



Chamber OnLine – April '14

News from the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce

Message from the President

"The Genesee County Chamber of Commerce leads in the pursuit of creating an environment for business success which will enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Genesee County".

That is the mission statement of our Chamber. And this past weekend there could be no more better example of fulfilling our mission than the Genesee County Chamber's first ever Home Show.

With the help of a talented and dedicated group of volunteers, staff, and Chamber member businesses, the Falleti Ice Arena was transformed into a bustling center of business activity that most definitely was "an environment for business success".

Sixty vendors displayed their products and services to the nearly 2,000 people who attended the Home Show last weekend. And every vendor I talked to was very pleased at the amount of business that the Home Show generated for them.

Not only were the businesses happy but the people that attended the Home Show enjoyed it as well. I was surprised at the number of people who came up and said, "Thank you for bringing the Home Show back".

Those attending were able to enjoy a leisurely stroll and check out the very diverse and interesting displays in a brightly-lit, comfortable venue. As Cedar Street Sales and Rentals' Guy Clark so aptly put it, "If you close your eyes, you can hear the buzz".

The first ever Chamber Home Show truly fulfilled the part of our mission statement that talks about "enhancing the quality of life for the citizens of Genesee County".

I would like to thank everyone who helped make this great event possible – our Home Show committee, the Chamber staff, the Falleti Ice arena staff, and the many Chamber members who volunteered their time and energy to get our first Home show off the ground. I don't want to name names because I'm afraid I would leave someone out! You all know who you are.

But my biggest thank you goes out to all the vendors in this year's Home Show. As most good businesses do, you took a chance and put your money on an unknown outcome and hopefully you were rewarded for taking that risk. Your faith in the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce is what ultimately made our first Home Show a smashing success.

I can't wait until next year!

Sincerely,

*Tom Turnbull
President*