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ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION

Downtown Huntsville, Inc. (DHI) is a not-for-profit, membership organization committed to creating a vibrant, diverse and economically sustainable downtown. Our members represent all stakeholder groups, including downtown property owners, business owners, tourist attractions, business organizations, advocacy groups, neighborhood associations, and residents from throughout the city. DHI supports and advocates for our members through master planning, research studies, and commercial and residential development to ensure Downtown Huntsville continues to thrive. Other DHI initiatives include supporting our small businesses and bringing free and accessible signature events to the North Alabama community that result in more support for Huntsville businesses.

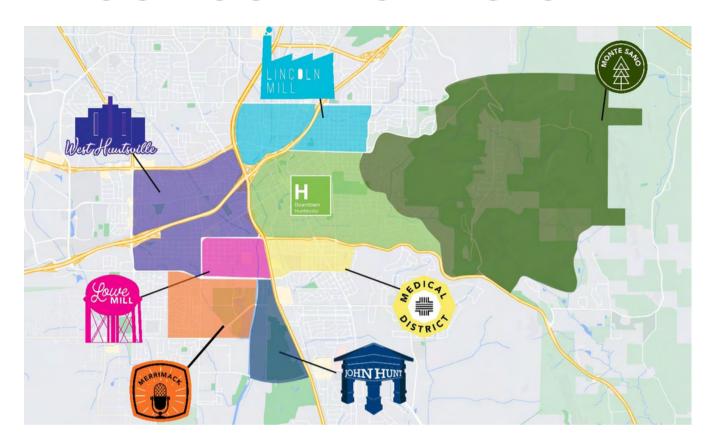
Our Focus

Downtown Huntsville, Inc. focuses on the following major initiatives:

- Urban Environment: Master planning with the City of Huntsville to provide a high-quality live, work, and play urban environment. We focus on opportunity sites and redevelopment projects for downtown commercial and residential development
- Downtown Advocacy and Public Policy
- Downtown Marketing and Public Relations
- Philanthropy & Membership



ABOUT OUR DISTRICTS



John Hunt District

With new hotels, restaurants and retail, the John Hunt District has a variety of venues and activities to entertain the whole family.

Medical District

The Medical District is home to Huntsville High School, a variety of locally owned shops, and state of the art medical facilities.

West Huntsville District

This large district is home to Campus 805 and Stovehouse that both offer unique experiences in dining, shopping, and entertainment.

Lincoln Mill District

Filled with entertainment and a growing tech campus, the Lincoln Mill District is the perfect place to work hard and play hard!

Merrimack District

Just west of Downtown Huntsville, Merrimack is one of the premier destinations for performing arts and recreational sports.

Lowe Mill District

The Lowe Mill District is truly a space to innovate. Lowe Mill Arts and Entertainment Center lends to the district's creative nature.

Monte Sano District

Overlooking Downtown Huntsville, Monte Sano is one of the premier destinations for outdoor activities in the Southeast.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Valued Partners,

As we wrap up 2023, I'd like to share an overview of Downtown Huntsville, Inc.'s (DHI) accomplishments and ambitious plans for the future.

Downtown Huntsville has blossomed into a lively district brimming with commerce, entertainment, and recreational activities. Over the past year, DHI has dedicated itself to creating and supporting vibrant experiences through various stakeholder-driven strategies and initiatives.

To kick off 2023, DHI launched a perception survey to identify opportunities and areas for improvement within the downtown area. Nearly 1,000 stakeholders completed the survey, with overwhelmingly positive results; most respondents desired more music-related activities and events.

Another noteworthy finding was the strong perception of safety, with an average rating of 4.6 on a scale of 1 to 5. DHI has actively collaborated with the city and public safety officials to prioritize safety, especially considering the nationwide concern about rising crime in urban areas.

Signature events and placemaking projects remained a pillar of DHI's work plan, attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors to downtown, generating economic activity, and fostering civic pride. Based on team discussions and survey responses, DHI focused on enhancing existing signature events like Food Truck Rallies, Movies in the Park, and Tinsel Trail with new programming components. Introducing elevated bands, local art vendors, and kid-friendly activities led to increased attendance across the board.

While events attract and introduce people to downtown, increasing daytime employment headcount is crucial for sustained vibrancy. Downtown employees support our food, beverage, and retail businesses. With historically low vacancy rates and robust metro growth, expanding the downtown office inventory is paramount. Low vacancy hinders growth and recruitment, potentially forcing businesses to relocate to other submarkets for expansion.

Recognizing this challenge, DHI commissioned a downtown office market study to determine inventory needs, potential rates, and strategies to cultivate office market growth. While new Class-A office developments are welcome, DHI will continue advocating for and developing new or expanded incentives to attract office development.

Storytelling has always been central to DHI's mission. This year, the newsletter incorporated a featured article highlighting a downtown business, event, or advocate.

This approach also fueled an updated communications and social media strategy, which in 2023, connected with over 80,000 combined Instagram and Facebook followers, generating over 4 million social media impressions. DHI's social media and communications efforts continue to be a valuable resource for understanding downtown happenings and amplifying small businesses.

Looking ahead, Downtown Huntsville, Inc. remains committed to sustainable growth that preserves downtown's authenticity and high quality of life. All existing and new initiatives will be internally assessed to ensure they align with this commitment.

We are incredibly grateful for the unwavering support of our partners, city leaders, members, and the entire Huntsville community. Without this collective support, DHI's effectiveness in creating a vibrant, diverse, and economically sustainable downtown would be limited. Together, we are shaping the future of Downtown Huntsville, creating a vibrant, thriving, and welcoming destination for all.

Lastly, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Downtown Huntsville, Inc. team and board of directors. The organization's success in 2023 was a collective effort, and I thank them for their dedication to shaping downtown's future.

Thank you for your continued support for Downtown Huntsville. We look forward to achieving even greater milestones together in 2024.



ROB BUDDO President & CEO

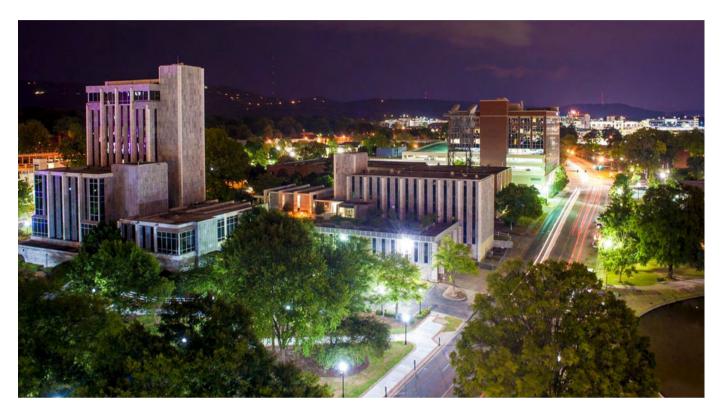
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OFFICE MARKET STUDY

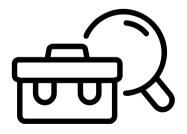


DHI hired ValueTech Realty Services in May 2023 to study market demand, opportunities, and challenges facing the downtown office market. With Downtown Huntsville having historically low office vacancy rates, DHI is advocating to develop more office space to help recruit and retain new employers. These efforts will help grow the daytime headcount, which is critical to supporting and growing our food, beverage, and retail establishments.

FAST FACTS



4.2M SFCurrent Inventory



5.4% Vacancy Rate



\$24.07 Market Rent (per SF)

343,020 SF:

Minimum projected additional office space demand by 2028

SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES



Downtown Vintage Market

DHI partnered with One Man's Vintage to bring the first vintage market to downtown. Huntsville's Downtown Vintage Market provides local and regional businesses with the opportunity to bring their products and collections to the market without having to travel to markets in Nashville, Atlanta, or Birmingham. These markets have grown from 1,500 attendees at the first market, to nearly 2,670 attendees at the second, and to over 3,000 attendees at the third.



Saturday Sidewalk Sales

DHI partnered with retail establishments on Clinton Row and Downtown Storage to host Saturday Sidewalk Sales. These sales allowed retailers in the Downtown Storage building to merchandise the sidewalk outside of the building to give those retailers an opportunity to increase their exposure.



Member Profiles & Workshops

DHI launched a blog-form member profile series that helps promote and increase awareness of downtown businesses. These profiles are pushed out through our weekly newsletter and social media channels. We also added workshops and seminars to our membership briefings. One of the workshops focused on social media and leveraging it as a tool for success during the holiday season.









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EVENT RECAP



Downtown Lunch Lounge

We created a new placemaking event called Downtown Lunch Lounge, a vibrant outdoor dining space with live music, games, and seating to encourage downtown employees and visitors to enjoy their lunch breaks outside.

FAST FACTS



15
Opportunities for local musicians



Food Truck Rallies

We consolidated food trucks and trailers into one Food Truck Rally event, added free entertainment and activities, and concentrated the footprint to the eastside of Big Spring Park to give the event a more connected and vibrant atmosphere.

AST FACTS



4,500Average attendance per rally in 2023

EVENT RECAP



Art Walks

We hosted five Friday Night Art Walks on downtown's Historic Square. The events brought visitors to the downtown core, resulting in a financial impact for food, beverage, and retail establishments.

FAST FACTS



200
Opportunities for local artists and makers



Movies in the Park

DHI focused the past year's season of Movies in the Park to October and moved locations from Constitution Hall Park to Big Spring Park East. The increased footprint allowed for DHI to add food trucks, vendors, live music before the movies, and other activities to engage attendees.

AST FACTS



1,200
Average attendance per movie night in 2023









2023 IN PICTURES

















TINSEL TRAIL 2023



Tinsel Trail is Downtown Huntsville, Inc.'s largest event, hosted annually in Big Spring Park. The event allows for local businesses, families, and organizations to pick and decorate a Christmas tree on the trail. The public can then walk through the trail for free anytime during the holiday season.

Tinsel Trail 2023 provided an opportunity for DHI and the Huntsville Museum of Art to partner on an initiative called Rockin' Around the Rocket City. This partnership focused on creating synergy between Tinsel Trail and Skating in the Park, which resulted in a 23-foot custom designed Christmas tree called the Rocket City Tree. This tree and partnership has the potential to grow annually and become the ultimate holiday tradition in Downtown Huntsville. Tinsel Trail kicked off on Black Friday with the Rocket City Tree lighting ceremony and Tinsel Trail Market. The lighting ceremony featured live Christmas caroling, dance performances, pictures with Santa, and remarks from Mayor Battle.

:AST FACTS



440

Trees decorated in Big Spring Park



135,000

Tinsel Trail visitors during 2023 season



BEST FESTIVAL

Voted on by Huntsville EVENT Magazine

11,200

Attendees at Tinsel Trail opening night festivities, making it the largest free event in Big Spring Park



BLUE BIKES PROGRAM



The Blue Bikes Program is a bike share program created in partnership with the City of Huntsville and Tandem Mobility, and presented by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Alabama, that allows users to experience Downtown Huntsville in a unique way and provides a mode of transportation that is clean and energy friendly. Several bike share stations are located around Downtown Huntsville, and riders can rent a bike through a mobile app.

FAST FACTS



10
Bike Share Stations



26
Active Bikes



4,751 Riders in 2023

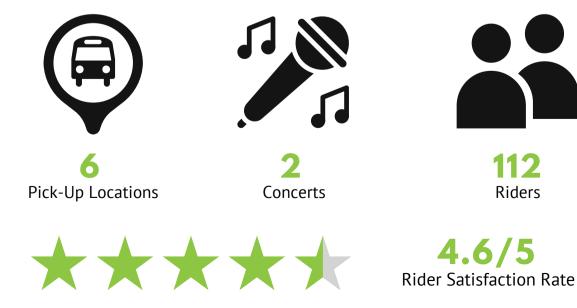
348,770: Total minutes of ride time in 2023

ORION EXPRESS PILOT



DHI partnered with Huntsville Transit and the Orion Amphitheater to establish the Orion Express, a dedicated public transit route transporting concertgoers between the downtown area and the Orion Amphitheater. The transportation option helped boost patronage for downtown hotels, restaurants, and bars before and after performances.

FAST FACTS





Riders

MEMBERSHIP



DHI is a membership organization, and our members represent all stakeholder groups, including property owners, business owners, tourist attractions, business organizations, advocacy groups, neighborhood associations and residents from throughout the city. Becoming a member comes with a host of benefits that contribute to both personal and professional growth. Members contribute to the vibrant fabric of Downtown Huntsville, actively participating in events, initiatives, and programs that enhance the community, city, and North Alabama as a whole.

Networking is another invaluable benefit of being a part of DHI. Members gain access to a diverse network of local businesses, professionals, and community leaders. The networking opportunities facilitated by DHI can lead to collaborations, partnerships, and the exchange of ideas. Building such connections is instrumental in broadening one's professional circle and can open doors to new business prospects and ventures.

DHI also acts as a strong advocate for its members, representing their interests in local matters. This advocacy ensures that the voice of the downtown business community is heard, and policies are shaped to create a favorable environment for growth and success. This level of representation can be especially beneficial for small businesses seeking a collective voice in influencing the economic landscape.

WHY JOIN?

Hear It from Our Members

"Downtown Huntsville, Inc. is an outstanding partner, especially to small businesses and nonprofit organizations with limited staff and resources. Rob, Karla and Abby are a 'triple threat of talent,' diligently working to serve DHI's member organizations through their advocacy efforts, marketing expertise, and the countless events and activities that have made Downtown Huntsville a great place to live, work and play. The Historic Huntsville Foundation and Harrison Brothers have certainly benefited from membership in DHI, and we are pleased to support DHI and its important mission to support our community."

-Donna M. Castellano, Executive Director of Historic Huntsville Foundation

"We are so grateful for our partnership with DHI. Whether sharing information on happenings in downtown, to providing us with opportunities to showcase our products, or acting as a liaison with the city government, DHI has always had our best interest in mind. They continue to be responsive to any concerns or problems we've encountered. DHI has been a constant support for us since we opened in Downtown Huntsville in 2017. We look forward to working with the whole team at DHI for many years to come."

-Christy Wimberly and the entire Honest

Coffee Team

"Timberlake, League & Brooks law firm has been in the downtown area since the mid 90s. DHI's inception has been a stark catalyst for thoughtful and measured development of downtown. As a founding member of DHI, we have been on the front row to see Downtown Huntsville's transition into a place of work and play for all of the community to enjoy. From supporting local businesses to the beautification of this wonderful town, DHI is in it for our community. Our recent Soccer World Cup watch party could not have taken place without DHI's help and commitment to such a progressive event and idea. As Huntsville continues to grow, we look forward to DHI's positive influence on the community.'

-Will League, The Law Firm Of Timberlake, League, & Brooks

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Platinum Member: \$10,000

Gold Member: \$5,000

Silver Member: \$2,500

Bronze Member: \$1,500

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Members can enjoy a variety of benefits depending on the Membership Level. All members get access to exclusive DHI Member Briefings and Workshops and listing on the DHI website. Higher levels receive special Tinsel Trail benefits, sponsorship opportunities, and recognition in DHI's weekly newsletter.

Interested in becoming a member? Scan here!



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41,300 Facebook followers

7,000LinkedIn followers

5,000Newsletter subscribers

4 million + Social media impressions in 2023



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"2023 was a year of growth and transition for DHI as we hired a new CEO, marketing staff member, and expanded our activation in the districts. During this past year, DHI made a focused effort to improve our longstanding events and activities through collaboration with city partners. We focused on improvements and activities that created value for our membership, locals and visitors to our downtown and districts. I'm proud to have been a part of DHI as we celebrated our 10 year anniversary and look forward to seeing continued progress in Downtown Huntsville!"

-Jami Peyton, 2023 Board Chair

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In 2023, the DHI team was committed to revamping our signature events so that they continued to draw crowds of patrons that helped support downtown establishments. Because of the improvements we made, attendance increased significantly at each event. DHI is excited to continue bringing impactful events to downtown in 2024, and we would love your partnership as we do so. Event sponsorship is one way to become involved with our organization and help leave a positive mark on the community.

DHI still has many event sponsorship opportunities for 2024. If you are interested in becoming a presenting or co-sponsor for one of our signature events, please contact Karla Bolin by emailing karla@downtownhuntsville.org. Scan the QR code to see a list of sponsorship opportunities.

Interested in becoming a sponsor? Scan here!



MEET THE DHI TEAM



ROB BUDDO President & CEO

Originally from Charlotte, North Carolina, Rob graduated from the University of Alabama in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in Geography, focused on Urban and Regional Planning. He began his career in Birmingham, Alabama, working as a Catalytic Development Manager for Main Street Birmingham, the precursor to REV Birmingham. During his time with REV Birmingham, Rob revitalized and managed properties in the historic Woodlawn neighborhood before managing the City Center Business Improvement District. Rob also gained experience in various commercial real estate roles with CoStar Group, Inc.



KARLA BOLIN Districts & Events Manager

Originally from Las Cruces, New Mexico, Karla graduated from Athens State University in 2005, after obtaining a bachelor's of science in Chemistry with a minor in Mathematics. She started her career in commercial and residential real estate and later transitioned to business development and client services. Karla ensures DHI runs smoothly while managing downtown districts, membership, and events. She strives to add value in everything she does and brings the same dedication to Downtown Huntsville.



ABIGAIL HARRISON Communications Coordinator

Originally from Scottsboro, Alabama, Abigail is a new resident in the Huntsville community. She graduated from Jacksonville State University in 2023, with a degree in Professional Writing and Communications. Abigail decided to start her professional career in Huntsville because of the vibrant and growing community. She is passionate about connecting with businesses, organizations, and people, and helping them tell their unique stories. Abigail strives to bring the same goal to DHI's communication strategies.











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