

KAREN LUPTON

CHAMBLEE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

City Hall | 5468 Peachtree Rd. | Chamblee, GA 30341

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To the Members of the Chamblee Downtown
Development Authority,

As a thirteen-year resident of the City of Chamblee, I have been so pleased to see the progress and that has been made in our town over the past decade. My family and I have enjoyed the Summer Concert Series, the fairs and festivals that have grown so popular, the Chamblee Gateway signage, and of course, the growing developments that are rapidly moving our city forward.

I would like to be given the opportunity to join the Authority in making Chamblee better and better. I have experience with growing and organizing programs, a strong love of the arts, and a desire to make Chamblee as desirable as it can be to its residents and visitors, alike.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Karen Lupton

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QUALIFICATIONS | Program Coordinator guiding a rapidly growing program of individualized, digital music therapy for seniors with dementia. Effectively uses expansive musical knowledge and public speaking skills gained from a nearly 20-year performance career to implement and advocate for such therapy. Uses strong interpersonal skills to enable interaction with the program by training staff, informing families, and directly communicating with residents in long-term care.

EDUCATION | **EASTERN COLLEGE (UNIVERSITY), RADNOR, PA**
B.A. IN VOCAL PERFORMANCE
GPA 3.9

EXPERIENCE | **A.G. Rhodes Health and Rehab** **June 2015 – Present**
Program Coordinator, Songs for Seniors

- Assess and enroll residents in long-term care facilities into a Music and Memory-based program (Songs for Seniors)
- Create individualized digital playlists for each resident enrolled in Songs for Seniors and monitor the iPods assigned to each
- Communicate clearly with staff and the families of residents about the goals and implementation of the program
- Work with flexibility across three different locations to meet the therapeutic needs of every enrolled Songs for Seniors participant
- Continue to improve processes, documentation and efficiency for an expanding program.

All-Saints' Episcopal Church **November 2012 – Present**
Professional Singer/Soloist

- Rapidly learns music of varying styles; attends rehearsals and performs in the choir and as soloist at church services

Georgia Regional Girls Choir **August 2009 – April 2012**
Director, Training and Apprentice Choirs

- Selected choral music appropriate for elementary and middle-school choir students
- Lead weekly choir rehearsals and taught proper singing techniques

- Directed the choir in various venues, performed concerts of varying musical styles

Michael O'Neal Singers
Professional Singer/Soloist

2000 - 2010

- Performed a large range of choral music in numerous concerts in the Metro Atlanta area, and Italy
- Sang as selected soloist in concerts and on the Michael O'Neal Chamber Singers cd, *I Have Had Singing*
- Served as a leader of her choir section in diction, vocal technique and overall performance

Matria Healthcare, Inc.
Part-time Receptionist

September 2001 - April 2002

- Answered and directed calls at corporate headquarters for a healthcare company