NONPROFIT NETWORKING NIGHT

NOVEMBER 7, 2018
7:00 - 8:30PM
COX HALL BALLROOM

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**Atlanta History Center**
The Atlanta History Center was founded on the big ideas and relentless fascination of 14 Atlantans who were emphatic about our city's historical relevance in society. In a sense, our organization was created by Atlanta's biggest fans, and we love that detail. Recently, the Atlanta History Center developed a new strategic plan that aligns with our vision statement to connect people, history, and culture. This plan guides us to become a more inclusive institution, a community resource and connector, a best in class institution for our guests, more relevant in today's quickly changing world, and an institution with the financial strength to continue to improve our organization's performance and ability to serve our community for years to come.

**Jayme Hogan-Yarbro**, Manager of Volunteer and Intern Services at the Atlanta History Center (AHC), holds a Masters in Social Work with a focus in Community Outreach and Engagement. In her role with AHC, Jayme oversees all aspects of both the volunteer and internship programs (recruitment, orientation, on-boarding and evaluation). The AHC engages around 250 unique volunteers and hosts 45 interns annually.

**B.E.S.T. HOMES, Inc.**
The mission of BHI is to 1) to provide a living and learning motherhood community, by serving homeless young mothers while they pursue goals that lead to self-sufficiency and 2) to provide them with the educational opportunities and the life training skills that they will need to become independent and self sufficient and 3) reduce and prevent teen pregnancy with comprehensive prevention education programs and mentor-ship.

In 2006 B.E.S.T Homes was created by **Myeshia Roberts**. Becoming a mother at the age of 14 years old, Myeshia knew the day to day struggles teen mothers face and the importance of having support, guidance, and love. Her sole purpose 1) is to give young teen mothers a second chance in life 2) to help reduce repeat pregnancy 3) to show our teenage mothers a better direction in life 4) to help provide them with educational opportunities, life training skills, parenting education, and lifelong support . Myeshia, has over 13 years of experience in the human service and social services field. She began her work with Texas Health and Human Services Commission in Houston and Dallas, Texas . She moved to Atlanta in 2010 and began her work with Georgia Department of Family and Children Services and Fulton County Health and Wellness. She holds an Associate's, Bachelors, and currently working on her Masters in Social Work.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta**
The mission at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported, one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. We are currently mentoring 1,700 children around the Metro Atlanta area, but we currently have about 1,000 children on our waiting list.

**Zach Nikonovich-Kahn** is the Director of Volunteer Recruitment, he is responsible for recruiting adults in Atlanta to serve as volunteer mentors to at-risk children. Zach has a Bachelor's degree in History from the University of Georgia and a Master's degree from the Cambridge University. Before joining Big Brothers Big Sisters, he served as the Public Policy Advocate for Families First.

**City Year**
City Year is an education focused non-profit that seeks to keep students on track and ready for graduation. Within the schools that we serve, we participate in "Leadership Lunches" to encourage positive socio-emotional learning within students.

**Mr. Phil Smith** serves as a Recruitment Manager for City Year. He is tasked with educating and guiding future City Year AmeriCorps Members through the application process. Mr. Smith has previously completed two years of service with City Year and is passionate about continuing his service through the medium of Non-Profits.
Fulton County CASA, Inc.
Fulton County CASA is a 501(c)(3) organization that recruits and trains community members to be the voice of abused and neglected children during court proceedings.

Terry Bushell has been instrumental in establishing for profit and non-profit businesses; developing infrastructure; implementing best practices; training and development; and ensuring the success of her clients. Over the past three years, she has proven her development and fundraising skills through C5 Georgia as a volunteer and then as the Program Manager. In this position she has been successful in procurement, curriculum development, staffing, contract negotiations, and ensuring successful program components. Possessing strong leadership skills, Ms. Bushell is able to establish long-term business relationships, write and negotiate contracts, ensure compliance all while implementing innovation in keeping with industry changes and standards.

Hands On Atlanta
At Hands On Atlanta, we tackle greater Atlanta’s most pressing needs by igniting a passion for service and creating life-long community volunteers. We connect changemakers to nonprofits and schools in need, while engaging socially responsible companies to help make a difference in our community. Whether you’re interested in volunteering afterschool or on the weekend, serving as an AmeriCorps member, interning, or more, there are a myriad of ways to get involved.

Lindsey Baker serves as Hands On Atlanta’s Director of Programs, overseeing the organizations’ impact programs and nonprofit partnerships. Lindsey has spent the majority of her career in the nonprofit sector. For nearly 10 years she worked at Feeding America, the nation’s food bank network. She most recently held the Director of Programs role, where she oversaw strategic initiatives related to child and senior hunger. Lindsey graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Emory with a B.A. in psychology and sociology. Post Emory she participated in the Congressional Hunger Center’s Emerson National Hunger Fellowship. Lindsey holds an MBA from Northwestern’s Kellogg School of Management. She is joined by Ms. Amanda Bisgaard, Family Literacy Program Manager at Hands on Atlanta.

Impact America
Impact America engages students and recent college graduates to address community needs, empowering a generation through collaborative efforts to promote change in the communities we serve. One initiative that addresses community needs is FocusFirst. This initiative provides a cost-effective direct response to the vision care problems of children who live in urban and rural communities. Impact America Corps Members, in collaboration with college students, provide free high-tech vision screenings to children six months to five years of age in Head Starts and daycares using technologically advanced digital screening cameras.

As an AmeriCorps Member, Sonum Tharwani provides vision screenings to children in rural and urban areas of South Carolina through FocusFirst. Sonum graduated summa cum laude from Emory University, where she majored in neuroscience and behavioral biology. She was the Co-Founder and President of “Red Light” at Emory, an organization that works to implement a program that focuses on healing the psychological scars of sex trafficking survivors in Atlanta. Sonum hopes to go to medical school and receive a dual MD/MBA degree after serving with Impact.

International Rescue Committee in Atlanta
The International Rescue Committee, Inc. (IRC) responds to the world’s worst humanitarian crises, helping to restore health, safety, education, economic wellbeing and power to people devastated by conflict and disaster. Founded in 1933 at the behest of Albert Einstein, the IRC is at work in over 40 countries and 26 U.S. cities helping people to survive, reclaim control of their future and strengthen their communities. The IRC’s regional office in Atlanta opened in 1979 and creates opportunities for refugees and immigrants to integrate and thrive in Georgia communities. Since 1979, the IRC has helped more than 26,000 refugees from 68 countries rebuild their lives in the metro Atlanta area.

Kalie Lasiter joined the IRC in Atlanta in October 2016 as the Development Coordinator, supporting the organization's grants management processes. She has served as the Development Manager since February 2018, managing the organization's diverse fundraising portfolio, including individual donor relations, volunteer management and grants management. Prior to joining the IRC, Kalie worked at the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta on multiple community and grant making initiatives, as well as provided relationship management for the Foundation’s prospective and current donors. She completed her Master of Development Practice (MDP) from Emory University, and received her bachelor’s degree in anthropology from the University of Delaware with a minor in political science.
Keep Smyrna Beautiful
The mission of Keep Smyrna Beautiful is to bring together the resources of government, businesses, and residents to protect and improve the environment and the quality of life in our community. KSB is currently working on initiatives that prevent litter and reduce waste in Smyrna.

As the Keep Smyrna Beautiful Coordinator, Julie Barwig is responsible for managing all the volunteers and communications including social media content and marketing materials for the organization. Her main focus professionally has been volunteer management and has managed volunteers at multiple Atlanta non-profits. She is also on the board of directors for the Council of Volunteer Administrators of Metropolitan Atlanta (COVA). Julie has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Georgia in Anthropology and International Affairs.

Light In The Sky
Light In The Sky's mission is to build collaborations among education activists to address problems in school systems. They currently organize language exchange sessions and collect educational supplies for nonprofit organizations.

Gaurav Bhatia founded this initiative and is also an English as a second language teacher at American National College. He has a Master's Degree in Education from Georgia State University and is TESOL certified. Gaurav has work experience at other schools, including serving as an Admissions Associate at Interactive College of Technology, Art and Culture Director at Georgia Perimeter College, and a Continuing Education Instructor at Savannah College of Art and Design.

Meals On Wheels Atlanta
Meals On Wheels Atlanta's mission is to support senior independence through meals, shelter, education and community. We engage volunteers, interns & staff through our flagship meal delivery program, meal preparation kitchen, emergency food pantry, senior centers and home repair program.

Amanda Marchese graduated with her degree in Social Work from the University of Central Florida. She has worked in the non-profit sector for over 5 years and has worked primarily in the volunteer management and development sectors. She is joined by her colleague, Andrea Jaron, who is the Chief Development Officer.

MedServe
We are a young non-profit, seeking to recruit pre-Med or pre-PA students to work in rural areas of North Carolina in clinical and community-facing roles. Our Fellows work as limited medical assistants, community health workers, or as Spanish language interpreters, as well a variety of other roles to assist in rural and vulnerable population health.

As Program Director, Megan Hare is primarily responsible for recruiting students who meet the criteria for the program, which is designed for pre-med or pre-PA students interested in serving in rural parts of North Carolina in clinical and community-facing roles.

Midtown Assistance Center
The mission of Midtown Assistance Center (MAC) is to prevent hunger and homelessness by providing emergency assistance to low-income working Atlantans during a financial crisis. They provide rent and utility assistance, along with food, MARTA cards, clothing and state ID. This fall, they have launched their Digital Inclusion program, where they are working to equip their clients with school-age children with computer and internet access.

At MAC, Ciara Rowley coordinates volunteers, manages interns and works with community partners to ensure clients get the best assistance possible. She is often out in the community speaking about hunger and homelessness and looking for ways to engage new partners. She is a graduate of The Florida State University and volunteered in the Peace Corps as well as the Episcopal Service Corps before joining the professional sector.
Mind Bubble
Mind Bubble connects students at the secondary level with community members to provide free educational workshops, games, and one-on-one tutoring in every subject area. We run multiple free tutoring sessions every week where students have the opportunity to improve their academic skills, complete their assignments from school or home, and play board games after they've finished to keep their minds active and improve their social-emotional skills. We also partner with knowledgeable folks in the community and local non-profit and for-profit businesses to provide unique and engaging workshops for our students on a monthly basis.

Eric Canosa is an Atlanta-based educator, spoken word artist, and social entrepreneur. In addition to serving as an executive officer at Mind Bubble, he is currently the Undergraduate English Degree Coordinator at Emory University. He has been involved with non-profit ventures around the world, including WorldTeach, 826michigan, and Teach For America. He draws tremendous inspiration from his students, past and present, and hopes that Mind Bubble will continue to grow to support the academic growth of more and more students all over Atlanta.

New American Pathways
Our mission is to help refugees in Georgia thrive. New American Pathways provides a continuum of service that supports new Americans from arrival through citizenship.

Hannah Johnson is the Volunteer Engagement AmeriCorps Member at New American Pathways. She is responsible for supporting our Service and Volunteerism department by conducting volunteer orientations, onboarding interns, recruiting volunteers, and developing deeper ways of engagement for our volunteer base. She is joined by her colleague Ms. Shanice Chesney, Community Outreach AmeriCorps Member.

Partners in Action for Healthy Living
Partners in Action for Healthy Living’s mission is to empower South DeKalb residents to make healthy choices that support their best quality of life. We do this by empowering and educating individuals through gardening and urban agriculture, connecting people to the land, to their food and most importantly, to each other.

Edna Lora is an advocate for living a sustainable and purposeful life to bring us closer to the earth, closer to each other and reconnect us to the rhythms and cycles of the natural world. She is a food justice activist and in her role as Executive Director for Partners in Action for Healthy Living she will focus on supporting South DeKalb public school gardens, community gardens and faith-based gardens. She is currently developing a Youth Development Farm Stand Program to teach high school students how to grow food from seed to market and teach them valuable life skills, entrepreneur skills and job skills. She is joined by her colleague Ms. Deidre Wright, School Garden Support Director at Partners in Action for Healthy Living.

Peace Corps
Peace Corps Volunteers work at the grassroots level to create change that lasts long after their service. As a Volunteer, you can make an investment in our world—one handshake, one project, one friendship at a time—that leads to new possibilities in service and when you return home. Volunteers leave a legacy in the lives of the community members they reach, educate, and inspire. Some of those young people grow up to be extraordinary leaders, including engineers, doctors, and government officials. Peace Corps is a unique opportunity to launch a career in foreign service, international aid, non-profit and NGO administration, Public Health, and many other service and humanitarian oriented fields.

Grant Matthews entered into Peace Corps service at age 54 after a career in the entertainment & hospitality industries, mainly in Los Angeles, CA. Peace Corps was a way to wait out a bad economy, gain new skills, and ‘give-back’ to the US and global community. Grant has been a Senior Recruiter in Atlanta since he came onboard with the agency in March of 2014.
Pebble Tossers
Pebble Tossers empowers and equips youth to lead through service. Serving Metro Atlanta, we offer 12 cause areas which range from the arts to veterans. Pebble Tossers organizes and implements weekly service projects and provides all the resources, supplies and staff so that youth and families can experience different ways to help and find their own passion areas to serve in the future. Youth development workshops centered around community service help develop active participants in society and servant leaders.

Jennifer Guynn is co-founder and Executive Director of Pebble Tossers. She is an Atlanta native with a double major in Political Science and Urban Studies from Furman University. Following a career as a commercial real estate broker, Jennifer has served at the helm of Pebble Tossers for the past 10 years. In 2016, she was appointed by Governor Deal to the state’s Commission for Service and Volunteerism.

Teach For America
TFA is a diverse network of leaders who confront educational inequity through teaching and work with unwavering commitment from every sector of society to create a nation free from this injustice. As a collective force—educators, advocates, entrepreneurs, policymakers, community members—we fight for the aspirations of students and families. Our aim is to realize the day when every child has an equal opportunity to learn, grow, influence, and lead.

Andrew Berkowitz is a visionary leader committed to seeing greater opportunity and access for all children, regardless of their zip code. After graduating from University of Delaware, Andrew joined the 2013 Atlanta Teach For America Corps, teaching Spanish at Booker T. Washington HS, earning himself a designation as a District Top 10% teacher. Today, Andrew works as a Recruitment Director to expand opportunity for education equity by enlisting the most diverse, talented undergraduate student leaders from Emory University to become lifelong leaders in this movement as well. In 2016 and 2017, Teach For America has been the largest employer at Emory and Emory has been the #1 Top Contributor to Teach For America in the country for mid-sized schools. He is joined by Zariah Embry, Emory’s TFA Ambassador!

The Carter Center
For approximately 30 years, the Carter Center Internship Program has provided more than 3,100 interns with a rewarding complement to classroom experience, enhancing participants’ educations and careers in the field of public service. Carter Center interns come from around the world and make vital contributions to the Center’s work. In turn, the Center provides a substantive learning experience that serves as a basis for interns to explore their career options and to develop professional skills. The goal of the internship program is to advance an informed, skilled, and committed workforce serving peace and health needs around the world.

Lauren Kent-Delaney joined The Carter Center as the Director of Educational Programs in August of 2005. She oversees the marketing, recruitment and supervision of the approximately 120 interns each year. She also has the privilege of representing The Carter Center to groups of all ages; from elementary school up to elder hostel groups. Prior to her position at The Carter Center, she was a part of the Division of Campus Life at Emory University for 15 years where she held several positions. Lauren earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater and her master’s degree in Student Personnel Administration in Higher Education from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.

The Latin American Association
The mission of the LAA is to empower Latinos to adapt, integrate and thrive. The LAA achieves its mission through 5 focus areas: education, economic empowerment, immigration, family well-being, and culture & engagement. Each focus area includes direct services, large-scale events, and advocacy to realize significant community impact and affect systems-level change. The LAA services over 40,000 individuals each year through direct services and events and impacts tens of thousands more through advocacy.

An Atlanta native, Anais Lopez received her BA in International Relations and Spanish at Drew University in New Jersey. As outreach coordinator, Anais overlooks the LAA’s community involvement throughout Atlanta and the state of Georgia.
**Wellspring Living**
Our Mission: Transforming lives of those at risk or victimized by sexual exploitation.
Our Vision: A world where every victim of sexual exploitation has access to transformative care.
Wellspring Living has been serving survivors of childhood sexual abuse and exploitation since 2001.
We are devoted to safeguarding and empowering domestic sex trafficking victims and those at risk to develop the courage to move forward and the confidence to succeed. Through life-giving residential and community-based programs, girls and young women are provided the opportunity to live and dream again.

Lisa Stierwalt is the Volunteer Manager, she serves as the primary point of contact for anyone currently serving or who wishes to serve at Wellspring Living. Additionally, she oversees all organization wide volunteer processes, develops and implements policies and procedures, facilitates training, and placement. A bachelor degree is required but a wide variety of degree fields are acceptable for this position.

Lisa has a BS in Training & Development, and a MS in College Teaching. She has experience in higher education, administration, management and volunteer coordination and training.

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**The Rights 2 Life Foundation, Inc.**
The Rights 2 Life Foundation is a non-profit 501c3 in Metro Atlanta based on the belief that every person has a right to life and all the resources necessary for improving one's quality of life. Among these resources include education, nutrition, health, safety, shelter, transportation and progress of economic success. It is also our belief that it is the responsibility of each of us to ensure that our fellow person receives access to these needs in life.

Micah Rowland services as the co-founder and executive director of The Rights 2 Life Foundation Inc. The primary responsibilities of the executive director is to provide vision, focus and direction of the services provided by The Rights 2 Life Foundation that include grant writing, fundraising, hiring of contractors, marketing, community outreach, volunteer management, strategic planning, daily operations and promotion of the Rights 2 Life Foundation.

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**The Nature Conservancy**
The Nature Conservancy is in all 50 states and over 70 countries around the world working to protect the lands and waters upon which all life depends. The challenges facing our world are urgent. The pace of conservation must grow faster, and we can’t do it alone. The Nature Conservancy collaborates to find and share good ideas to improve people’s lives and protect the world’s great places. We incorporate those same ideas into business practices and governing policies while inspiring others to act, amplifying our influence and the speed of positive change.

LA Allen, M.Ed. manages internship programs in Georgia and across the Southeast including LEAF, GLOBE, the Fire Mentoring Program and other internship programs. She oversees the management and execution of all things volunteer, including work parties, large-scale volunteer events and office/field volunteers. Further, she supports communications about The Nature Conservancy’s work through outreach events. LA obtained her BSBA in Management Information Systems and her Master’s in Integrating Technology in the Classroom. Prior to joining The Nature Conservancy, she was an educator for 12 years, teaching mathematics to grades 6 – 12 and computer sciences courses at the university level.

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**World Relief Atlanta**
World Relief is a global humanitarian relief and development organization that stands with the vulnerable and partners with local churches to end the cycle of suffering, transform lives, and build sustainable communities. World Relief Atlanta is one of 20 offices in the United States that specialize in refugee and immigration services. We currently offer case management, employment services, immigration legal services, and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes and tutoring.

As a refugee resettlement agency, World Relief Atlanta supports refugees and immigrants on the road to long-term integration with the help of volunteers. In a member of the outreach team at World Relief Atlanta, Sarah White trains and prepares these volunteers to provide the most effective support possible. She also presents information about the refugee resettlement program to churches, schools, and community organizations. The outreach team is also responsible for event planning and basic fundraising activities. Sarah has a B.A. in Romance Languages and a Master's of Public Administration with a concentration in Non-profit Management. She is joined by her colleague, Ms. Sarah Burke, Volunteer and Intern coordinator.
10 Tips for Making the Most of the Nonprofit Networking Night

1. When you arrive, you’ll receive a Guest Directory to review short biographies and photos of our invited guests. Give yourself extra time by arriving early. We will start with a brief Welcome address.

2. Immediately following the Welcome address, it’s time to mingle! Our guests will be positioned in different areas of the room. This is NOT a career fair, so guests will be mingling with students - not positioned behind tables. The “mixer” format is a lot of fun and makes networking less intimidating and more enjoyable for everyone!

3. Networking is nothing more than conversation between two people getting to know one another. Your STRATEGY is this: simply take an interest in your conversation partner! Introduce yourself with a smile and a firm handshake, then share your name and bits of information you think your listener might like to know about you (i.e. year in school, academic background, and potential career interests). But your main focus will be getting to know THEM.

4. If you’re still nervous, try watching others to see how they approach conversation. It’s okay to approach a student or group of students and a professional who are already talking. Walk up at a polite distance, make eye contact, listen, and await a verbal or nonverbal cue to join in. You will benefit from hearing others’ conversations - don’t wait in a single file line for your turn. Think Semi Circle! When someone makes eye contact, that’s your opportunity to politely break in and introduce yourself. Similarly, you can encourage others who might be shy to join in on YOUR discussions.

5. Think of what questions you’d like to have answered. Here are some examples:

   - How did you get interested in this area of nonprofit work?
   - What were you studying as an undergraduate?
   - What personality traits and skills are critical for success in this area?
   - What training or education is required?
   - What’s your average day or week like?
   - What do you enjoy most/least about your work?
   - Can you suggest ways to gain experience to be more competitive for jobs/internships?
   - Do you know someone else I should talk to outside of this event?

6. Keep an OPEN MIND - you will be surprised at some of the unexpected connections you’ll make with people who do not work for organizations on your “hot list”. If you spot someone standing alone, say hello and let them know how much you appreciate their visit to Emory. You will be surprised at some of the less obvious connections that exist between you, since many of our guests have worked in different environments and have multifaceted career paths and interests. Almost anyone can potentially introduce you to a colleague (potentially outside of this event) who shares your interest - if you only ask!

7. Don’t spend all of your time talking to one person. It’s a good goal to try to speak with 3-5 people at the event. Stretch your comfort zone: networking is one of the most effective tools in educating yourself about career options and finding the right fit in your next job, internship, volunteer role or gap year experience!

8. FOLLOW UP ETIQUETTE: Before leaving a conversation, it’s customary to ask each guest for a business card. This is very important, because you should plan to send a follow-up email as a way of saying thank you to those you spoke with. This forms a lasting impression and smooths the way for future contact. Building relationships is NOT a “one and done” - if you want to talk further, take the initiative to reach out again after the event, and into the future!

9. Our event organizers strive to attract a diverse group of participants. Occasionally, guests who planned to come have last-minute obligations that prevent them doing so. Let us know if there’s someone you missed and we will do our best to assist you in contacting them!

10. Thanks for coming - enjoy yourself, and have some great conversations!