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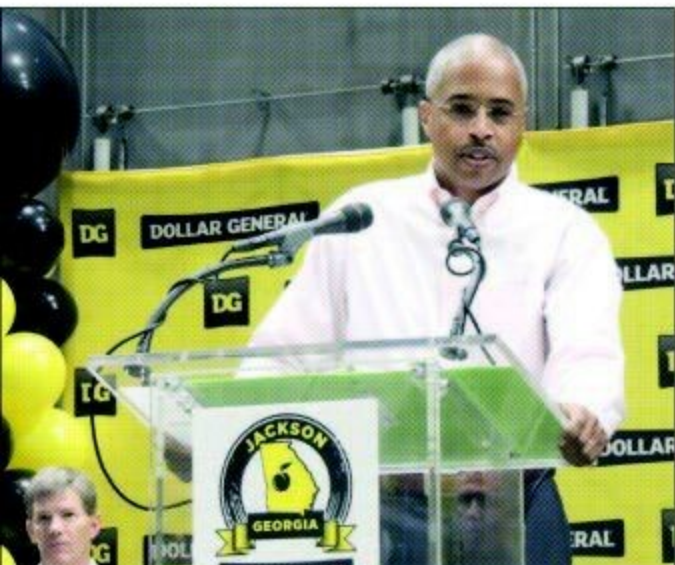
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Local officials from the Butts and Griffin-Spalding development authorities as well as Dollar General executives cut the ribbon at the grand opening ceremony held May 19 for the Dollar General Distribution Center located on the Butts-Spalding county line on Jackson Road.

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DGDC CELEBRATES ITS GRAND OPENING



Lindsey Martin, representing Georgia Department of Economic Development Commissioner Pat Wilson, said, "this is the first time I've seen families at a grand opening." He praised the efforts of the local development authorities to come together for this project.



The grand opening for the Dollar General Distribution Center included activities for kids — including facepainting and bounce houses.



Left: Dollar General's Literacy Foundation made presentations of \$7,500 each to the Butts County and Griffin-Spalding school systems. "We believe education is the key to success," said Cindy Pryor from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. "We look forward to a long partnership with you here in Jackson." Griffin-Spalding County School System Communications and Partnerships Department Executive Director Kimberly Willis Green accepted on behalf of the school system.



Mario Tort, the senior director of the Jackson Distribution Center, said "500 new careers were created at this distribution center." The "state-of-the-art facility," he said, "is pretty amazing. But it is our people that make this place work. You are Dollar General's competitive advantage in this area," Tort told the employees.



Above left: The grand opening of the 1,001,234 square-foot Dollar General Distribution Center on the Spalding and Butts county line included bounce houses, face painting and gifts for employees. "I'm really excited you brought your families to enjoy our grand opening," Dollar General Senior Vice President of Global Supply Chain Mike Kindy said. "We are one big family." **Above right:** Dollar General executives, as well as local and state officials prepared to speak at the May 19 grand opening. Pictured are Griffin-Spalding County Development Authority Chairman Chuck Copeland, Butts County Development Authority Executive Director Laura Sistrunk, Georgia Department of Economic Development's Lindsey Martin, Dollar General CEO Todd Vasos, Dollar General Senior Vice President of Global Supply Chain Mike Kindy, and Senior Director of the Jackson Distribution Center Mario Tort.