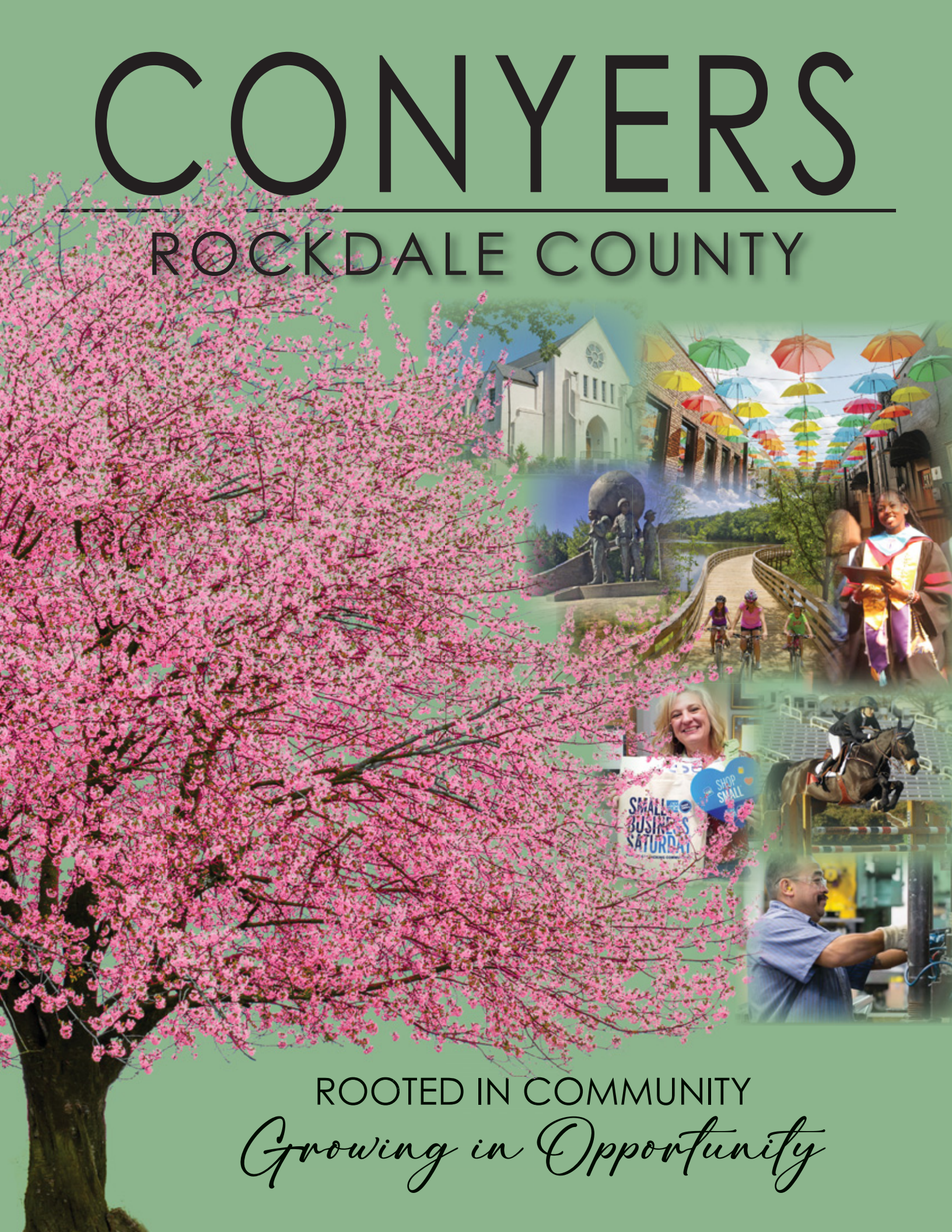
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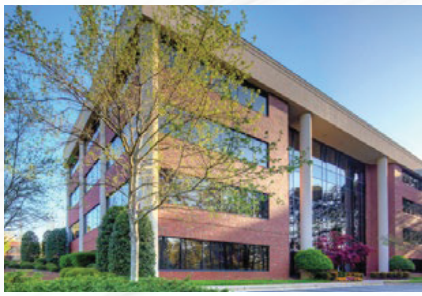
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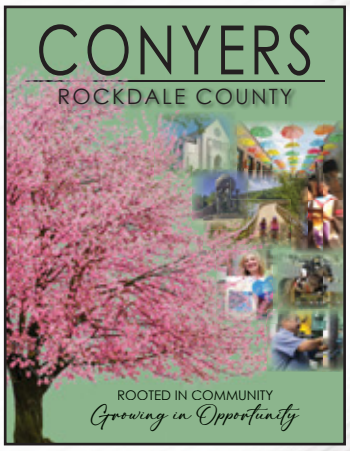
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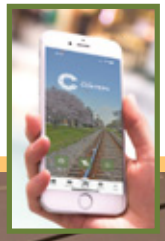
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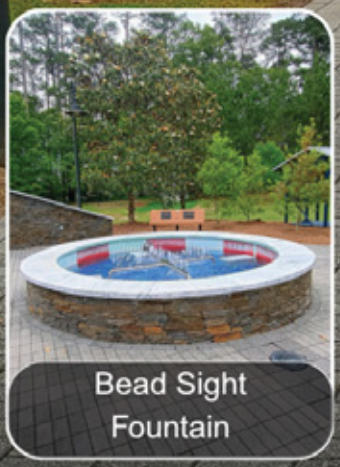
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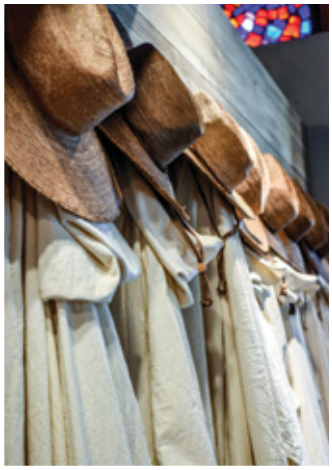
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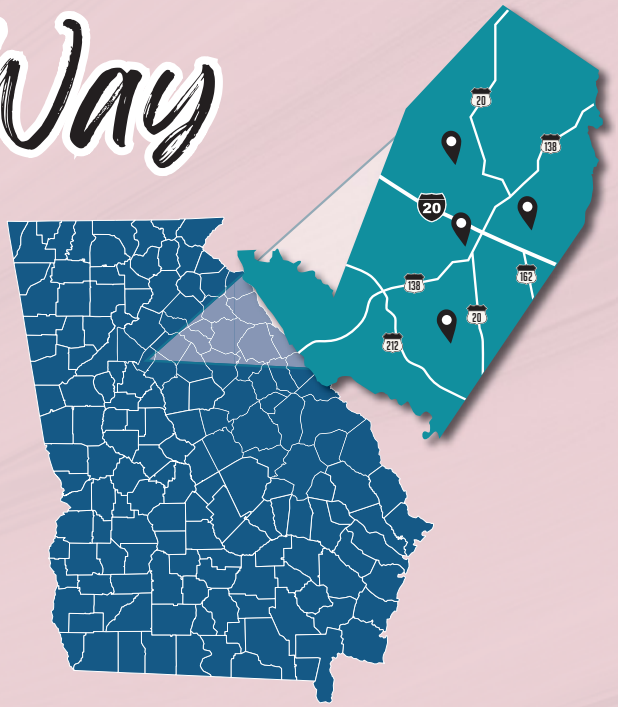








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something for every member of the family generally within a few minutes of home! And, Atlanta is only thirty minutes away when you want to experience big city culture. In Conyers/Rockdale County, you can enjoy the better of two worlds. Olde Town Conyers, the community's downtown area and historical hub, is home to a local drama troupe and active arts council, a modern library, a charming bookstore, quaint pubs, an eclectic mix of eateries, and contemporary churches. Olde Town Conyers is no stranger to bright lights and camera crews as it's been a preferred film location for several feature films and popular television series. Over the years, Conyers/Rockdale County as a whole has become a popular location for film and television production companies because of its unique and diverse landscape and friendly community appeal. Experience the community's history by visiting The Dinky, one of only three remaining circa-1905 steam locomotives in the world. Walk across the railroad tracks to the Depot, where the Conyers Welcome Center is located, to pick up information about everything that is distinctly Conyers and Olde Town, or tour the Old Jail adjacent to the Rockdale County Judicial and Administrative Complex that serves as a museum featuring fascinating pieces of Conyers' past.

■ Enjoying simple pleasures

The Nancy Guinn Memorial Library, located in Olde Town Conyers, is well worth a visit to find a good book to read or conduct research. Named for Nancy Graham Guinn, founder and first president of the Conyers Civic League, Mrs. Guinn raised the necessary funds to establish a public library for Rockdale County residents in 1920. The library's collection includes books, e-books, audio books, DVDs, music CDs, computers, law materials, and more. In addition, the library offers service departments for children, young adults as well as adults, a summer reading club, book sales and other programs for the community.

Throughout the county, shopping opportunities abound. Home to many national retailers along with quaint specialty shops, you are able to purchase most anything from aged antiques to specialty tools, right here in Conyers/Rockdale County. Dining out is popular in the community among residents and visitors alike. Every type of eatery from national chains to hometown specialties, provides an excellent menu for mealtime selections. Our diverse options include international cuisine such as Japanese, Chinese, Mexican, Thai, Vietnamese, Jamaican, and Italian, as well as traditional American fare such as sandwiches, seafood, burgers and barbecue. For religious sanctuary, there are many churches in the community representing various faiths. Regardless of religious preference, one of the most beautiful places for peace and spiritual renewal is the Monastery of the Holy Spirit. The Monastic Heritage Center, a 17,000-square foot complex, incorporates both new and renovated historic monastery structures bringing together the Monastery's varied public spaces: The Visitor Center and Historic Barn, the Abbey Gift Shop, the



Central Courtyard and the Memorial Plaza and Prayer Walk. The Heritage Center prepares visitors to experience the monastery church and the gifts of stillness and reflection offered there. Visit the Abbey Church for silent prayer or attend the daily public Mass. Visit the Abbey Store for original items such as monk-crafted Rosaries, books, monk-made specialties including fudge and biscotti and other gifts. Local groups also enjoy holding retreats at the Monastery. Also on site is Honey Creek Woodlands, 70 acres of land designated as a quiet and beautiful final resting place for people of all faiths. Started by a group of 21 Trappist monks in 1944, the Monastery of the Holy Spirit is a majestic and holy place that should not be missed. After just one visit, you will want to return again and again.

■ Planning for a secure future

Educational opportunities are plentiful in Conyers/Rockdale County. The mission of Rockdale County Public Schools is to ensure student success for all through a world-class education with advanced opportunities and personalized support. This community is a strong proponent of the school system, having passed a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax six times to fund capital projects including new schools.

If private school is your choice, there are numerous options available in Rockdale County. Several Christian schools offer accredited programs



featuring advanced academics, competitive sports teams, fine arts and more. Students can pursue certificate and degree programs without ever leaving Rockdale County. Within a short driving distance, there are a host of colleges and universities, such as the main campuses of Georgia State University, Troy University, Georgia Piedmont Technical College, Emory University at Oxford, Georgia Institute of Technology, Gwinnett Technical College and the University of Georgia.

■ Staying Healthy

Residents needing medical services have easy access to Piedmont Rockdale Hospital, a quality healthcare facility serving east metro Atlanta. State-of-the-art technology and a caring staff are hallmarks of Piedmont Rockdale Hospital. Part of the Piedmont Healthcare system, those who live and work in east Atlanta have easy access to one of Georgia's premier health systems featuring advanced specialty services in the areas of heart care, cancer care, transplant services and clinical trials. A community partner, the hospital provides wellness classes and programs educating area citizens on the benefits of maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Conyers/Rockdale County is also home to Kaiser Permanente and Northside Hospital/Georgia Cancer Specialists facilities, providing even more local options to our community and region.

Recognizing that wellness is a key component for staying healthy, Rockdale County offers many parks, trails, and recreational opportunities, including an outdoor "fitness court" and Pickleball courts at the Lawn at Wheeler Park, as well as a bikeshare program with stations throughout the community. In the summer of 2026, Rockdale County, in partnership with the City of Conyers, opened a new skatepark and splashpad at the Lawn at Wheeler Park. All of these options give residents and visitors plenty of opportunities to enjoy being active outdoors.

■ Having fun with family and friends

Recreation enthusiasts have several choices in Conyers/ Rockdale County. Rockdale County Parks and Recreation offers a variety of sports activities including youth and adult leagues. Choose from tennis, soccer, football, softball, baseball, basketball, or swimming lessons. Take an aerobics, zumba or piyo class, sign language or acting class, or join in on the fun with wildly popular E-sports games. Rent a park pavilion or indoor facility for your upcoming family reunion or birthday party. The Parks and Recreation Department also offers fun, family community events free of cost all throughout the year, including the Summer Concert Series and Autumn Fest. The City of Conyers offers many events throughout the year such as Spring Concert Series, Red, White & Boom, Taste of Spring and Olde Town Fall Festival. The Conyers Rockdale Council for the Arts also offers cultural programs for children and adults in addition to hosting theatrical performances for the community.

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Rockdale County invites older adults to participate in a host of recreational and social events and activities at the Olivia Haydel Senior Center. Rockdale residents 60 years and over and their spouses are eligible for membership in the center. Classes and recreational activities are available to adults age 50 and older. The Olivia Haydel Senior Center offers a variety of daily activities as well as field trips. Civic groups and other organizations are the backbone of the community, providing resources for special projects that benefit all who call Conyers/Rockdale County home. The Conyers-Rockdale Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Clubs, Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, Optimist Club, Toastmasters International, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars are just a few of these organizations. Other groups meet based on special interests and activities, such as Keep Conyers-Rockdale Beautiful, the Conyers Garden Club, Conyers Civic League, Friends of the Library and six local chapters of sororities and fraternities. You can be a part of a group that shares your interests. If you are looking to be a part of volunteer service, there are plenty of opportunities that fit almost any passion. There is truly something for everyone in Conyers/Rockdale County.

■ **Working near where you live**

The Conyers/Rockdale County community is a friend to business and industry. City and county officials



support smart growth. Throughout the county are manufacturers who find Conyers/Rockdale County the ideal location to grow their businesses while their employees have a secure place in which to nurture their families. There are plenty of options available for office campuses, plant sites, and retail locations. Easy highway access to major interstates and state highways makes shipping and transportation hassle-free. In addition, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is less than 30 miles away. Entrepreneurship is supported and encouraged in Conyers/Rockdale County through programs such as the Conyers-Rockdale Chamber of Commerce's Entrepreneurial Academy. Located just 24 miles east of Atlanta, you can enjoy all of the advantages of a metropolitan area with few of the concerns found in a major city. Proximity makes Conyers/Rockdale County a great place to live and work. You'll find it desirable to blend in and become a part of the comfortable rhythm of Conyers/Rockdale - rooted in community, growing in opportunity.



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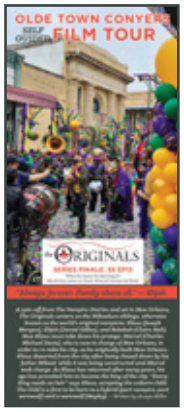
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Our schools offer a perfect blend of resources to create invaluable opportunities for today's students to achieve their dreams. Students are challenged to work harder, reach higher, dream bigger and excel.

"Rockdale County Public Schools believes every student deserves access to opportunities that inspire their passions and prepare them for a successful future," said Superintendent Dr. Stephanie Johnson. "From the award-winning Rockdale Career Academy, where students can explore more than 25 career pathways and earn industry certifications, to the Rockdale Magnet School for Science and Technology, where students tackle real-world challenges through research, laboratory work, and academic competition, our programs are designed to help students thrive. Across our middle and high schools, specialty programs in the arts, health sciences, technology, entrepreneurship, business, and other fields allow students to discover their interests while developing skills for college, careers, and life."

Charged with educating all students so they make positive contributions to society, apply learning to life, and excel based on individual ability, Rockdale County Public Schools provides the necessary academic, cultural, and social opportunities. It's this kind of vision that holds our schools accountable to the highest standards possible.

■ Challenging Curriculum

RCPS is home to 22 schools consistently recognized for their outstanding commitment to student success - earning numerous state and national awards for student achievement, athletics, and the arts. RCPS understands that one size does not fit all, and teaching and learning must be customized for each student. The curriculum is distinguished by increased rigor for all students. Comprehensive, academically rigorous courses and programs in elementary, middle, and high school ensure that all students are challenged with experiences that help them become life-long learners. Research shows that students who take Advanced Placement (AP) courses are more likely to complete a college education. RCPS high schools are continually recognized as Advanced Placement Honor Schools by the State of Georgia.

Specialty and choice programs throughout the district allow students to cross attendance zones and customize their learning. Programs such as AVID college prep, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), Performing and Visual Arts, Advanced Technology, International Entertainment and Business Leadership, and Health and Medical Science programs allow students to explore something new or dive deeper into specialized programs of study based on current interests and talents.

In addition to the specialty and choice programs, all high school students can attend classes at the Rockdale Career Academy which offers over twenty-five career pathways, many of which are industry certified. A consortium of the school system, community, and local business and industry, RCA students participate in an outstanding, state-certified college/ career/ technical curriculum while learning the marketable job skills necessary to prepare them for postsecondary educational and workplace opportunities.

The Rockdale Magnet School for Science and Technology provides a four-year research curriculum and has just expanded to grades 4-8. These programs have a competitive selection process for enrollment and provide a smaller learning community. The middle grades program is focused on infusing STEM across all subjects, giving students immersive experiences to prepare them for future STEM pathways. High school Magnet students have traveled as far as Turkey and Japan to present their research and are often awarded in the top three at international science competitions. Magnet students graduate with strong STEM knowledge and skills that afford them acceptance into the top colleges and universities of their choice. Memorial Middle School's STEM program is a school choice program which focuses on environmental studies. It provides hands-on learning for those interested in STEM and is open to students throughout the district. Students thrive in learning environments suited to their needs, so RCPS offers several non-traditional learning opportunities including a virtual campus where all graduation requirements can be met online or through a blended learning model. Students can attend the Virtual Campus and still be able to participate in extracurricular activities.

Transforming teaching and learning with technology is critical to keeping pace with today's students and the global workforce that demands it. RCPS has implemented a 'one to one' plan which provides access to an electronic device for every teacher and student. Students in grades 2–12 are issued individual laptops while students in pre-K – 1st grade have access to iPads in every classroom. Virtual classroom space and vast digital resources are provided through a learning management system. Digital Citizenship training is provided for all students, teachers, and parents as a key component of the technology transformation.





■ **Starting early**

The school system has introduced an exceptional Early Learning Initiative through public/private partnerships. Early Learning activities support the optimal development of young children and their families. The RCPS Early Learning Initiative aspires to ensure all Rockdale County children possess the necessary readiness skills upon entering our Pre-K and Kindergarten programs by targeting educational opportunities for children ages 0 to 4 of moderate- to-low-income families. Early learning initiatives through Georgia's Pre-K program are available at all public elementary schools and many private early learning centers throughout the county.

■ **Establishing a firm foundation**
Elementary School - Grades Pre-K - 5

The Pre-K and Kindergarten programs of the public school system expose children to a structured school environment and introduce school readiness concepts, while the remainder of the elementary school experience builds a solid foundation for learning. The comprehensive curriculum includes language arts, math, science, social studies, health, and physical education. Access to technology is available throughout the elementary school experience. Music and art instruction serve as integral components of the elementary instructional program.

■ **Building upon the basics**
Middle School - Grades 6 - 8

Building upon the content instruction begun in elementary school, middle school instruction covers language arts, math, science, social studies, health, and physical education. Language arts in middle school incorporates reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. A rigorous mathematics program trains students to become critical thinkers capable of understanding complex issues. Middle school students participate in fine arts activities through the Connections program that includes art, band, chorus, and drama. In addition, Connections offers foreign language, exploration in family and consumer science, and hands on experiences with technology. Choice options at the middle school levels include a focus on technology and engineering, STEM, pre-medical sciences and performing and visual arts.

■ **Preparing for a bright future**
High School - Grades 9 - 12

The goal of Rockdale County's high school program of study is to promote academic growth, career preparation, and personal development. The high school curriculum ensures that students acquire and apply basic skills, as well as the problem solving and critical thinking skills necessary to effectively and efficiently make decisions and recognize the opportunities presented in a democratic, technological society and global economy.

A broad and flexible curriculum addresses each student's needs, interests, and abilities. The fine arts offerings build upon middle school experiences providing students a variety of opportunities for academic pursuits and artistic expression. Work based learning experiences help

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students develop an appreciation for future careers. Extracurricular activities from athletics to drama encourage individual excellence. These activities balance academic achievement with physical and mental well-being.

Students in Rockdale County high schools have the opportunity to get a head start on the college or technical school experience through dual enrollment with Georgia State University, Georgia Piedmont Technical College, Point University, Georgia Military College and other colleges and technical colleges. Each traditional high school offers a choice option including STEM, visual and performing arts, advanced technology, and international entertainment and business leadership so students have the opportunity to specialize their studies to fit their interests and abilities.



■ Complementing the curriculum

Public school students enjoy a variety of athletic and fine arts offerings that bring enjoyment and quality of life to both the students who participate and community members who love to watch live sports, theater, or musical performances. All of our schools have competitive athletic programs, academic teams, drama activities, and music curriculum where participants learn important life skills such as teamwork, confidence, leadership, and strength through diversity. Our extracurricular programs promote a healthy lifestyle and involvement to complement the outstanding academic opportunities found in the public schools.

■ Exceeding Standards

Serving more than 15,000 students, Rockdale County Public Schools is internationally accredited by Cognia. This means that every school in the district holds the highest accreditation available to public schools. Currently, there are eleven elementary schools, four middle schools, three high schools, and five non-traditional programs – Rockdale Magnet School for Science and Technology (a school within a school), Rockdale Career Academy, Open Campus, Rockdale Virtual Campus, and Alpha (Alternative) Academy.



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Children with special needs benefit through a variety of academic and skills development programs. Students with exceptionalities as well as hospital/homebound children are served through resource programs available in every school. Self-contained programs, which serve students countywide, are provided at selected school sites. Students in elementary school who meet the state gifted criteria may participate in Program Challenge. Gifted services are available for middle and high school students through a variety of opportunities, including gifted classes, AP courses, modification of regular classroom activities, directed study, and summer programs. The English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program serves students at all grade levels for whom English is a second language.

■ Exceeding Expectations

The school system's emphasis on rigor throughout all instruction is reaping rewards for our students. Our graduation rate is among the highest in the state. RCPS has gained state and national recognition for student achievement throughout the district. Our schools are consistently honored as high performing schools. Academic teams and clubs throughout the district have won regional, state, national, and international competitions, as have many of our athletic teams and clubs. Superior ratings in band, chorus, and drama further illustrate Rockdale's commitment to student success. Test scores are an important indicator of a school system's success in addressing core academics. Our students consistently out-perform their peers on state and national tests, including the American College Testing (ACT) program, the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS), and the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT). Each year, students from Rockdale's high schools receive scholarships or appointments to top universities throughout the United States.

While RCPS offers so much for so many – rigorous curriculum, great programs, outstanding school choice options, and advanced technology – it's the teachers and staff who make it happen. Their commitment to our students is exceptional.

■ Seeking higher education opportunities

The majority of students who graduate from Rockdale's public schools seek post-secondary education. Students can begin their college career right here in Rockdale County through dual enrollment courses held at the Rockdale Career Academy. Just a few miles east of Conyers/Rockdale

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Our college administrators recognize that not everyone who desires a college education can take time to attend college in the traditional way. Therefore, Georgia Virtual Technical College (GVTC) was created to enable Georgians to pursue a college degree from the comforts of their home via electronic technology. Students can obtain certificates and degrees in a variety of disciplines. GVTC operates out of the Covington Campus of Georgia Piedmont Technical College.

- **Choosing other educational experiences**

For those seeking a private or Christian school college-preparatory environment for their children's education, Conyers/Rockdale County provides several options. Local private schools serve children from Pre-Kindergarten through high school graduation. These private schools offer advanced academics that challenge students to maximize their educational opportunities. In addition, these schools offer competitive sports teams, clubs and activities that enrich the school experience.

- **Making an investment in our children's future**

In Rockdale County, education is everybody's business. That's why our public schools receive such great support from this community. The citizens of Rockdale County have six times approved an Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (E-SPLOST). Through E-SPLOST, the school system has been able to build new schools, make necessary repairs to existing schools, improve technology and infrastructure, and fund special projects. Parent and community involvement is a hallmark of the school system. Parent Teacher Associations, School Councils, and Parent Centers are great resources for families. Community members and business organizations are encouraged to participate in our schools and make a difference in the lives of Rockdale's children through Partners-In-Education, mentoring, and the Rockdale County Public Schools Foundation.
A quality education is a great investment in the community. In Conyers/Rockdale County, we make sure our investment produces exceptional dividends.







History



The first residents of the area that we know as Conyers/Rockdale County were Native Americans. In fact, the border between the Creek and Cherokee Nations is believed to be Hightower Trail, which extends into north Rockdale. In the early 1800s, the Hightower Trail served as a main trade route for white settlers.

■ Establishing the first settlements

During the early to mid-1800s, this territory experienced many changes. The State opened the area to settlers and settlements quickly grew around mills located along the community's northern borders. While the earliest settlement occupied the extreme northern edge of Rockdale, the southern end of the County was being inhabited as well by settlers moving up along the rivers and streams from what is now neighboring Henry County.

These early settlers founded many churches. Salem Baptist Church, which started near Costley's Mill on Big Haynes Creek, still performs baptisms in the sparkling waters of the millpond. Smyrna Presbyterian Church, constructed in 1827, is the oldest Calvinist Campground in the United States and continues to conduct camp meetings each year at the original site.

■ Learning how Conyers began

John Holcomb, a blacksmith, is said to be the first known settler in Conyers/Rockdale County. He built a log cabin on Main Street where the Rockdale County Courthouse now stands. Progress in the form of the railroad was heading to the area despite protests from Holcomb. Eventually, he sold his land for $700 to prominent Covington banker and physician Dr. W.D. Conyers, who deeded the right-of-way to the railroad. By 1845, trains were running regularly between Marthasville (now Atlanta) and the city of Augusta through Conyers Station, as the town had come to be called. In 1854, Conyers Station had grown to 400 residents and was incorporated by an act of the Georgia Legislature as a city called Conyers.

On November 17, 1864, during General Sherman's famous March to the Sea, his troops passed through this region. Destroying everything in their path, the Union soldiers hadn't counted on the astuteness of Winnie Puckett, the operator of Costley's Mill. Before the soldiers arrived, Puckett, known by many at the time as "Aunt Winnie", sacked all of the flour available and hid the sacks in the millpond. The wet flour caked and protected the remaining flour inside the sacks. Heeding her pleas, the Union soldiers, who had intended to burn the mill, left Aunt Winnie and the mill unharmed.

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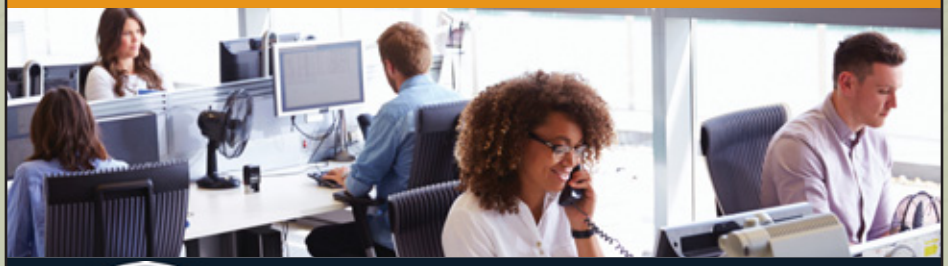


Creating Rockdale County

Created by an Act of the Legislature in 1870, Rockdale became a county named for the underlying granite strata that runs beneath the surface. Rockdale County was the 133rd county in the state of Georgia. Covering 128 square miles, Rockdale is Georgia's second smallest county in terms of size. Though its boundaries have changed over the years, it is currently bounded on the north by Gwinnett and Walton counties, on the south by Newton County and on the west by Henry and DeKalb counties. In 1897, the County's first jail was built. It now serves as a museum operated by the Rockdale County Historical Society.

A community where churches flourished, Rockdale County opened its arms in 1944 to a group of 21 Trappist monks from Kentucky who wanted to begin their monastic life in Georgia. The Monastery of the Holy Spirit is today one of our most treasured resources in the community. While the monks' living quarters remain private, the Abbey Church, Abbey Store, retreat house, and monastery grounds are open daily to the public.





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The summer of 1996 was an exciting time in Conyers/Rockdale County's history. More than 600,000 people visited the community during the Centennial Olympic Games. Visitors flocked to equestrian events, firstever mountain bike competitions, and the final two events of the modern pentathlon at the Georgia International Horse Park. The Olympics put Conyers and Rockdale County not only on the map, but also in the minds of thousands who soon began relocating their homes, families and businesses to the area.

Changing the scope of the community

Conyers/Rockdale County started to evolve from rural to suburban following the construction of Interstate 20. Today, residents can still enjoy the hometown feel with the sophistication that comes with all the diverse and dynamic opportunities that the interstate brought our way. Though Atlanta is just a few miles down the road, you can still enjoy the ambiance of a small town with the amenities of the city, right here in Conyers/Rockdale.

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Piedmont Rockdale Hospital

- **Bringing specialized care close to home**

Piedmont Rockdale Hospital is a state-of-the-art facility dedicated to providing high-quality healthcare to members of the Conyers/Rockdale community.

As the only acute-care facility in Rockdale County, the 161-bed hospital offers 24-hour emergency services, including interventional cardiology, critical care, obstetrics, and a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Piedmont Rockdale is a DNV-certified Primary Stroke Center with on-site neurologists who provide high-quality services to hospitalized patients seven days a week. The hospital is accredited by the American College of Cardiology as a Chest Pain Center with cardiac catheterization. This means patients experiencing stroke symptoms, chest pain, or heart attack symptoms can receive outstanding emergency care without leaving the county.



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In addition to traditional medical and surgical services, the hospital proudly provides specialized care from fellowship-trained providers in advanced gastroenterology, cardiac electrophysiology, congestive heart failure, and medical, surgical, and gynecologic oncology. Piedmont Rockdale also has advanced surgeon subspecialists for colorectal, breast, thoracic, and orthopedic surgery.

- **Offering the latest technology for better outcomes**

As the Conyers/Rockdale community has grown, so has Piedmont Rockdale, both in size and in the range of services provided. Dedication to innovation and technology sets the hospital apart from similar facilities.

The da Vinci Xi robot, acquired in 2022, has expanded Piedmont Rockdale's ability to offer precise, minimally invasive surgery. For patients, robotic-assisted surgery often means smaller incisions, less pain, and faster recovery compared to traditional open or laparoscopic procedures. Surgeons at Piedmont Rockdale use the advanced technology for various procedures, including colon resections, prostate removals, hernia repairs, gallbladder removals, and appendectomies, as well as gynecological surgeries such as hysterectomies.

The gynecological surgical team recently surpassed 1,000 procedures performed with the robot, a notable milestone in advancing women's surgical care.

Piedmont Rockdale also offers robotic-assisted bronchoscopy with the ION system. Doctors can now use ION to diagnose lung cancer at earlier stages, often before symptoms appear. The system allows doctors to access small lesions in all 18 segments of the lung, which are often difficult to reach with traditional biopsy methods. Early diagnosis and expanded access increase the chances for successful treatment.

Earlier this year, the team celebrated the completion of its 100th procedure using ION, a major step in early lung cancer detection for the Rockdale community.

Piedmont Rockdale's expanded outpatient diagnostic imaging center provides local residents with fast, easy, and convenient services. Imaging services include MRIs, CT scans, X-rays, ultrasounds, and PET scans, including prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA) imaging. The hospital's Diagnostic Breast Center provides comprehensive diagnostic and screening services in a private environment with caring staff. Services include digital and 3D mammography, stereotactic breast biopsies, and a dedicated breast table allowing for prone breast biopsies under MRI guidance.

- **Meeting the needs of families and newborns**

Piedmont Rockdale offers comprehensive maternity and newborn care, with 24/7 coverage by on-site obstetrician/gynecologists.

Designed to promote a wonderful birthing experience, the Women's Services Center at Piedmont Rockdale provides private, beautifully decorated rooms that offer expectant mothers a warm, home-like feeling. The hospital's obstetricians use AirStrip mobile technology to monitor mothers and babies during labor from anywhere from their mobile device. Moms and dads can find peace of mind knowing that, if needed, the Level III NICU is right down the hall.

The mother-baby nurses are expertly trained to understand both parent and newborn needs, so your medical care is second to none. Moms get one-on-one instruction and personal assistance with taking care of their newborn, from breastfeeding and diapering to umbilical cord care. The Women's Services Center also offers classes for new and expecting parents on childbirth, breastfeeding, and infant CPR.





■ **Providing comprehensive cancer care**

According to the American Cancer Society, it's estimated that there will be more than two million cancer cases diagnosed in the United States in 2026. However, advances in prevention and treatment have improved the chances of survival.

Piedmont Rockdale and Piedmont Oncology are committed to bringing the latest cancer diagnostics and therapies close to home.

The hospital recently expanded its team to include a fellowship-trained breast surgical oncologist who has extensive experience in breast cancer management. This surgeon works closely with the medical oncology team, including a dedicated breast specialist, to provide comprehensive, personalized treatment.

In addition, the hospital has welcomed a fellowship-trained surgical oncologist who treats a broad range of cancers, with



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To meet the needs of the community, Piedmont Rockdale has also added a highly experienced, fellowship-trained gynecologic oncologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating ovarian, uterine, cervical, and other gynecologic cancers. This specialist brings advanced expertise in minimally invasive procedures and has completed more than 2,500 robotic-assisted surgeries.

Patients who require chemotherapy can receive treatment in the hospital's state-of-the-art infusion center, which opened in 2024. The infusion center is a dedicated space of 18 bays where patients can receive their treatments in comfort and privacy. The center was designed with patients in mind, with earthy natural tone finishes, strong natural light, and a serene outside courtyard.

■ **Keeping your heart healthy**

As the nation's leading cause of death, heart disease requires expert care. Piedmont Rockdale delivers advanced medical, interventional, and surgical treatments while helping patients take meaningful steps toward prevention.

In Piedmont Rockdale's Heart and Vascular Center, specialists with expertise in a wide range of cardiovascular diseases can perform life-saving procedures, such as percutaneous coronary intervention, more commonly known as angioplasty and stenting. The hospital has interventional cardiologists available on site 24/7 for emergency interventions.

Additionally, Piedmont Rockdale's experienced vascular surgeons and medical professionals can open blocked vessels, stop bleeding vessels, and remove blood clots in the Cardiac Cath Lab. These highly trained vascular surgeons also perform advanced vascular surgery procedures, such as carotid artery stenting and abdominal aortic aneurysm repair.

Piedmont Rockdale offers cardiac stress testing, cardiovascular imaging, echocardiography, and electrophysiology to evaluate patients' heart health and identify any issues. For patients whose evaluation indicates moderate to high risk factors for heart disease or for those who have had a heart event, there's an outpatient cardiac fitness program. Cardiology nurses and exercise physiologists work with patients to develop an individualized prevention plan.

To address the unique cardiovascular needs of women, Piedmont Heart of Rockdale offers a $99 comprehensive heart screening package for women who have not been previously diagnosed with a cardiac condition or are not currently seeing a cardiac provider. The screening includes a complete health history, physical exam, electrocardiogram (EKG), labs,

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and additional tests to identify risk factors. The team also creates an individualized plan to reduce the risk of disease through diet and exercise. To learn more or to make an appointment, visit Piedmont.org/heartscreening.

- **Providing access to primary and specialty care outside the hospital**

Early detection is the best medicine. Establishing and maintaining a relationship with a primary care provider is one of the most important steps you can take in maintaining good health. The Piedmont Clinic network includes physicians who are either independent practitioners or employed by Piedmont's Physician Enterprise, which includes Piedmont Heart Institute and Piedmont Medical Care Corporation.

Our providers offer a full array of medical and surgical specialties, including cardiology, endocrinology, family practice, gastroenterology, hematology/oncology, internal medicine, transplant service, urgent care, and many more specialties. The Piedmont Clinic has a culture of clinical excellence, superior service, seamless coordination, and reliable safety.

- **Serving the community**

Committed to improving community members' quality of life, Piedmont Rockdale provides health education and community wellness programs. These initiatives help you identify health risks and take meaningful steps to improve your health.

Hospital staff regularly participate in health fairs across Rockdale County to offer free blood pressure checks and other screenings. The team also works with community-based organizations to provide expert education on topics ranging from heart health and cancer prevention to pain management and diabetes control. Additionally, Piedmont Rockdale provides hands-on learning opportunities for students in the community, helping to develop the next generation of healthcare workers.

Piedmont Rockdale hosts an annual baby fair, where soon-to-be parents can learn about resources in the community and tour the hospital's Birth Place. In the spring, the hospital provides free sports physicals to student athletes to ensure they're ready for the activities they enjoy.

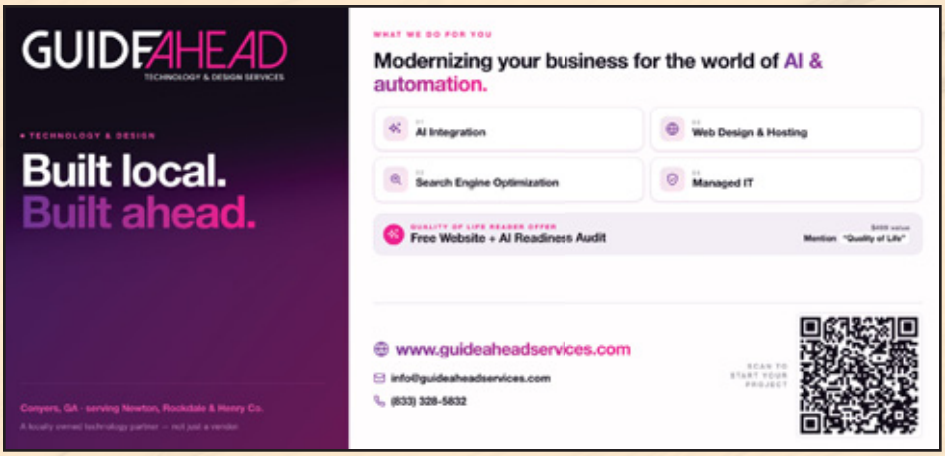
The hospital's commitment to the community has been recognized by partners, including Rockdale County Public Schools, which named Piedmont Rockdale as the Business Partner of the Year from 2023-2025.

From routine visits to complex procedures, every part of your journey at Piedmont Rockdale is supported by people who put you first.

For more information or to book an appointment, visit Piedmont.org.

- **Reaching out to the community**

Protecting the health of the community through prevention, surveillance, and disease intervention is the goal of the Rockdale County Health Department. Its vision is to have healthy people living in a healthy community. Its





mission is to promote, protect, and ensure the health of the people of Rockdale County. Healthcare professionals at the County Health Department continually screen, diagnose, and treat a variety of illnesses.

The health department's Strokes and Heart Attack Prevention program provides blood pressure screening, medication, and diet counseling. Hearing, dental, and vision screenings are available for all children. Dental services are offered for qualifying children. Other services include immunizations, family planning, prenatal care, nutritional counseling, and testing and treatments for sexually transmitted diseases.

The citizens of Rockdale County are committed to assuring that healthcare services are available to everyone in the community by supporting several free clinics.

Helping Hands Outreach Clinic provides preventive health services including non-emergency care, health education, women's wellness, and health referrals. The clinic is staffed by licensed healthcare providers, including physicians, physician assistants, nurses, and community volunteers.

Mercy Heart, Inc, a charitable health clinic, provides medical and dental care to the uninsured and underinsured Rockdale residents who are 200% of poverty level or below. The main medical focus is high blood pressure, diabetes, COPD and chronic heart disease. The clinic partners with National EMS to provide preventative care in the home by assuring the medical needs are being met.

Ambulance and paramedic services are provided by National EMS, a member of the Priority Ambulance family. One of the first nationally accredited ambulance companies in the country and the first in the State of Georgia, National EMS consistently maintains the best possible emergency response and highest quality patient care.

All ambulances, emergency and nonemergency, work in coordination with the county's 911 dispatch system to service thousands of patients each year.

■ Making you smile

All of your dental health needs can be met in Rockdale County. Dentists specializing in a variety of services, from pediatric and adolescent dental care to cosmetic dentistry, have offices located throughout the county. You can choose from a number of general dentists, orthodontists, and oral surgeons to assure that your teeth are healthy and straight, and your smile is better and brighter.

■ Additional Healthcare Options

Because of its proximity to metro Atlanta, Conyers/Rockdale County residents can enjoy peace of mind knowing that nearly any healthcare necessity can be addressed by a variety of specialists here at home or just down the road. Georgia Cancer Specialists, affiliates of Northside Hospital Cancer Institute, Georgia's largest cancer network, have a presence in Conyers providing cutting-edge cancer care that includes prevention, early detection, advanced treatment, clinical research and support services including nutritional counseling.

■ Alternative healthcare options

If you prefer alternatives to traditional medicine, you will find many wellness options in Conyers/Rockdale County. From state of the art chiropractic health care facilities, to holistic and homeopathic medicine, to nutrition and life coaches, you can find these services and more to suit your healthcare needs and wellness goals.

■ Caring for our seniors

Taking care of our seniors and those nearing their end of life is a priority in Conyers/Rockdale County. Through all phases of a senior's life, quality healthcare and living arrangements are available in our area.



Seniors who can live independently with minimal assistance will find many options. Desiring freedom and flexibility, these seniors have choices that include beautifully furnished one or two bedroom apartments, with available services such as beauty salons and barber shops, housekeeping, and laundry services. A plethora of social activities and dining options are also available to enjoy on site.

For seniors who need more living assistance and nurse care, Conyers/Rockdale county offers many choices. Seniors with memory care needs who require vigilant attention, will find loving homes with services that allow them to live their best lives and give loved ones comfort and peace of mind.

Committed to quality end-of-life care, there are many hospice options available to families suffering the impending loss of a loved one. These facilities employ teams of skilled and compassionate individuals who seek to support patient's needs with a plan that best suits the individual to live out the rest of their lives in the most comfortable and dignified manner.





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■ Playing in the park

From one end of the county to the other, Rockdale County and the City of Conyers maintain an extensive network of parks for walking, bicycling, picnicking and more. Residents from every corner of the county are taking advantage of the Rockdale River Trail System's more than 10 miles of walking and biking trails, sharing quality time with their families, getting fit and enjoying our natural resources. Residents and visitors alike can also enjoy the great outdoors using 2Wheels Fitness – an innovative, turnkey, community-based pedal bike-share program with bikes located in various locations throughout the community. So, lace up your walking shoes, or grab a bike, and enjoy the lush scenery of one of the trails.

Rockdale County Parks and Recreation offers activities and leagues for children of all ages such as pickleball, tennis, basketball, softball, baseball, football, cheerleading, swimming lessons, water aerobics, yoga, piyo, and much more! The Johnson Park



recreation center is also available for open recreation to use the swimming pool, basketball courts, fitness center, and indoor walking track.

For “young at heart” mature citizens ages 60 and older, the Olivia Haydel Senior Center offers a myriad of social events, programs, trips, and recreational activities. Rockdale County’s therapeutic recreation program, AIRR (Adaptive Inclusive Recreation of Rockdale) also offers recreational opportunities to individuals with disabilities that include cognitive, physical, creative, and emotional wellness activities. The goal is to include all in recreational activities to improve independence and physical and mental wellness.

Children with disabilities can also participate in the thrill of the game through the Miracle League. One of the first of its kind, this league was created to allow children with special needs to suit up in a baseball uniform, step up to the plate, and enjoy America’s favorite pastime. Most of these children would not be able to experience the thrill of the game as members of a traditional youth baseball league. Also, continuing with a commitment to be inclusive, Rockdale County added an all-play sensory playground at Johnson Park so that every child has a place to play, build their confidence, forge friendships and create memories.

■ **Enjoying the great outdoors**

The Georgia International Horse Park (GIHP) is one of Rockdale County’s premier recreational and event destinations. Internationally recognized as the equestrian venue, mountain biking venue, and host of two of the five disciplines of the modern pentathlon during the 1996 Summer Olympics, the park continues to serve as a vibrant hub for outdoor recreation, a variety of equestrian competitions, sporting events, and community gatherings.

Today, GIHP hosts a wide variety of equestrian competitions and events ranging from local shows to international competitions, while also offering extensive recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike. The park features 15 miles of scenic trails designed for mountain biking, hiking, and horseback riding, providing year-round outdoor experiences.

In addition to recreation, the park is a popular destination for festivals, trade shows, obstacle races, and community events, supported by expansive grounds, ample parking, and state-of-the-art equestrian facilities. GIHP also serves as a beautiful setting for weddings, banquets, corporate meetings, and special celebrations, offering distinctive venues surrounded by natural landscapes.

Recreation opportunities continue to grow with the Iron Hoof Disc Golf Course, an 18-hole course that is open for passive recreation and competitive tournaments throughout the year.





Visitors can also enjoy the miniature railroad operated by the North Georgia Live Steamers, where guests can ride scale model trains on public ride days. Nature enthusiasts can explore the Big Haynes Creek Nature Center, which features eight miles of walking trails, interpretive signage, a canoe launch into the wetlands, a gazebo observatory, and educational programs and events offered throughout the year.

With its Olympic legacy, expansive facilities, and diverse recreational offerings, the Georgia International Horse Park continues to enhance the quality of life while serving as a dynamic asset for residents, visitors, and businesses in the community.

Golf devotees will enjoy playing the course at Cherokee Run Golf Club. Designed by the legendary Arnold Palmer, the course features challenges for golfers of all skill levels on a rolling, tree-lined, rock-hewn course. Private and semi-private clubs and public courses, such as Honey Creek Country Club, provide more opportunities for a day on the links. Nearby clubs, Cuscowilla on Lake Oconee and Georgia National Golf Course, offer even more choices.



Tennis and pickleball are popular sports in Rockdale County, and there are many courts from which to choose. Pine Log Park, Bonner Park, Johnson Park, Richardson Park and the Lawn at Wheeler Park have courts – most even lighted – that are open to the public as well as competitive and recreational teams. The Rockdale Tennis Center, a state-of-the-art tennis facility nestled on seven acres in the heart of Rockdale County, features 12 ready-to-play tennis courts – eight of which are lighted. The center is designed to attract recreational community players as well as competitive tournaments. In addition, many neighborhoods offer tennis amenities. All of the county's middle and high schools have tennis courts as well. Conyers/Rockdale is keeping up with local demand of America's fastest growing sport, pickleball, by adding courts at the Lawn at Wheeler Park, Johnson Park, Rockdale Tennis Center and indoor courts at JP Carr Gymnasium and Johnson Park Gymnasium.

You can also enjoy hiking, boating, canoeing, fishing, picnicking and other outdoor pastimes at Black Shoals Park. The park's Randy Poynter Lake, a 650-acre lake, stocked with many species of fish such as largemouth bass, bream and catfish, is the perfect spot for sport fishing. Because Randy Poynter Lake is the community's drinking water reservoir, Rockdale Water Resources takes every precaution to ensure the water remains clean and safe; therefore, no boats with gasoline motors or standup paddleboards are allowed on the lake.

One of the community's most historically significant attractions is the Walk of Heroes Veterans War Memorial located within Black Shoals Park. Their mission is to cultivate a public understanding of the sacrifices made during the 20th and 21st centuries by veterans on the battlefield, and by their families on the home front, in order to protect and maintain the freedoms we enjoy today. Walk of Heroes features engraved pavers purchased to honor and remember veterans who served in



any branch of the U.S. military during the 20th and 21st centuries. A visit to the park will indelibly etch in the minds of future leaders that freedom comes at a price - including the ultimate sacrifice of laying down one's life.

Costley Mill Park, owned and operated by Rockdale County, boasts 77 acres nestled in a gorgeous natural setting available for the community to enjoy. Resting along the banks of Big Haynes Creek, the park features a waterfall, beach access, playgrounds, pavilions, gazebos and much more. The park is a destination available for weddings, church, and company picnics as well as family and corporate events. An event center for indoor events is available with amenities that include two changing suites, audio/visual equipment, restrooms, outdoor terrace, outdoor rotunda, and a warming kitchen.

If hiking interests you, nearby Panola Mountain State Conservation Park offers a unique trail experience. As the name implies, a portion of the park is actually a mountain! A huge granite monadnock, believed to be more than a million years old, covers 100 acres of the 759-acre park. Panola Mountain is the only major granite mountain in this region that remains in an unquarried and natural state. Designated as a National Natural Landmark, it shelters rare vegetation and animal life specific to the Piedmont region. Enjoy self-guided nature trails and guided hikes



as well as educational programs on the ecology of the mountain and forest floor.

Rockdale County is home to several parks that feature playgrounds and walking trails where residents can relax with their families or find a moment of solitude while enjoying the greenspace. A newly installed inclusive playground at Johnson Park ensures people of abilities have a place to play. Recognizing that our furry friends need recreation as well, Conyers/Rockdale County has three dog parks located at various parks throughout the community, allowing pets and their owners a place to run and play with equipment such as doggy crawls, hoop jumps and hill climbs, grooming tables, and dog friendly water stations.

A part of the PATH Foundation's mission to build a system of scenic greenways to preserve our region's forested character and offer opportunities for families to enjoy nature together, the Arabia Mountain, Rockdale County and South River trails feature rock outcroppings the size of football fields, streams rushing over woodland waterfalls, hundred-acre farms and fields of wildflowers. One of the most popular walking trails among residents of all ages begins at Pine Log Park, travels through Olde Town and traverses the county to Johnson Park. More trails are still being constructed. Once completed, all the trails will stretch 35 miles across Conyers and Rockdale County, allowing joggers, cyclists and outdoor enthusiasts another way to exercise and enjoy the scenery! The Rockdale South River Trail enhances the quality of life in Rockdale County by providing a mixture of cultural, historical, environmental, and recreational opportunities. This is a 10-mile greenway/multi-use trail in Rockdale County that follows the South River from the Monastery of the Holy Spirit to a connection with the Arabia Mountain Trail in DeKalb County through the Panola Mountain State Conservation Park. The South River Trail forms the backbone of the Arabia Mountain Heritage greenway and trail network. The entire Arabia Mountain Path spans over 30 miles in total from the Monastery to the City of Lithonia.

During the summer months, swimming is a popular activity in the community. Local neighborhoods participate in the Rockdale County Swim League, which culminates in the annual County Swim Meet to determine the winning team. Swimming is available year round at the Johnson Park Recreation Center's

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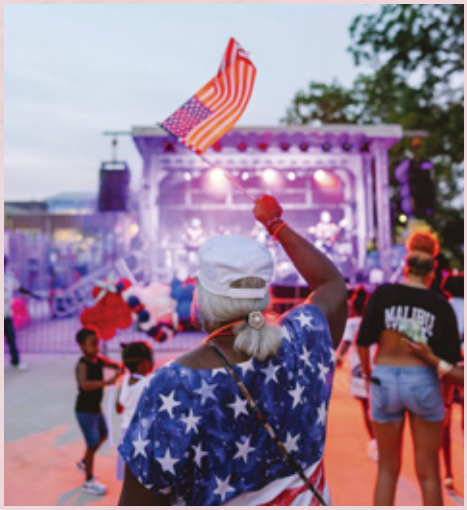


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indoor pool, and at Costley Mill Beach May through August.

- **Looking for outdoor festivals and arts activities**

Parades and festivals provide more opportunities for outdoor entertainment. The largest annual celebration is the Cherry Blossom Festival hosted by the City of Conyers. For more than 40 years, artisans throughout the Southeast have come to display and sell their varied crafts while local citizens and groups provide musical performances. Celebrating our country's independence is for all ages at the annual Red, White and Boom event that takes place in Olde Town Conyers each year on July 3. Featuring live bands, food trucks and of course fireworks, families from all over can enjoy a patriotic celebration close to home. Summer is also the season for the Rockin' Rockdale Summer Concert Series at the Lawn at Wheeler Park. Visitors bring their lawn chairs and enjoy free live entertainment with family, friends and neighbors.











When the weather starts to cool down and the leaves begin changing colors, enjoy the Olde Town Fall Festival during the month of October featuring more arts and crafts displays. Local crafters and restaurateurs offer their specialties.

The winter holiday season brings with it a visit from that jolly old elf – Santa Claus. A visit from the man in red culminates the annual Conyers Christmas Parade.

- **Finding something new and exciting**

Known as Olde Town Conyers, this downtown area serves as the city's central attraction. Most recently, the quaint area has become a popular location for film production. Locals and tourists alike enjoy shopping in the unique gift shops and eating at the distinctive dining locations. Celebration Park, located beside the Olde Town pavilion, is a newly reimagined gathering space for families and visitors that includes

a small amphitheater for outdoor performances and concerts on the pavilion lawn. A small play area for children and nearby Lewis Vaughn Meditation Garden, with the City's preserved original water tower and koi pond, invite all to be part of this dynamic space.

The Old Jail is a rare treasure. Now a museum and home to the Rockdale County Historical Society, it was erected in 1897. The building's exterior walls are three bricks thick and the interior walls are two bricks thick. Long ago, this historic site housed the Sheriff, his family and the jailer.

Olde Town's most colorful attraction is the yellow Conyers Depot. Originally the railroad station, it has been converted to the City of Conyers Welcome Center. On the other side of the street is the "Dinky," a circa-1905 Rogers steam locomotive that is one of only three of its type left in the world.

For a glimpse of simpler times, a trip to the Haralson Mill Covered Bridge is well worth the short scenic drive. Surrounded by the Haralson Mill House, a general store, the old mill site and blacksmith shop, the bridge emulates the covered bridge design of the 1820s-era Town Lattice Truss and was constructed from Georgia wood products.

The Monastery of the Holy Spirit, started in 1944 by a group of Trappist monks, offers tranquility and serenity to all who visit, regardless of religious preference. Located on an old 2,000 acre cotton plantation, the monastery includes a man-made lake surrounded by beautiful landscaping and scenery. Locals, enjoying the hospitality provided by the monks, relax by the lake, feed the ducks and bask in the solitude. The Abbey Church is open for daily masses, tours or religious retreats. The Abbey Store, featuring a bakery, is filled with religious books, Bibles, home decor items such as paintings and statues, food items, and wearable art pieces that are for sale to the public. The Monastic Heritage Center is a 17,000 square-foot complex integrating elements of learning and hands-on activities that tell the story of monasticism.

From exciting sports activities to engaging walks in the park, the Conyers/Rockdale community is sure to please every member of the family.







Shopping

Whether you consider shopping for pleasure or out of necessity, you can find everything you need, and most things you want, right here in Conyers/Rockdale County.

We've got it all from antiques to fine furnishings, athletic superstores to department stores, specialty tools to fabrics, hobbies to electronics, and supermarkets to superstores.

You'll enjoy the shopping experience wherever you go in the community.

A large number of national retailers have stores in Conyers/Rockdale County, including Target, Walmart, Sprouts, Academy Sports, Home Depot, Lowe's, Best Buy, Belk, Kohl's, BJ's, TJ Maxx, Versona, HomeGoods, Michael's, Hobby Lobby and many more. If you want or need it, there is a better than good chance it can be found in Conyers/Rockdale County.

■ Uniquely Conyers/Rockdale

For shopping that is uniquely Conyers/Rockdale County, you'll want to visit K&D Shoes, Sigman Furniture, Fabrics and Furnishings, Markdown Market, Conyers Pharmacy & Gifts, and Tulip & Tea, to name just a few. You can also shop the streets of Olde Town Conyers featuring Conyers Jewelers, Corks & Couvée Wine & Gift Shoppe, Beasley's Drug Store, Bugsby's Backlot Cigars, The Book Cellar, The Boo-Tique and more. Shopping centers located throughout the community provide convenient options for shopping near where you live. Whether it's a gallon of milk or a gallon of gas, it's easy to find anywhere in the community.

Conyers/Rockdale County is also home to a life-style shopping center called the Corner Market, an architecturally charming environment that invites patrons to stay awhile with tree-lined walkways, courtyards and water feature. This multi-use facility features specialty service shops, such as hair salons and travel agents, restaurants, office space, medical offices and dress shops. With a walkable "Main Street" feel, visitors are encouraged to stroll and explore the shops and eateries where you'll find everything from delicious brunch at Love you Brunches, Asian cuisine at Baan Thai or delicious self-serve frozen dessert at Yogurt Mountain.



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Arts & Culture



Arts and entertainment are alive and well in Conyers/Rockdale County, where you will find there's virtually something for everyone. From choral performances to rock concerts, ballet lessons to hip hop classes, coffee houses to fine dining, children's arts activities to juried art exhibits, puppet shows to live theatre – it's all right here, ready for you to enjoy.

■ The Arts are Flourishing

Conyers Rockdale Council for the Arts connects neighbors, cultivates artistic expression, and celebrates our community's stories through the power of creativity and the arts. CRCA achieves its mission by offering programs and activities for every member of the family and encouraging participation of citizens of all abilities, students, community organizations and local businesses.

Enhancing the beauty and vibrancy of Conyers/Rockdale County, local artists have been commissioned over the years to design and paint murals on buildings throughout the area, beginning with the CRCA building, which features a celebration of all art forms across the entire back of the building. Since 2019, CRCA and the City of Conyers have partnered to beautify even the unexpected areas – traffic signal boxes – located at intersections throughout the community. Using a Vibrant Communities Grant in 2020, the two partnered again to create the 70-foot-long Mural on the Green highlighting the unique attributes and attractions throughout the Conyers/Rockdale community and proclaiming "Greetings From Conyers" to the world.

■ Conyers Rockdale Council for the Arts Theater

Located in the heart of Olde Town Conyers, the CRCA Black Box Theater offers an intimate setting for high-quality performances and community arts events. Supported by grants from the Georgia Council for the Arts and generous contributions from local arts supporters, businesses, and government partners, CRCA presents and promotes a diverse range of performing and visual arts experiences throughout the year.

CRCA's Inspiration Theater features compelling, socially relevant productions designed to spark meaningful dialogue and inspire positive community change. The CRCA Black Box Theater also serves as a versatile venue for local organizations and businesses - hosting plays, dance recitals, concerts, meetings, networking events, exhibitions, and more. The theater is available for rent, offering a unique and creative space for the community.

Looking for family-friendly fun in the spring? Don't miss puppet shows, storytellers, and live music at the Imagination Stage: Performance Series for All Ages. In June, young artists ages 5–12 can explore their creativity at

ArtSmart Summer Camp with classes in musical theater, drawing, painting, and sculpting.

For a full calendar of events or rental information, visit conyersarts.org.

■ **Taking in a show**

Whether you enjoy musical theatre, comedy, drama, or improv, you're sure to find something to entertain you. Theatrical performances are targeted at audiences of all ages; however, you can choose to be a part of the cast or crew as well.



The Original Depot Players built a reputation of excellence in community theatre, and the tradition lives on in The New Depot Players, the reorganized and award-winning resident theatre troupe. Since 1976, when they performed in the old train depot, quality live theatre has been enjoyed and supported by the community of Conyers/ Rockdale County. Their tagline, "Places Everyone," is an invitation to every member of the community to participate in live theatre in Conyers/ Rockdale County.



■ **School Productions**

Recognizing that academic activities are enhanced by cultural pursuits, the schools in Rockdale County offer another venue for entertaining theatrical performances. Each of Rockdale County's public high schools has an auditorium complete with state-of-the-art lighting and technical equipment that can seat more than 550 theatergoers. The students deliver extraordinary musicals, comedies and dramas. Community audiences are always dazzled and delighted by the level of talent in these exceptional and entertaining shows. Most of the student musicals are enhanced by live music provided by student orchestras.



■ **Movies and Music**

If movies are your preference, AMC Conyers Crossing 16 gives movie patrons numerous options from which

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to choose. If you are a fan of live music, Rockdale County Parks and Recreation offers the Rockin' Rockdale Concert Series monthly from June through September at the Lawn at Wheeler Park. The City of Conyers also hosts exciting concert series each spring with live artists playing in a charming setting right in the heart of Olde Town. Conyers Rockdale Council for the Arts hosts intimate live music performances in the Black Box Theater. Local restaurants and bars offer live entertainment regularly as well.

- **Enjoying more than equestrian events at the Horse Park**

Certainly, the Georgia International Horse Park (GIHP) is a premier location for year-round equestrian events, yet it offers so much more. Each year, the park welcomes obstacle course races, mountain bike competitions, trail races, 5K-30K events, ultimate frisbee, dog agility, archery, dog tracking courses, cross country and more.

Each spring, GIHP hosts the annual Cherry Blossom Festival. Thousands of people head to the Horse Park to purchase handmade crafts, enjoy delicious food and take pleasure in watching local performers. For mountain biking enthusiasts, there are trails around the park while golfers can enjoy the challenge of an Arnold Palmer-designed course at Cherokee Run Golf Club.

While visiting the GIHP, look closely and you may even see a bride and groom heading off in a horse-drawn carriage. Facilities in and around the Horse Park provide beautiful backdrops for wedding receptions, family gatherings and business meetings.

Keep your camera ready while exploring the Horse Park, as the majestic heron statues from the "Herald of Herons" exhibit, the secluded bird blind, and the vibrant painted trash cans (part of the Blossom & Bins project) offer unique and colorful photo opportunities at every turn. These art installations are the result of a collaborative partnership



between the GIHP, City of Conyers, Conyers-Rockdale Chamber of Commerce and the Conyers Rockdale Council for the Arts' Public Art Program.

- **A thriving arts community for every generation**

In addition to serving as a valuable resource for the community, the Nancy Guinn Memorial Library serves as a venue for local artists. During the summer months, the library hosts a children's summer reading club as well as weekly arts programs.

Each Rockdale County elementary school has a full-time art teacher and a full-time music specialist. Art and music courses are offered in all the middle and high schools. Our middle and high school bands and choral groups consistently achieve local, state and national recognition.

Adults of all ages and vocal talent are invited to participate in the Covington Conyers Choral Guild. A true cultural ambassador for Rockdale, this community choir unites talented high school students and seasoned adult vocalists in delivering world-class choral performances from our local neighborhoods to international stages.

Dance is a popular art form in Conyers/Rockdale County. Ballet, tap, jazz, modern, hip-hop and clogging are taught at studios around the





community. These schools give annual recitals and their students perform at local festivals and parades including The Cherry Blossom Festival, Taste of Spring, Olde Town Fall Festival and the Conyers Christmas Parade.

The Conyers Latin Festival hosts an annual family friendly event in October with plenty of authentic Latin cuisine, music, vendors, kid activities and more to celebrate Hispanic heritage.

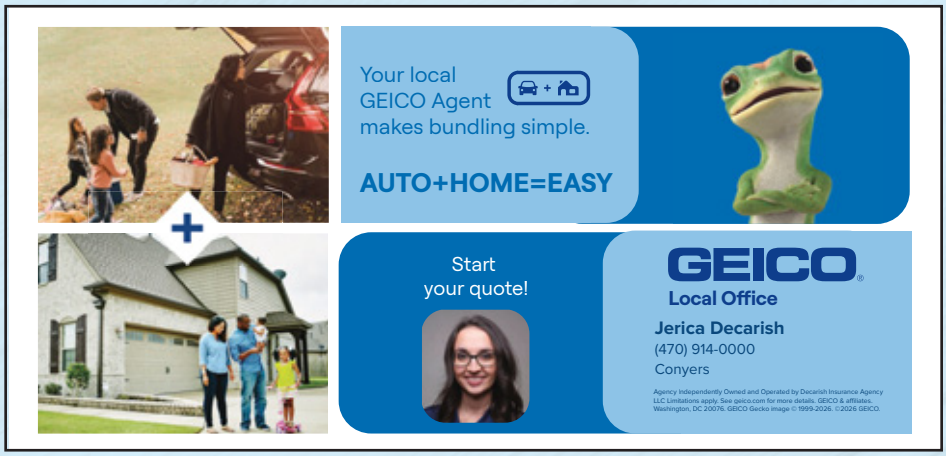
■ Seeking spiritual enlightenment

Feeding the spiritual needs of those who live in Conyers/Rockdale County are a variety of places of worship. More than 175 churches in the community represent some 23 denominations or creeds. Regardless of your religious preference, you are sure to find a spiritual home that's right for you and your family.

In the tradition of the old pioneer days when people would travel great distances to attend camp meetings for religious reflection and salvation, two such meetings continue here today. Salem Campground, one of the South's oldest camp meetings, has been held every year since 1828, except during the years of the War Between the States. The Smyrna Camp meeting can be traced back to 1831. While some still "camp" on these sites, these meetings have become a time for rejoicing, reflection and reunion. Enjoy worshipping with friends and neighbors, singing old-time gospel hymns and contemporary songs, and sharing a traditional Southern meal – or two.

For some quiet reflection, visit the Monastery of the Holy Spirit, a Roman Catholic monastery founded in 1944 by a community of Trappist monks. While the monks' living quarters are private, the Abbey Church, Monastic Heritage Center and Museum, gift shop, retreat house and lake are open to the public.









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Business & Industry



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Making a Commitment

With one incorporated city and one public school system, the county's compact size benefits business, industry and the community by encouraging collaborative strategic planning between the governments. With a strong diversified economic base that includes advanced manufacturing, distribution, regional HQ's, and many service-related industries, the City, County, and School System work with the community to support local businesses and community organizations through comprehensive services and information, marketing opportunities, education and networking.

Conyers/Rockdale County is perfectly positioned just a little over 20 miles southeast of downtown Atlanta and approximately 26 miles from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, the busiest international airport in the world. Proximity to major highways and interstates enables business, industry, community and visitors to quickly reach regional, national and international destinations. Our perfect location, business friendly governments, and our welcoming community, encourages and fosters new business opportunities as well as existing industry growth and expansion.



■ Economic Development

The Conyers Rockdale Economic Development Council (CREDC) provides a proactive catalyst for economic development. Working closely with the Conyers/Rockdale Chamber of Commerce, City of Conyers and Rockdale County governments, Development Authority of Rockdale County, Georgia Department of Economic Development, the University System of Georgia and the Technical College Association of Georgia, CREDC focuses on guiding businesses through the process of site selection, labor and workforce development, infrastructure needs, permitting, financing or incentive opportunities in our community. World class stakeholders and developers also invest in our community to provide new state-of-the-art facilities to promote strategically planned growth for the future. In Conyers/Rockdale County, we enjoy a vibrant business environment that fosters collaboration among industry, retail, medical, non-profit, education and public institutions.



Rockdale County Launches Georgia's First Rivian EV Training Cohort

New workforce initiative positions local residents for careers in the rapidly growing electric vehicle industry.

ROCKDALE COUNTY, Ga. — Rockdale County reached a major workforce development milestone on June 22 with the launch of the Electric Vehicle (EV) Training Center at the Restoration Storehouse Center, introducing Georgia's first-ever Rivian Technical Trades Program cohort.

The groundbreaking initiative is the result of a partnership among CREDC, Restoration Storehouse, Rockdale Career Academy, Georgia Piedmont Technical College (GPTC), and Rivian. Fourteen students make up the inaugural class and will receive specialized training in electric vehicle systems, charging infrastructure, and battery technology through GPTC's ASE-accredited curriculum enhanced with Rivian's proprietary training.

Graduates will be prepared for apprenticeship opportunities and careers with Rivian, supporting the company's expanding investment in Georgia and helping build a skilled workforce for the state's advanced mobility industry.



Students in the inaugural Rivian Technical Trades Program cohort work on EV systems during hands-on training at the new EV Training Center at the Restoration Storehouse Center.

The program strengthens Rockdale County's position as a leader in workforce innovation while creating new pathways to high-demand, high-wage careers for local residents. Additional training cohorts are planned ahead of the center's formal grand opening later this year.

★ **Interested in joining a future cohort?** Visit **www.gptc.edu** for application information.

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■ Business and Industry

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The largest private employers in our community are consistently our manufacturers, including Acuity Brands Lighting, Hill Phoenix, Golden State Foods, Pratt Industries, and DART Container Corp., followed by our healthcare industry with our award winning hospital – Piedmont Rockdale – leading the way. The largest public employers are Rockdale County Public Schools and Rockdale County Government. More than 40 percent of Rockdale's citizens are working right here at home in Rockdale County.

■ Workforce Development

Georgia's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) programs provide robust support to develop and strengthen a highly competitive labor force. Through programs such as Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) and On-the-Job Training (OJT), employers can upskill existing employees, offset training costs, and accelerate productivity for new hires. In addition, Georgia's nationally recognized Quick Start program delivers world-class, customized workforce training at no cost to qualifying new and expanding industries.

Conyers/Rockdale County benefits from a strong workforce ecosystem anchored by Georgia Piedmont Technical College, the Technical College System of Georgia, Rockdale Career Academy (RCA), and the Georgia Department of Labor. These partners collaborate closely with local industry to design

tailored training programs aligned with current and future workforce needs, ensuring a steady pipeline of skilled talent.

A major new advancement in workforce innovation is the launch of the Electric Vehicle (EV) Training Facility, developed through a strategic partnership between the Restoration Storehouse Center and Georgia Piedmont Technical College. This state-of-the-art facility will prepare students and job seekers for high-demand careers in electric vehicle technology, advanced manufacturing, and clean energy sectors. The program will provide hands-on technical training, industry-recognized credentials, and pathways to employment in one of the fastest-growing industries in the nation.

The EV Training Facility positions Conyers/Rockdale County at the forefront of Georgia's expanding EV ecosystem, supporting regional employers and attracting new investment while expanding access to career opportunities for residents. By aligning education, innovation, and industry demand, this initiative strengthens the community's commitment to building a future-ready workforce.



■ Encouraging entrepreneurship

As small business is the backbone of this country and our community, the Conyers-Rockdale Chamber of Commerce is committed to helping entrepreneurs with the tools and resources they need to develop viable businesses. Recognized as an official Entrepreneur Friendly Community by the Governor's Office, the Chamber continually seeks partnerships and opportunities to foster business growth and education. The Chamber's own Entrepreneurial Academy gives those interested in starting their own business the opportunity to hear from experts in the fields of banking, finance, marketing, human resources, and learn more about what it takes to start and run a successful business. In this 7-week program, future business owners learn from street-smart small business owners who have "been there, done that" and have a unique, relatable perspective to share. To date, more than 750 entrepreneurs have graduated from this valuable program.

■ Benefiting from a strong infrastructure

Resources to meet the needs of diverse businesses are abundant in Conyers and Rockdale County. Randy Poynter Lake, our 650-acre water reservoir, provides water independence to our community when other communities in





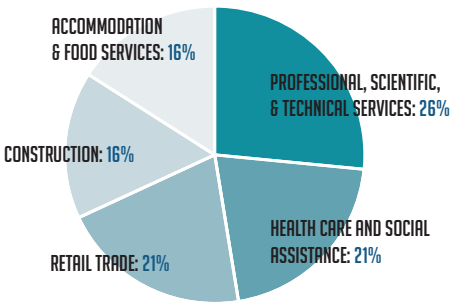
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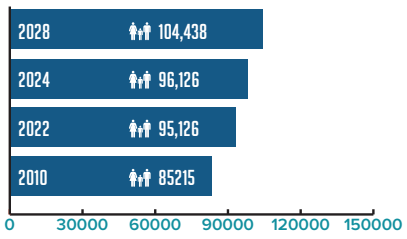
Natural gas for commercial and residential use is available from Atlanta Gas Light. Georgia's natural gas distribution is deregulated, so you can choose to purchase natural gas through a number of gas remarketers. Electricity is supplied by Georgia Power Company, Snapping Shoals EMC and Walton EMC. Proactive thinking, careful planning, and combining efficiency with expectations, assures the best management possible of our available natural resources.

Conyers/Rockdale County is fiber ready with major carriers including Clearwave Fiber, AT&T, and Xfinity providing high-speed broadband access throughout the county.

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■ Commercial and Industrial Properties

Beautiful and accessible office and industrial parks are plentiful and provide the perfect setting for a business. Prime locations for commercial and industrial companies are available for new and expanding businesses.

As retail is changing in our country, Conyers/Rockdale County is committed to supporting local property owners as they reimagine their retail centers and begin the process of turning them into vibrant multi-use facilities – retail, restaurant, and office storefronts – that consumers are demanding.

Our evolving community offers many incentives for new and expanding businesses. With forward-thinking leadership, strong infrastructure, proven support services, and a skilled labor force, Conyers/Rockdale County embraces business and industry.

This community is clearly a microcosm of metro Atlanta. Virtually every service or industry you need is in or near Conyers/Rockdale County. Our well-educated population has high expectations for the quality of life offered here. And we're committed to exceeding those expectations.





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Workforce: 445

CHEMICALS

Artience (LioChem)
Workforce: 120

ABC Compounding
Workforce: 120

Bostik Inc.
Workforce: 97

FOOD

Golden State Foods Corp
Workforce: 550

CORRUGATED (PACKAGING)

Pratt Industries
Workforce: 477

Rusken Packaging Inc.
Workforce: 68

PLASTIC/FOAM (PACKAGING)

Cellofoam
Workforce: 113

Sonoco
Workforce: 91

PLASTIC/FOAM (CONSUMER)

Dart Container Corp
Workforce: 285

Pactiv Evergreen Inc.
Workforce: 133

Tempur-Sealy International Inc.
Workforce: 210

CONSTRUCTION

Diversitech
Workforce:275

Frey-Moss Structures
Workforce: 95

Great Southern Wood
Workforce: 45

Southeast Connectioins
Workforce: 90

METAL FABRICATION

Evans Tool & Die
Workforce: 70

DID YOU KNOW?

If you enjoy many of the popular dipping sauces at fast food restaurants, it is highly likely that it was made right here in Conyers, GA. **Golden State Foods** makes, packages and distributes many of those popular sauces from their Conyers location.

The next time you buckle your seatbelt in a Toyota vehicle, there's a good chance the fiber helping keep you safe was produced right here in Conyers/Rockdale County. **Teijin Aramid** manufactures high-performance aramid fibers that provide exceptional strength and durability for automotive safety systems across the Americas.

The beautiful Silver Cloud granite featured in homes, businesses, and construction projects throughout the Southeast originates near one of Georgia's most recognizable landmarks. Conyers-based **GeoRock** supplies this unique granite quarried from the base of Stone Mountain.

Dedicated to the environment and sustainability, **Pratt Industries**, maker of 100% recycled containerboard, saves an estimated 85,000 trees and 35 million gallons of water per day with their environment-friendly process.

The next time you attend a barbecue, tailgate, or backyard gathering, chances are you'll see the iconic red Solo® cup. What many people don't know is that these famous cups are manufactured right here in Conyers by **Dart Container Corporation**.

Many of the car washes, fast-food restaurants and convenience stores you visit across the nation are pre-fabricated and transported to their permanent location from Conyers' very own **Frey-Moss Structures**.

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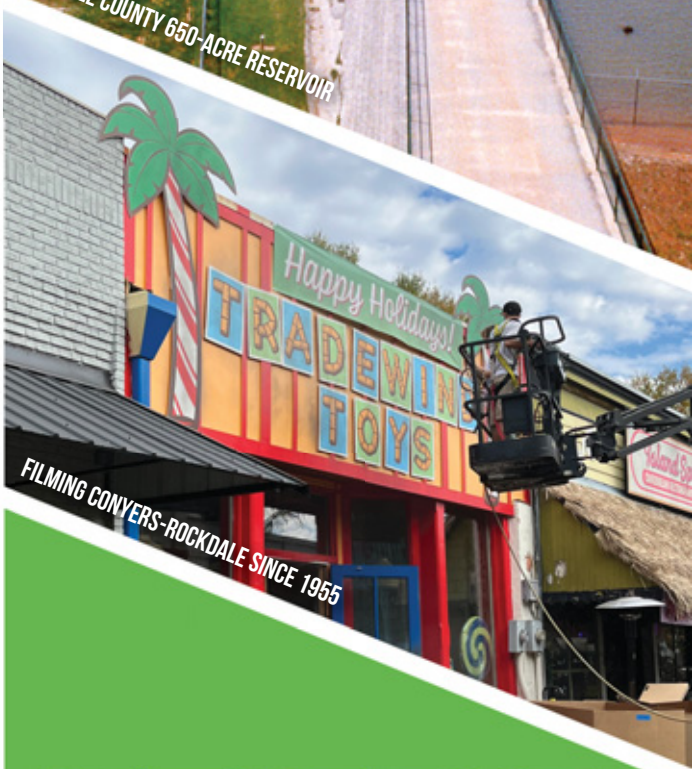


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FILM FRIENDLY COMMUNITY
We have earned the prestigious designation of a Georgia Camera Ready Community, and are positioned as a prime location for film and television productions. This recognition highlights Conyers' commitment to providing resources and support to the entertainment industry, fostering economic growth and cultural enrichment in the region.





COOPERATIVE GOVERNMENT
- Our county and city government as well as our public school system work cooperatively to promote business & industry growth.
- We offer competitive local incentives, as well as an expedited permitting process.

PERFECTLY POSITIONED
- Interstate highway I-20 runs East and West through the heart of Rockdale County and the City of Conyers, providing easy connections to I-285, I-85 & I-75.
- Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is just 25 miles away, with national and international airlines making more than 2,500 flights daily.
- Located just 10 miles from Conyers, is the Covington Municipal Airport's 5,500 foot runway, and provides air transportation services for light aircraft.
- CSX Railroad provides access to many of our industrial properties.
- Seaports are easily accessible via interstate highway access to Savannah, Georgia and Charleston, South Carolina.

EDUCATION
- Our public school system partners with the Georgia University System and the Technical College System of Georgia to provide advanced education opportunities to meet the technological demands of tomorrow.
- Rockdale Career Academy, a model charter school, and Rockdale Magnet School offer 20+ career pathways, many with industry certifications, including STEM subjects.

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Film & Television



More than 375 feature film and television productions have filmed in Georgia in recent years, generating over $9.5 billion in economic impact, with a direct spend of $4+ billion, making Georgia among the top film locations in the world.

The Georgia Entertainment Industry Investment Act grants qualified feature film and television productions an income tax credit of up to 30% of approved in-state costs associated with productions spending $500,000 or more (plus up to an 8% additional savings through Georgia's Sales and Use Tax Exemption). In 2018, the Georgia legislature expanded the film credit to cover "qualified postproduction expenditures". These financial incentives along with an abundance of diverse locations, a dynamic skilled workforce of film production professionals, and a dedicated Camera Ready Film Liaison to assist Producers and Location Managers with every aspect of filming in our community, have all made it possible for the film and television production industry to grow and flourish in Conyers/Rockdale County, making us "The Biggest Little Filming Community in Georgia".

From blockbuster feature films like *Fast & Furious (Fast Five)* and *Identity Thief,* to small independent films like *Selma and Miracles from Heaven,* and successful major network and streaming television series such as *The Vampire Diaries, The Originals, Doom Patrol, The Resident, MacGyver, Stranger Things, and Ozark,* Hollywood has come to Conyers/Rockdale County in a big way.

In addition, our community has become a valued and sought-after location for episodic television filming, particularly productions that take advantage of our diverse and visually compelling outdoor settings. Recent projects such as *Will Trent, Tulsa King, and His & Hers* have utilized Rockdale County's natural scenery, historic charm, and accessible locations to bring their stories to life. This continued demand for episodic production reinforces our reputation as a versatile and production-friendly destination within Georgia's thriving film industry.

In recent years, Rockdale County has hosted numerous film and television projects, generating **tens of millions of dollars in direct local spending**, supporting local businesses, and contributing to long-term economic growth.

Conyers/Rockdale County provides film production companies with everything they need for a successful shoot in a small geographic footprint, and all within the 30-mile zone preferred by most major productions. Because time is money in film and television production, filming in Rockdale County means more time behind the camera and less time traveling from location to location.

The Conyers/Rockdale County Film Office (FILM ROCKDALE) provides assistance with identifying and scouting unique locations, contacting local production resources, submitting appropriate film permitting applications and notifications for approval, scheduling road closures with police and fire departments, connecting productions with local businesses to keep spending local, and many other special requests.



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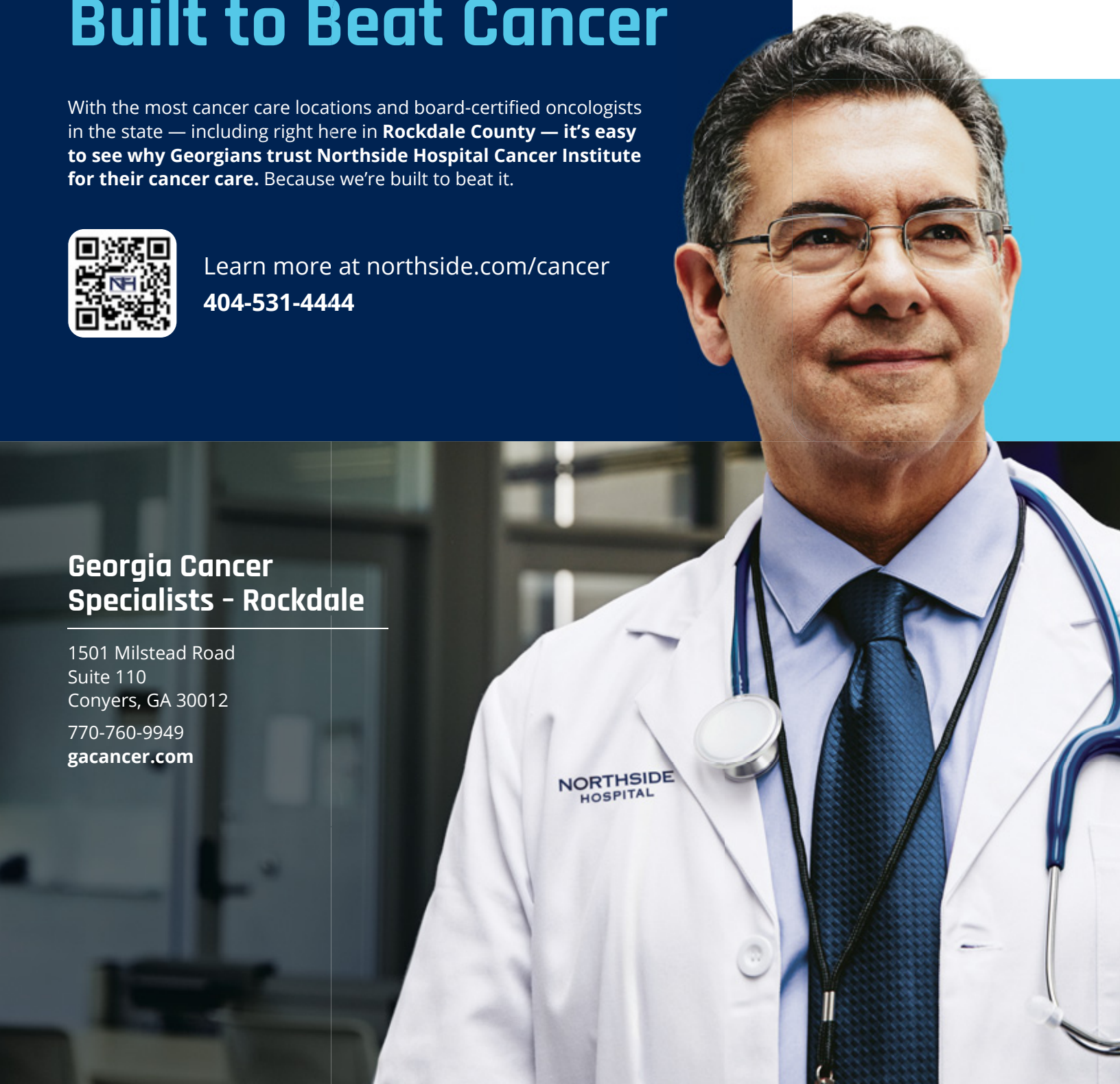
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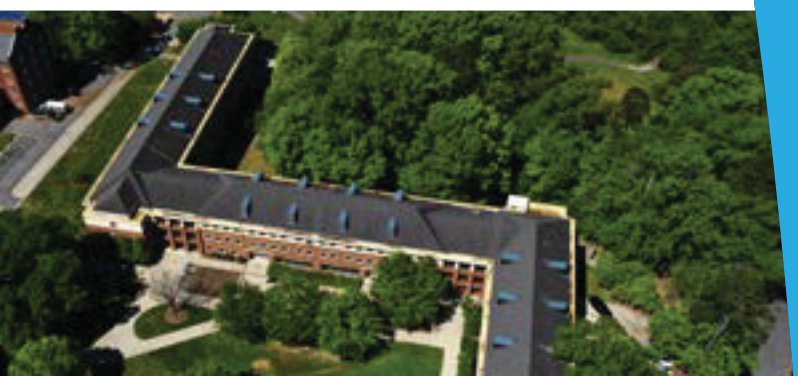
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