



2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

PROMOTE, STIMULATE AND IMPROVE BUSINESS

WHO WE REPRESENT



900
Members



27
Counties



7
States



75,000+
Employees



\$1.5B
Estimated
Payroll

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO



100+
Business &
Networking Events



5000+
Event
Attendees



40+
Ribbon Cuttings &
Ground Breakings



33
Leadership
Roanoke Valley
Graduates



900+
Leadership
Roanoke Valley
Alumni Network

STRENGTHENING THE REGION'S BUSINESS CLIMATE

In 2017 your Chamber...

- Held a healthcare forum to educate the business community on the possible direction of healthcare policy
- Successfully advocated for funding for important workforce development initiatives
- Hosted a panel with business leaders and Secretary Todd Haymore to highlight the connection between strong infrastructure and economic success
- Worked with businesses and elected leaders to ensure broadband accessibility in underserved areas
- Supported the Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport Commission's grant application to improve air service by soliciting letters of support and financial pledges from the business community

ROANOKE REGIONAL SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER BUSINESS SUPPORT



1050
Counseling
Hours



37
Training
Sessions



22
Business
Starts



89
Jobs
Created



96
Jobs
Retained



310
Businesses
Assisted



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Chris Stevens, Woods Rogers
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Rick Webster, Union Bank & Trust
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Arika Zink, WFXR, Virginia First

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BB&T
Carilion Clinic
City of Roanoke
First Citizens Bank
HomeTown Bank
Mountain Valley Pipeline
Norfolk Southern
Pinnacle Financial Partners
RGC Resources
SunTrust
The Roanoke Times
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