



Brookwood Christian School
The Dyslexia School in Downtown Acworth



Brookwood Christian named a 2019 Top 25 Small Business of the Year

Brookwood Christian School honored among Cobb County's Top 25 Small Businesses of the Year and 2019 businesses to Watch

Acworth, Georgia (May 6, 2019) – The Cobb Chamber of Commerce today named Brookwood Christian a 2019 Top 25 Small Business of the Year at the Chamber's First Monday Breakfast for its remarkable innovation, sound approach to organizational challenges and positive impact on the community.

"We are very honored to be named one of the Top 25 Businesses", said Kim Wigington, founder and Headmaster at Brookwood, "This time last year we were crowded in our original building undergoing construction. Now we have our new building and are quickly filling the extra space to serve more students. This recognition highlights the hard work of all our staff."

Brookwood Christian School (BCS) is a small private school with a focus on Dyslexia and other language processing disorders. BCS uses specialized curriculum such as Wilson Reading System® and Fast ForWord® Reading, to help students overcome reading difficulties. What makes BCS truly unique is our multi age groups which allow students with similar learning styles, needs, and abilities to work at their own level. Students usually gain between 1.5 to 2.5 years in reading scores every year.

Founder and director, Kim Wigington has received awards such as 2014 ABA Business Person of the Year and 2016 Cobb Chamber of Commerce Acworth Citizen of the Year. In

2018 Wigington received the Leadership in Literacy Award from the Georgia branch of the International Dyslexia Association. BCS also earned the 2018 Top-Rated Nonprofit award from Great Nonprofits, as well as earning the Guidestar Platinum Seal of Transparency for the second time in March 2019.

“We are so proud of all the small businesses that make up such an integral part of our community,” said Cobb Chamber President and CEO Sharon Mason. “The quality of the businesses, the work they’re doing in the community, the great jobs they’re bringing—it all goes toward making Cobb County a vibrant and successful place to live, work and play.”

To be considered for the Top 25 Small Businesses of Year, each hopeful submits an application to the Cobb Chamber. The applicants must prove an increase in sales or unit volume, provide examples of innovation, discuss adversity and challenges, and thoroughly detail their community involvement. Applications are analyzed and considered by a group of independent community business leaders and affiliates of the Small Business Administration.

The First Monday Breakfast was sponsored by LOUD Security Systems and S.A. White Oil Company.

About Brookwood Christian School

Brookwood Christian School is a private, non-profit, non-denominational Christian school that serves students who have not been successful in public or private schools due to their unique learning needs: individual or multiple learning disorders such as dyslexia, reading & language processing disorders, auditory processing disorders, and other specific learning disabilities. Most of the operating budget comes from tuition payments augmented by the

Georgia SB-10 scholarship program. Eighty-six percent of our students receive some sort of financial assistance. Recognition such as this helps with our fundraising which helps keep our operating costs and tuition low.

About the Cobb Chamber

As one of the most influential business advocacy organizations in Georgia, the Cobb Chamber is dedicated to bringing the community and its leaders together to create jobs and strengthen the economy and quality of life so businesses and the community can achieve more. The Chamber achieves this by creating jobs and driving economic development; strengthening the community and the region; growing member businesses and nurturing leadership; and connecting businesses, government and the community.

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