Mercer University, Gordon State University, Clayton State University, Middle Georgia State University, University of West Georgia, Georgia College and State University, Georgia Institute of Technology and Albany State University. Interns As Teachers is the first of its kind and the state of Georgia has shown interest in making it a state-wide program.



RIGOROUS CURRICULUM DESIGN (RCD)

GSCS has implemented a three-year process to create curriculum guides for teachers using the Rigorous Curriculum Design (RCD) model. RCD is the district's redesigned approach to delivering and monitoring instruction that directly affects student achievement, while cultivating "in-house" ownership of the curricula. With this model, teachers are able to focus on performance data to align lessons to meet their students' needs, and administrators will be engaged in RCD data monitoring to ensure full implementation. GSCS currently offers curriculum guides for English Language Arts, Math and Science, and will add additional content areas over the next two years. These content areas include Social Studies, Modern Language, Physical Education, Fine Arts and electives. During the 2019-2020 school year, GSCS will continue to develop curriculum guides for additional elective courses.

The curriculum guides serve as road maps that provide guidance to teachers to ensure that all students have access to a rigorous curriculum. There is no change in the standards that are taught – only a change in how it is taught. To support RCD implementation, both principals and teachers have and will continue to receive professional learning to support the implementation of the curriculum guides. RCD provides rigorous and relevant learning opportunities to improve student engagement in the classrooms, with the goal of preparing them for college, career and lifelong success.

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University of Georgia

For the past 130 years, the University of Georgia Griffin Campus has been an integral part of the Griffin and Spalding County community, a partnership that began in 1889 with the opening of the Georgia Experiment Station. The campus has long been known as a premiere research facility for groundbreaking advancements in the fields of agriculture and environmental sciences. In 2005, UGA Griffin expanded its community footprint by offering undergraduate degree completion programs that provide students with high-quality, personalized instruction from world-renowned faculty in a small classroom setting. Graduates of the programs at UGA Griffin receive a University of Georgia degree and join a network of more than 200,000 alumni nationwide and around the world.

Five of UGA's colleges (Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, College of Education, Terry College of Business, and College of Family and Consumer Sciences) are represented locally. UGA Griffin students can choose from undergraduate degree completion programs in the fields of Agribusiness, Biological Science, Consumer Economics, Environmental Resource Science, General Business, Interdisciplinary Studies—Psychology, Interdisciplinary Studies—Sociology, Microbiology and Special Education. To enroll in one of the programs, stu-

dents must have completed 60 hours of transferable coursework and meet the GPA requirements set by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Graduate degree programs also are offered in Mathematics Education, Plant Protection and Pest Management, Special Education, Student Affairs Leadership and Workforce Education.

UGA Griffin is well-known for its first-class research facilities. The Center for Food Safety, established in April 1993, enables faculty to conduct cutting-edge research in food safety that benefits both the food industry and the consumer. Over the years, the Center has developed strong collaborative ties with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as the USDA Russell Research Center. The Center also works closely with food industry companies like The Coca-Cola Company, General Mills and Perdue Farms. Most recently, the Food Product Innovation and Commercialization (FoodPIC) Center opened in 2017 to create short-term partnerships between food entrepreneurs and UGA scientists. FoodPIC scientists provide step-by-step product conception, consumer research, formulation, prototyping, shelf-life analysis and market launch. They are available to the food industry and its suppliers, as well as the general public. Although the building opened just two years ago, FoodPIC originated in 2007 with faculty in the Department of Food Science and Technology. The Center has garnered international recognition for the development of innovative food products through cutting-edge science and technology.

Another recent addition to the campus is the Turfgrass Research and Education Building, which houses scientists who support the turfgrass industry through research, education and training. In the 2014 legislative session, Governor Nathan Deal and the Georgia General Assembly designated funds

for a statewide turfgrass facilities enhancement project, resulting in new research and education buildings on the Athens, Griffin and Tifton campuses. UGA Griffin's facility, the largest of the three, opened in September 2017. Here, turfgrass scientists, their staff, postdoctoral research associates, visiting scientists and graduate students utilize modern laboratories, classroom, conference and office space, as well as attached greenhouses. Their research has led to the use of UGA-bred turfgrasses for lawns, championship golf courses, urban green spaces, and Major League and Little League playing fields in Georgia and around the world. Across campus, researchers in the areas of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Crop and Soil Sciences, Entomology, Food Science and Technology, Horticulture, and Plant Pathology conduct research with local, state, regional, national and international recognition.

One of the jewels of the campus is the Research and Education Garden, a scenic 60-acre tract located on Ellis Road. In the garden, research is combined with education to focus on the development and evaluation of plant cultivars and varieties, pest management tactics and environmentally sound landscape management practices for Southern landscapes. Results from these research projects are often incorporated into the beautiful themed gardens that are housed in the Demonstration Area. The garden is open to the public Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., with several weekend events taking place throughout the year. Visitors are encouraged to take a stroll through the garden to experience the scenic beauty first-hand.

Another bright spot on campus is the century-old Mule Barn which has

been recently converted into the Dundee Café thanks to a gift from the Dundee Community Association. The Dundee Café, open to the public, will feature farm-to-table specialties which patrons can enjoy inside, or outside on the veranda. We encourage everyone to come to campus and enjoy the views and the food. The Mule Barn is the oldest structure on campus, which housed the mules that pulled plows and other farming equipment for researchers in the early 20th Century. Original woodwork and other historic features, such as the names of the mules above their bridle mounts and handwritten crop weight calculations on the walls, have been protected during the renovations. Interesting artifacts that depict campus history are showcased in rotating exhibits in the café. The café will be the first dining facility for UGA Griffin and will provide a gathering place for campus faculty, staff and students, as well as the Griffin community.

Our connection and service to the Griffin-Spalding County community is very important to the UGA Griffin community. Our campus has been a longtime supporter of the Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce, as well as many other organizations throughout the area. UGA Griffin has been consistently recognized as a Pacesetter for the United Way and was named the Chamber's 2017 "Corporate Citizen of the Year." We are excited to extend our long-standing partnership for many years to come. The University of Georgia looks forward to our involvement in future economic developments in the Griffin-Spalding community, while ensuring an opportunity for education and continuing to help ensure we are all "Growing Together."





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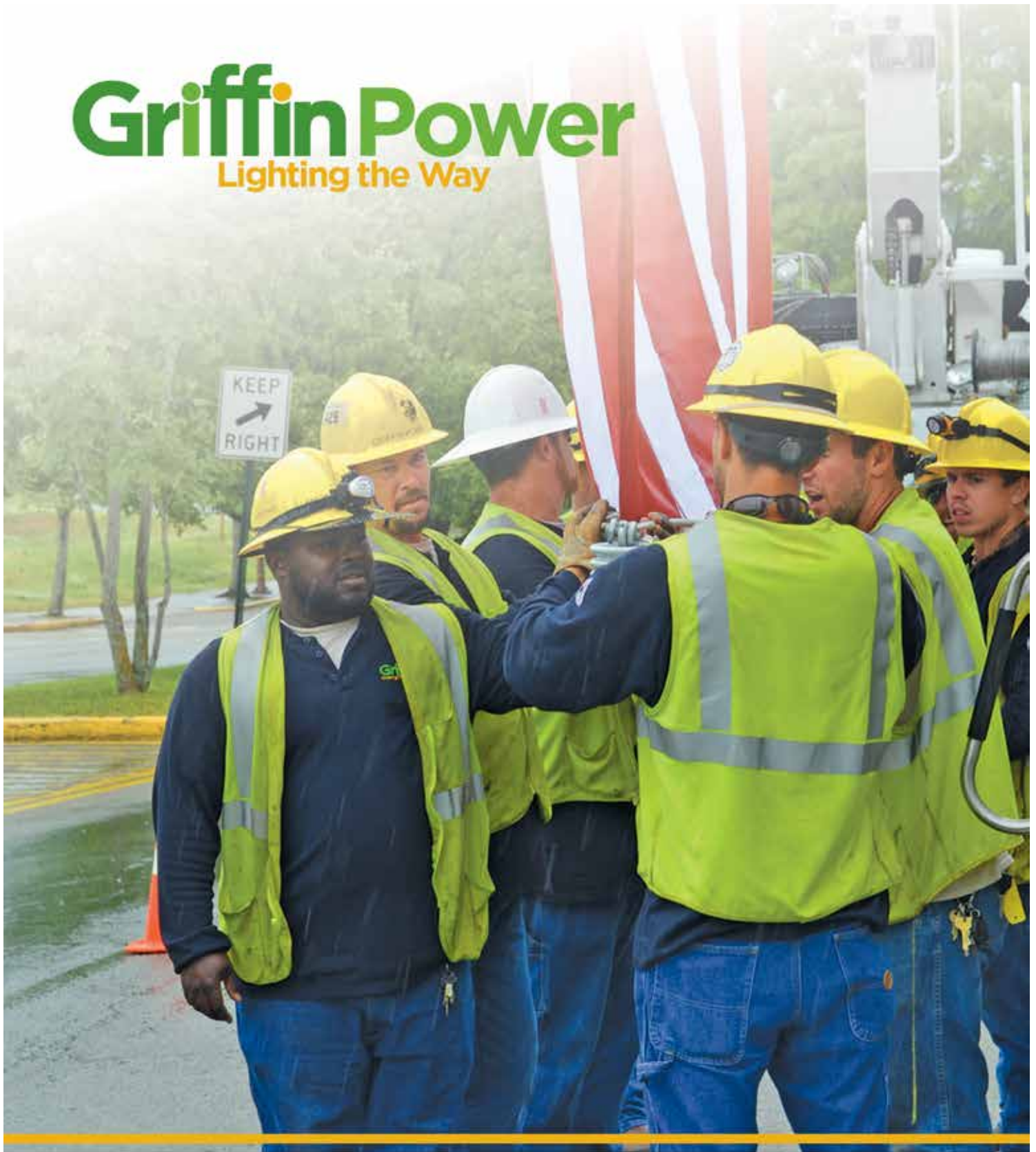
In April Dr. Kirk A. Nooks will be invested as Gordon's fourth president, while in May the campus will expand with the opening of its Student Services Center designed to streamline the admissions process. Renovation on the campus' main Academic Building will begin in the summer.

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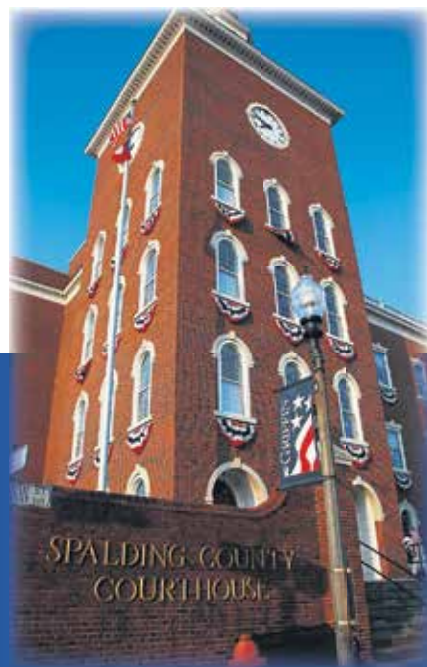
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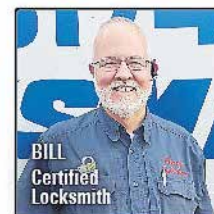
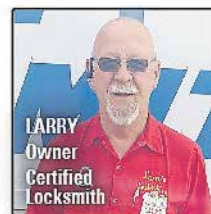
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Evolving from its beginnings as a center for textile companies, the area now has a diversified employer base of light manufacturing and



assembly, high-tech industry, research and development. This was accomplished by a strong pro-business attitude, relatively low land cost, a qualified labor force along with the appropriate support infrastructure.

The Griffin-Spalding Development Authority offers land for companies to grow in its publicly owned industrial parks as well as in other sites across the county. The Lakes at Green Valley, the only “eco” mixed-use park in Georgia require all site development and building construction meet a standard for environmentally sustainable construction. Nine of the 11 sites in the park have been sold so far — Otsuka, Toppan and Marukan.

The University of Georgia Griffin Campus Food Product Innovation and Commercialization Center (FoodPIC) will assist companies in developing new food products efficiently and economically. The center will facilitate commercialization of food products by providing intellectual resources and physical facilities for both start-up ventures and existing food companies.

Southern Crescent Technical College is the area’s home for Georgia Quick Start, the state’s workforce education program. SCTC has recently expanded their Film Technology Associates degree program training entry-level technicians who can successfully obtain employment in the film/video production industry.

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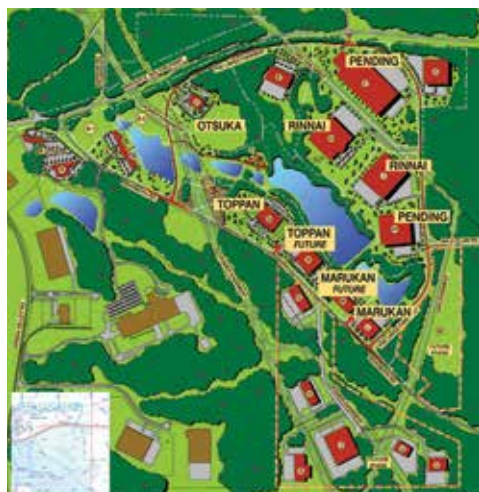
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For those interested in walking or running, Airport Road Park is a favorite venue featuring a unique half-mile walking trail constructed of about 7,000 recycled tires. The park also features a playground and commons area for families to enjoy the outdoors.

Wyomia Tyus Olympic Park located on Cowan Road is a premier regional park featuring 164 acres of nature and sports complexes. This award winning park is named for resident Wyomia Tyus, a local 1964 and 1968 Olympics gold medalist both years and gold record holder in track. She won a total of three gold medals and one silver in her combined Olympic events. The park features wooded landscaping, 7 field soccer complex, 5 field baseball complex, nationally recognized 18 court pickleball tournament facility, 5K trail, nationally ranked 18 hole disc golf course, nature trails, pavilions, inclusive/adaptive playgrounds, walking trails and more.



GRIFFIN-SPALDING RECREATION

Spalding County is home of award winning Senior Adult program services offered at a 27,000 square foot state of the art Senior Center. This program offers more than 40 ongoing programs for adults age 60 and over. The Banquet Hall on Memorial Drive located inside the Senior Center has become a highly favored facility for rentals and special occasions with a seating capacity of 225.

Three recreation centers feature active youth and adult programming, indoor basketball courts, community rooms, ball fields, playgrounds, pavilions, sport courts and more!

Spalding County Parks and Leisure Services offers something for everyone. Quality youth and adult sports programs are offered throughout the county. Volunteer Associations work with the department to provide programming for all age levels.

Spalding County offers many options for the outdoor enthusiast. Dundee Lake Park features 184 acres of natural beauty, fishing, pavilion and the Donald Carl Shannon Memorial 18 hole Disc Golf Course. Check out www.spaldingparks.com for more information on Parks and Leisure Services.

For local golfers, Griffin City Park offers a challenging 18-hole golf course. For a family outing at the City Park there are tennis courts, picnic areas and playgrounds under shady trees and paved walking paths. Another local golf course, Cabin Creek, offers 18 holes on rolling hills with plenty of challenges. Also nearby two private courses at Heron Bay and SunCity Peachtree. The Cedars, The Pines, Raintree, Morgan Dairy and The Club at Shoal Creek are other 18-hole courses in nearby counties.

Griffin and Spalding County provide excellent access to outdoor recreation areas. The Flint River is great for fishing and boating along the western border of the county, and local anglers make their big catches at the City Reservoir or at Still Branch Reservoir in nearby Pike County.

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ARTS AND CULTURE

Griffin and Spalding County continues growing their community for the arts, from ballet to choral music, and from drama to fine arts and crafts.

The Griffin Area Arts Alliance is an umbrella organization for the arts. It was a catalyst in restoring the 1,100-seat Griffin Auditorium, which hosts many performing groups as well as the Griffin Area Concert Association's four-concert series featuring national and international guest artists.

>> The Griffin Ballet Theatre offers a first-rate annual production of "The Nutcracker" and other performances throughout the year.

>> Two theatre groups, Camelot Theatre Company and the Main Street Players, put on theatrical productions showcasing local performers' talents throughout the year. Camelot Kids allow young hopefuls to express their creativeness and talents on the stage.

>> For music enthusiasts and performers, the Griffin Choral Arts, Griffin Chamber Music Society and Griffin School for the Arts sponsor several programs and concerts throughout the year.

>> The Griffin Regional Welcome Center, in downtown Griffin, is home to the Griffin/Spalding Art Association's Art Gallery. This local venue allows local artists to display and sell their work. The Association also funds a scholarship for a graduating high school senior.

There are several annual community-wide events that draw people from surrounding areas.

>> The Kiwanis Spalding County Fair in October attracts both the young and the young at heart to view local exhibits and the excitement of the midway rides and games.

>> Sports enthusiasts will enjoy a visit to the Griffin-Spalding Athletic Hall of Fame that promotes the preservation of the history of sports in our area. It was the brainchild of the late Bill Beck III, who founded the Athletic Hall of Fame in 1984. Those recognized for their accomplishments are honored with an official induction ceremony and a plaque.

The "Hall" consists of players, coaches, sports



writers, photographers and others that have made a positive impact on Griffin-Spalding County in the sports field. Our community takes great pride in being able to say that over 27 individuals from Griffin and Spalding County have played pro football including such notables as Rayfield Wright, Jesse Tuggle and Willie Gault; Joe Ward in basketball; Jeff Treadway in baseball. Wyomia Tyus earned gold medals in track in two Olympics. These are among the many that make the residents of Griffin and Spalding County proud of their home-town athletic heroes.

Additionally, the "Hall" contains sports memorabilia from ages past through the present. The Athletic Hall of Fame is located at 843 Memorial Drive, Griffin, Georgia.

>> Everyone is invited to join us for the Doc Holliday Festival in September where there is competition barbecue cooking and a host of entertainment with vendors and music located in the beautifully shaded Griffin City Park. For information visit docholidayfest.com.



- >> The Griffin Downtown Council sponsors an old fashioned Christmas. Festivities include a downtown open house with tasty treats such as hot cider and popcorn along with crafts, and of course, a visit from Santa Claus.
- >> The Southside Riders Association hosts the Annual Christmas Parade. The streets are filled with onlookers as the parade participants proudly maneuver their decorated floats along the route. Bands supply seasonal music while many groups, organizations and individuals add to this festive activity. Santa provides the finale to the delight of all children.
- >> It is tradition in Spalding County to ring in the holiday season with the annual Festival of Lights at Airport Road Park on Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Thousands gather for the largest community wide event featuring personal visits with Santa, S'more making, Cookie Decorating, snow flurries and a chance to run through Elf Training School. For information on Parks and Leisure Services visit www.spaldingparks.com.

HISTORY

Griffin and Spalding County residents are proud of the area's rich and colorful history that has played a major role in the shaping of Georgia.

Spalding County was named for Thomas Spalding, considered by many to be comparable to Benjamin Franklin.

He was a prominent figure in agriculture, politics, and banking. His name was immortalized in 1851 by awarding it to our newly-formed county.

Prior to the founding of Spalding County, Griffin was established by Gen. Lewis Lawrence Griffin when he chose an ideal location for a town along his Monroe Railroad's north-south route.

Perhaps one of Spalding County's most famous residents was John Henry "Doc" Holliday. Holliday was born in Griffin in 1851 and baptized at First Presbyterian Church of Griffin. He attended the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery and moved back to Georgia after graduation. At the age of twenty-one he inherited a property on Solomon Street in Griffin where some locals believe he practiced dentistry. A diagnosis of tuberculosis forced him to move West and he died in Glenwood Springs, Colorado in 1887.

The original Spalding County Courthouse, built in 1859, is still standing on the southwest corner of Broad and 5th streets. Though it is no longer used as the county seat of government, the building is one of Georgia's few antebellum courthouses.

All of Griffin and Spalding County's historic events did not occur a century ago. Prior to the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta 12 local heroes participated in the torch relay through Spalding County. During the celebrations surrounding the Atlanta Olympics the newest Spalding County park was named in honor of Wyomia Tyus, a Griffin native and Olympic gold medalist in the 1964 and 1968.

For more information on attractions, call the Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce at 770-228-8200 and visit the Griffin Regional Welcome Center, Griffin-Spalding Historical Society, Griffin-Spalding Archives, and Griffin-Spalding Athletic Hall of Fame.



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770-467-6600
200 A Z Kelsey Avenue, Griffin, GA 30223

Griffin Region College
and Career Academy
770-229-3710 ext. 10482
221 Spalding Dr, Griffin, GA 30223

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Griffin Christian Schools
2000 W McIntosh Rd, Griffin, GA 30223
Academy (Grades K-6)
770-228-2711
High School (Grades 7-12)
770-467-8198

New Horizons New
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EMPLOYMENT

City of Griffin Personnel	770-229-6427
Express Employment	770-227-9103
Georgia Department of Labor	770-228-7226
Impact Outsourcing Solutions	770-412-0868
Personnel Options	770-412-1510
Spalding County Personnel	770-467-4231
Workforce Development	770-229-9799

VITAL SERVICES

In case of emergency, dial 911

Griffin Police Department	770-229-6450
Spalding County Sheriff's Office	770-467-4282
Georgia State Patrol	770-229-3410
City of Griffin Fire-Rescue	770-229-6415
Spalding County Fire Department	770-228-2129

GOVERNMENT

CITY OF GRIFFIN

City Manager and Board of Commissioners
770-229-6425
100 S. Hill St., Griffin

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770-467-4232
119 E. Solomon St., Griffin

COMMUNICATIONS

RADIO

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NEWSPAPER

The Griffin Daily News
770-227-3276

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REGISTRATIONS

VOTER REGISTRATION

Board of Elections and Registration Office
770-467-4245
825 Memorial Drive, Griffin
Legal residents of Spalding County 18 years or older are eligible to register to vote.

DRIVER'S LICENSE

Georgia State Patrol Headquarters
770-229-3415
1313 Arthur K. Bolton Parkway, Griffin

AUTOMOBILE TAG

Tag Agent's Office
770-467-4380
Spalding County Courthouse
132 E. Solomon St., Griffin
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SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Superintendent's Office
770-229-3700
216 S. 6th St., Griffin
www.gscs.ga.us
Children entering Georgia Public Schools must present a birth certificate and proof of immunizations, as well as proof of eye, ear, and dental examinations. Proof of residence is also required.

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100 S. Hill St., Griffin

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City Water, Wastewater and Stormwater
770-229-6403
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(2014 City-Data)

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CITY OF GRIFFIN

CLIMATE

62°
ANNUAL
AVERAGE
TEMPERATURE

AVERAGE
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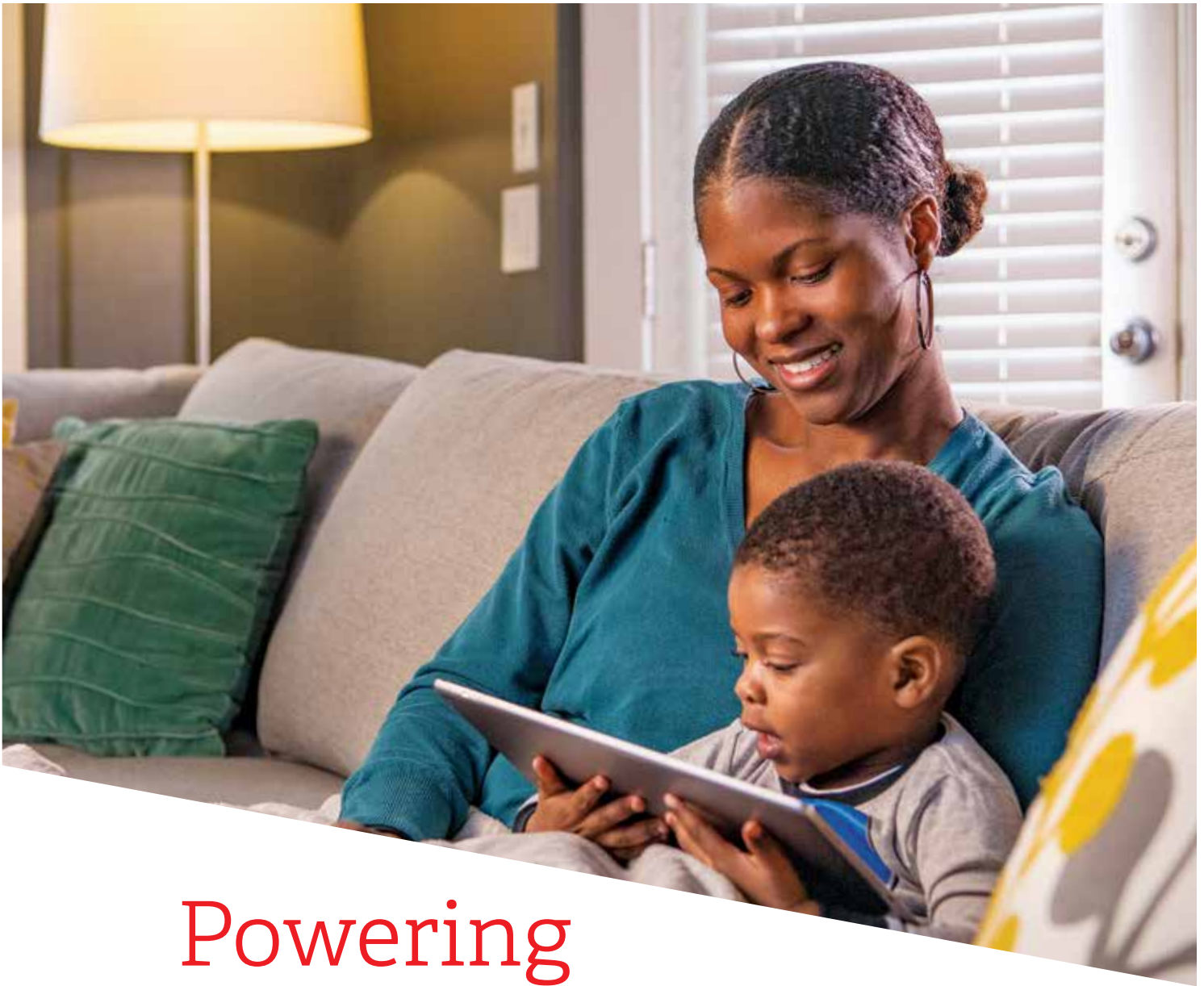
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