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INAUGURAL FOUNDATION ANNUAL BREAKFAST – THE TIME IS NOW TO MAKE BELIEVERS

WHAT: Rochester Chamber of Commerce Foundation Annual Breakfast

WHEN: Tuesday, April 25th from 8:00am – 9:30am

WHERE: Rochester International Event Center

WHO IS INVITED: This event is open to the public; however, attendees must register in advance

The Rochester Chamber of Commerce Foundation will hold its inaugural [Foundation Annual Breakfast](#) on Tuesday, April 25th at the Rochester International Event Center. Built on the theme of *Making Believers*, the breakfast promises to bring community members together to realize the feats we can accomplish when we believe in the growth and opportunity awaiting our region, and come together to make it happen. The Foundation was established 30 years ago to do great work in the community focused on building a globally competitive workforce. It is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is not limited to the Chamber's membership, serving the community at large. All community members are invited to attend the Foundation Annual Breakfast to learn more about the Foundation's current and future endeavors and ways to take part in the efforts toward a workforce solution.

The event will feature a keynote presentation from **Joe Powers, CEO of Powers Ventures** and Foundation supporter, and will be emceed by **Brianna Cook**, News Anchor for our media partner **ABC 6 News**. The cost to attend the event is \$25 for an individual ticket, with reserved table seating available. Those interested in registering or finding out more about the event can visit the Foundation's website: <http://bit.ly/foundationbreakfast>

As the workforce development and education arm of the [Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce](#), the Foundation is charged with helping **develop, attract, and retain the best talent for the Southeast Minnesota region**. Our workforce challenge is one heavy lift, and one that is not done in isolation. The Foundation is working in partnership with area public schools, higher education institutions, fellow non-profits, and business partners to develop and implement real solutions, like [job shadow programs](#), the [STEAM Summit](#), [Leadership Greater Rochester](#), and [Hubworks.MN](#). These programs are just the beginning of the efforts the Foundation is undertaking to ensure our community is poised to meet the needs of the incredible growth we are facing.

Of these efforts, President of the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce, Rob Miller says, "It's time to attract more believers just like me to our great city and region. We need people, but not just any people; we need creative and critical thinkers. We need talent with an appreciation for hard work and a balanced quality of life. We need individuals who see the promise and values of Southeast Minnesota reflected in their future. We need make-believers."

Join the Rochester Chamber of Commerce Foundation in making believers on April 25th.

The Rochester Chamber of Commerce Foundation is a nonprofit organization serving as the educational and scholarship arm of the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce. The Foundation works to unite business and education in our community to ensure a globally competitive workforce, realizing that together, we produce independent, confident, and creative thinkers able to adapt and discern in a fast-paced, changing world. More information can be found at www.rochestermnchamber.com/foundation