

Dear Valued Fannin County Community Member,

In our community, the Friday nights of fall mean that football is being played and the air is filled with the sound of the award winning Fannin County Marching Band. In just a few short weeks, the Fannin County Band will begin its preparation for the 2016-2017 season. Thanks to your support, the Fannin County Band, its instructors, and students, have enjoyed over 30 years of pride and *superior* achievements.

Supporting Fannin County Rebel football is just the start of the band's activities. The band supports the community with its participation in the 9/11 activities, Veterans' Day Parade, Light Up Blue Ridge Parade, and the McCaysville Christmas Parade. In addition, students arrive early to garner student support through "Drums In the Morning," as well as participating in basketball and drama events. Band ensembles play in churches, Chamber of Commerce events, and private functions.

In addition, the band hosts the Blue Ridge Mountain Marching Festival the 2nd weekend in October. Bringing more than 3,000 students *plus* their families to our community is of significant economic impact.

The decades of stellar performances by the band have been recognized by an invitation to participate in the 2016 Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade! [More than 300 bands vied for fewer than 30 slots.] The band will represent our community in both New York City and Philadelphia this year. As a result, your support is even more crucial this year.

As you can clearly see, the Fannin Band is very busy throughout the year. It requires a tremendous dedication of time and funds. Each year, the Band Booster Club raises funds for all these activities, which equals over \$125,000.00. With your support in the 2016-2017 school year, we can help "our kids" reach their goals and represent our community throughout the year. The Band Boosters work to insure that all band students are able to participate in all activities.

If you have donated to the Fannin County Band before, we trust you are well aware of the positive recognition you receive from your support. The Band has 6 levels of sponsorship to choose from with donations of \$50.00 to \$2,500.00. We are asking if you have supported the band in the past to consider renewing or, if possible, increasing your sponsorship for the up-coming school year. If you have never supported the band before, please join us this year and experience the band as a valued sponsor.

Enclosed you will find all the information as it pertains to level of sponsorship. A sponsorship form is also enclosed. Please fill out the form with your contribution, and return it by August 1, 2016 to the Fannin County Band Booster Club, PO Box 1641, Blue Ridge, GA 30513.

Community is one of the best aspects of living and working in this area. With your support, the Fannin County Band will continue to be a very visible ambassador for our community. We will showcase your support not only throughout the State of Georgia but also up the east coast.

Thank you for your consideration and support of "our kids." We could not do what we do without your commitment and support of the Fannin County Band. We look forward to seeing you on Friday nights this fall under the lights as we cheer on the Rebels and watch the Rebel Band from Dixie Land take to the field!

Thank you in advance for your continued support of this amazing program and the talented students who go the extra mile to insure that they remain the best because they represent the best.

Sincerely,

Lynn Doss

Fannin County Band Booster President

