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What inspires me to be a part of the Dekalb County Board of Commissions vision which is geared by my cohesiveness to improve the quality of life for stakeholders (individuals, children, elderly and multi facet community of DeKalb County through governance, representation (advocacy), and accountability.

The qualification where first cultivated through my up bring then with academia. To date my mother has mint condition "Ebony" magazines from the 1960's, books written by American Black human rights advocates of European and African descent historical articles. Also, my mother was endlessly involved with community organizations such as President of my school PTA (parent teacher association); long term member of the National Council of Negro Women and NAACP. By example of community engagement was executed with the mind set of communities should thrive economically and educationally. It was not made apparent to me that I was following my mothers foots steps until my Junior year in college. By this time, I had started a NACCP-Charlotte (National Association of Colored People) chapter at my 85% Caucasian high school (active to date), ran and won the Public Relation position for North Carolina Central University Student Government Association. During this time of my junior year I changed my degree from Accounting to Criminal Justice/Political Science to enhance my abilities to assist underserve communities and positive changes for individuals. My focus from then until today is advocating, leading and implementing solutions for individuals, families and communities concerns and issues

Two years ago, prior to my pursuit of a Phd. in Sociology, I realized human services was more than just sitting across a desk in a room with a client filtering out their frustrations of an array of unequality, sexisms, poverty and modification of behavior(s). My thoughts geared more towards focusing holistically on the person/families and their ecological environment. In which developing and implementing Solution Focused approaches to strengthen one community at a time from the inside out and become less to non-oppressed in their society.



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I have established an approach to identifying and cultivating sponsors or donors By understand their political position and or their ecological system, began to acknowledge the best verbiage to pursue concrete relationships and once relationships are established, maintaining of the relationships are key.

As a Master Level Social Worker Graduate of Clark Atlanta University and Bachelor's degree from North Carolina Central University in Criminal Justice with 20 years of professional work experience in Community Service, Career Counseling, Correctional Rehabilitative Case Management Services, Domestic Violence Case Management and Community Development/Engagement. I provided direct services and supervision to families, individuals' children and staff by offering trainings, interdisciplinary team meetings, comprehensive intake assessments, treatment planning, goal setting and counseling. I provide quality, efficient, accurate, reliable and supportive services to a diverse cultural, socioeconomic with the ability to adapt to raid change with the nonprofit and government sectors.

Collaborations and Interventions over the last 15+ years have consisted of a Community Outreach Advocate; Case Manager for the state Virginia prison system, non-profit organizations (PADV-Atlanta domestic violence shelters), Saving Our Society Pretrial (alternative sentencing) Group Homes and Georgia Department of Family and Children. I have served as Vice President for Clark Atlanta Association of Black Social Workers, Vice President for an Ex-Offenders transitional facility in Richmond, Virginia. Affiliation are with community groups such as South Fulton Human Service Coalition, WAND-Atlanta (Women's Action for New Directions), Someone Care, Inc., I have collaborated with city officials in Richmond, Virginia and metro Atlanta (South Fulton, Gwinnett and Cobb Counties), Georgia to rally programs for crime prevention and economic development for the past 10 years. Also, co-established and coordinated re-entry housing program for women in Richmond, Virginia and served on Virginia and Georgia community boards for prison reform and restoration voter rights on behalf of ex-offenders.