



JUNCTION CITY AREA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## A Message From Our President

Dear Board of Directors, Committee Members, and Chamber Members,

Over the last two and a half weeks I have heard our current situation and this unprecedented time referred to as many things. I suppose the best, most apt is "uncertain". My analogy to this is it is like we are all walking an unlit path and being cautious as to where next we step or reach out, not knowing or being able to clearly see what is in front of us as we advance. We are used to being able to see where we are going and what the next steps on the path are. Though sometimes, whether for business or personal reasons, it may be a bit hazy, it is doable as we can still tell the direction and see the bends in the path ahead. This time not so much.

What I do know is that our community and we as Kansan's are resilient. The definition of resilient is "able to withstand, to recover from difficult conditions, to adjust to changes and overcome." Junction City/Geary Co. is a community that has seen its share of uncertainty and been resilient through the challenges. Our community, with our partners at Fort Riley, will continue to work together as a community through this as we have other challenges in the past. We as the Chamber of Commerce are deeply appreciative of our members, committees, and board members who work with us each and every day to build and strengthen this community.

We realize these are uncertain and challenging times for our leaders and businesses, both large and small. We are working to communicate, find resources, and bring valuable information through our electronic and social media. Our staff and leadership are researching and participating in Webinars and conference calls with local, regional, state and federal organizations to gather any information that may have merit locally for our members and businesses.

Attached is an info graphic explaining in simple terms and format the two loan options available through the CARES Act. We hope this simplification is helpful and provides you with key information that enables you to understand the possibilities, make decisions, and most importantly, get back to your business!

Please feel free to share this with anyone in your circle whom it may benefit.

We believe in you and your business and in these uncertain times we all need the strength of community ...even if at a distance ...to support each other. We will continue to look for useful information to provide you. In the meantime, stay safe and well. I look forward to visiting personally when we are through this storm.

Warm Regards,

Mickey Fornaro-Dean  
President of Operations