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MIDWAY, GA. – IGA Supermarket hosted a Grand Opening Ceremony in conjunction with the Liberty County Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 192 Butler Avenue in Midway. Manager/Owner, Jim Woods, along with staff members, welcomed state and city elected officials, chamber staff, board members, ambassadors, members and people from the community to this event.

“The key to changing this economic state is to spend money, so all those who just came to check out the event... please buy something,” joked State Representative Al Williams. He went on to commend IGA Supermarket’s contribution to the surrounding community and growth of Midway.

The Independent Grocers Alliance (IGA) was founded in 1926, bringing together independent grocers across the United States to ensure that the trusted, family-owned local grocery store remained strong in the face of growing chain competition. In a time of cookie-cutter chains, IGA stores stand out as distinctively unique, just like the communities they serve.

“We welcome you to the Chamber, we are here for you and support your growing business,” said Kirsten Pratt, Membership Director of the Liberty County Chamber of Commerce.

Approximately 200 customers were lined up outside the doors in anticipation of the grand opening. The first 100 customers received a free \$15 gift card to use toward groceries. Everyone in attendance enjoyed a morning of laughter, celebration and shopping through the newly renovated store.

“This project would not have been possible without the support of my family and the City of Midway”, said Jim Woods, Manager of IGA Supermarket. He went on to thank the community for their continued support of their local IGA throughout the renovation process, which was challenging to shop through at times.

The event culminated with a blessing of the store by Johnny Williams.

Established in 1976, the Liberty County Chamber of Commerce’s mission is to support new and existing business, trade and industry within Liberty County, while increasing the cultural, civic, educational and overall quality of life of its citizens. The Chamber and its’ 442 members are committed to enhancing the local business climate and maintaining a high quality of life in the community.

*Picture Caption: State and City Elected Officials, Board Members, Ambassadors, Chamber Staff, Chamber Members, Community Members, and Mr. & Mrs. Woods with staff members.*