



# GREATER SYLACAUGA RESILIENCY NETWORK

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Shortly after the manifestation of the COVID-19 Global Pandemic last winter, an informal group of community leaders began daily virtual meetings to assess the impact of the pandemic on the Greater Sylacauga Community. The group looked at the emerging needs across the varied segments of the community to include public health, education and after school learning, business and commerce, workforce impacts and at-risk community members. Identifying community needs and challenges, the group set out to find solutions or create opportunity to promote our community resilience.

Over the course of several months, the informal information sharing matured and the Sylacauga Alliance for Family Enhancement and the Sylacauga Chamber of Commerce formed an alliance to provide executive leadership and establishment of the GSRN.

### **Purpose - the *Why*.**

A vision of sustained resilience through community partners and opportunity.

### **Mission – the *What*.**

Civic Leaders harness the power of a network of commercial, government and non-profit organizations to provide solutions to challenges or disruptive events and promote community resilience.

### **Strategy – the *How?***

The GSRN maximizes effects to promote resiliency with four elements of simultaneous action – Prepare, Respond, Recover and Learn.

### GSRN POSITIVE IMPACT IN 2020

Provided Timely Public Health Awareness and Protection Information regarding COVID-19.

Promoted Financial Recovery with Immediate Commercial and Business Resource Information

#SYL Strong Campaign to promote community support for local businesses

Sustained After-school Learning Programs

Sustained Community Outreach with Children and Seniors Feeding and Visitation Programs

Provided Transportation Services to avoid disruption of public education feeding programs

Shared Organization and Business Reentry Guidelines

Sustained Workforce Readiness programs to promote community resilience

Positively Sylacauga Campaign

Garnered State and Regional recognition as a presenter at The David Mathews Center's Civic Institute Annual Forum

Promoted strong community leadership with Crisis Leadership Workshops

Promoted Family Resilience with training programs to strengthening families