



# 2024 Newsletter

## Experiences

### Unfolded: Moments to Remember

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# 2024 Experiences Unfolded: Moments to Remember

**Greetings Fulton County Employees' Association Family,**

**Welcome to 2025, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the incredible journey we've shared in 2024. It has been a time of growth, resilience, and amazing accomplishments, all made possible by your dedication and support.**

**This newsletter encapsulates the immense dedication and hard work that our association has demonstrated throughout 2024. Within its pages, you will find inspiring stories of our members who have tirelessly collaborated on various projects, showcasing their commitment to our mission. Every achievement reflects our collective effort and passion for making a difference, from successful community outreach initiatives to innovative programs and events. We celebrate the milestones we've reached, but also the resilience and camaraderie that have carried us through challenges. As you read through this edition, we hope you feel as proud of your contributions as we do and are inspired by the exciting journey ahead in 2025.**

**Thank you for being an integral part of our organization. Your hard work and commitment inspire us all.**

**Warm regards,**

**Jori Smith-Mann**

**President, Fulton County Employees' Association**

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## Highlights



### NEW MEMBERS

**Welcome New Members!**  
**We are glad to have you.**  
**If you know someone**  
**who would like to join**  
**reach out to 2nd VP and**  
**Membership Chair**  
**Jennifer Hill for**  
**Membership Drive info!**



### Fundraising Updates:

**Join us for the upcoming fundraiser**  
**and “Givebutter”.**

**We are using a new way to fundraise.**  
**We have launched our first**  
**“Givebutter” Campaign.**

**Current Campaign is to assist with**  
**the scholarship fund.**

**Visit the link below and donate**  
**today!**

**<https://givebutter.com/B8nWHD>**

**Also current active fundraisers**  
**include honeybaked ham and**  
**World’s Finest candy**

**A Few Notes To Remember**

**Vendors wanted for pop-up**  
**shops.**

**Vendor Fee: \$40**

**(Includes 8ft table & 2 chairs)**

**Additional tables(s): \$20**

**Contact for more information:**  
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**FULTON COUNTY EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION  
HOLIDAY FUNDRAISING  
RUNS THROUGH NOVEMBER 18, 2024 – JANUARY 31, 2025**

**THE THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS ARE RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER. INSTEAD OF THE LONG HOURS PREPARING YOUR MEALS; CONSIDER ORDERING YOUR MEAT, SWEETS AND OTHER SIDES FROM THE HONEY BAKED HAM STORE. YOU CAN ALSO ORDER FOOD FOR DELIVERY.**

**SUPPORTING THIS SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER IS CRUCIAL BECAUSE IT EMPOWERS STUDENTS TO PURSUE THEIR EDUCATIONAL DREAMS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES. SCHOLARSHIPS CAN ALLEVIATE THE BURDEN OF TUITION COSTS, ALLOWING TALENTED INDIVIDUALS TO FOCUS ON THEIR STUDIES RATHER THAN FINANCIAL STRESS. INVESTING IN EDUCATION STRENGTHENS OUR COMMUNITY BY FOSTERING A DIVERSE WORKFORCE AND ENCOURAGING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT. BY CONTRIBUTING, YOU'RE NOT JUST HELPING ONE STUDENT; YOU'RE SUPPORTING FUTURE LEADERS WHO WILL DRIVE POSITIVE CHANGE AND CONTRIBUTE BACK TO SOCIETY. TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT! THIS WILL ALSO ASSIST WITH THE CHARITY ARM OF DONATIONS TO THE EMPLOYEES OF FULTON COUNTY AND THE PUBLIC.**

**[HTTPS://WWW.HONEYBAKED.COM/FUNDRAISING/FULTON\\_COUNTY\\_EMPLOYEES\\_](https://www.honeybaked.com/fundraising/fulton_county_employees_association)  
[ASSOCIATION](https://www.honeybaked.com/fundraising/fulton_county_employees_association)**

**FOR QUICKER DELIVERY OF YOUR GIFT CARD, UPS PRIORITY AND EXPRESS SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE AT AN ADDITIONAL COST. NEED A GIFT RIGHT AWAY? CLICK HERE TO GET AN EGIFT CARD SENT INSTANTLY TO YOUR INBOX!**

**FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT FUNDRAISING CHAIR AND 3RD VP ALICIA GIBBONS AT  
[ALICIA.GIBBONS@FULTONCOUNTYGA.GOV](mailto:ALICIA.GIBBONS@FULTONCOUNTYGA.GOV)**

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# FCEA MONTHLY POP-UP SHOPS



# FALL BOOK DRIVE DONATION





# FCEA Presents: A Night In *Hollywood* Starring

"The Carolyn Parker 2024 Scholarship Awardees"

**This year the Fulton County Employee Associations Events team hosted a holiday event, "A Night in Hollywood."**

**This event took place on November 16, 2024 at 6pm. Guests arrived in their formal attire and enjoyed taking photos on the red carpet. Dinner was served by a private caterer along with unlimited drinks from the bar. During the event, there were presentations from our scholarship committee as well as from President Jori Mann. Guests enjoyed music from the DJ as they mingled and socialized throughout the remainder of the evening.**

**The FCEA Holiday party was a huge success and we can't wait until next year's event!**













**Greetings FCEA Members,**

**I am honored to say that this year we celebrated “Thanksgiving” by hosting an event to provide scholarships to honor our “Carolyn Parker Scholarship” awardees. The Fulton County Employees Association (FCEA) and Scholarship Committee is thankful for providing twelve academic scholarships for higher education including undergraduate, graduate, doctoral and technical institutions. We celebrated and presented our recipients in “Hollywood style” on the red carpet. Each awardee was presented with a monetary award of \$300.00 and additional gifts and prizes. The Scholarship Committee requires that each awardee submit a packet of information; and their sponsors must complete volunteer hours. The essay this year was “Explain Your Career passion and What you Want to Achieve in Your Profession”. I was touched by the sincerity of the essays and was truly inspired by each one. All requirements were done in excellence!**

**The FCEA Scholarship awardees and their sponsors are listed below:**

**Recipient Member/Sponsor**

**Morgan Diaz - Member  
Ayden Diaz - Morgan Diaz  
Jori Smith-Mann - Member  
William David Mann III - Jori Smith-Mann  
Shanteria Echols - Rosalyn Davis  
Damilola Fagbamiye - Michael Fagbamiye  
Jibola Fagbamiye - Michael Fagbamiye  
Yolanda Fagbamiye - Michael Fagbamiye  
Janiece James - Nadine Childs-James  
Jarid Logan - Valerie Tillman-Logan  
Jarah Redden - Monica Redden  
Madison York - William York**

**I want to give a very special thanks to Monica Redden, Assistant FCEA Scholarship Chair for a beautiful power point presentation to highlight the recipients. I also want to extend a heartfelt thank you for the entire FCEA Scholarship Committee for your commitment and dedication for ensuring a successful event.**

**Sincerely,**

**Melba Blount, 1st Vice President  
Fulton County Employees’ Association (FCEA)**

Thank you for participating in the raffles by doing so you are contributing to our Fulton County Employees Association (FCEA) Scholarship fund. We provide annual scholarships to our members and their families to further their education and assist with their educational goals and pursuits.



# Carolyn Parker's Scholarship 2024 Awardees



JANIECE JAMES  
University of Georgia  
Mechanical Engineering  
Bachelor's Degree



DAMILOLA FAGBAMIYE  
Georgia Institute of  
Technology  
Mechanical Engineering  
Bachelor's Degree



JIBOLA FAGBAMIYE  
Georgia Southern University  
Interior Design Architecture  
Bachelor's Degree



AYDEN DIAZ  
Lees-McRae College  
Wildlife Biology  
Bachelor's Degree

# Carolyn Parker's Scholarship 2024 Awardees



YOLANDA SAPP-FAGBAMIYE  
(YOLANDA SAPP)

Valdosta State University  
Library/Information Science  
Master's Degree



SHANTERIA ECHOLS

Georgia State University  
Entrepreneurship  
Bachelor's Degree



MADISON YORK

Howard University  
Human Performance with a  
Concentration in Sports Medicine



JARAH REDDEN

Alabama A&M University  
Construction Management  
Bachelor's Degree

# Carolyn Parker's Scholarship 2024 Awardees



MORGAN DIAZ

John Marshall Law School  
(JD) Law  
Juris Doctor



WILLIAM DAVID MANN III

Morehouse College  
Major- Theatre and Performance  
Minor-Drama  
Bachelor's of Science



JORI SMITH-MANN

Capella University  
Organization Leadership Development Doctoral Candidate/Doctor of  
Business Administration



Michael Jordon

Let's congratulate Michael Jordon on his win. He was the winner of the Mother's Day Pop-up Shop raffle for a Celestial Spa Gift Card. Thank you for supporting Fulton County Employees Association (FCEA) Scholarship fund.



Brenda Whitehead (On right)

Let's congratulate our own Brenda Whitehead, Information Officer for the FCEA on her win. She was the winner of the Father's Day Pop-up Shop raffle for a \$50.00 QT gas card. Brenda is so deserving as she is responsible for sending out information to the FCEA membership, keeping them informed on all matters and events pertaining to the organization! She was pleasantly surprise to Win!!!!



Canisia Brewster



Janet Stewart



Congratulations to Fulton County Employees' Association members Canisia Brewster and Janet Stewart for being honored as Customer Service Legends! This prestigious award is a testament to your unwavering dedication to our Fulton County customers. FCEA salutes you both!

Again, congratulations, and keep up the good work.

# County Employee's Association members who graduated from the Fulton County Citizens University Class of 2024



**Members:** Kendra , Jori, Rosalyn , Nadine and Pamela (left to right)

Several members of the Fulton County Employee's Association (FCEA) graduated from the Fulton County Citizens University (FCEA). It is a program that takes place once a year and it teaches citizen's and employees how Fulton County government operates and gives a practical look at service delivery.

Classes are taught by representatives from County departments. Participants receive hands-on, interactive exercises in government operations This program is a 12-week program and requires sincere commitment in order to complete the course. It includes attending classes, participating in field trips, taking a quiz, and writing an essay to graduate. The goal is to improve citizen's understanding of the role of Fulton County departments and services provided throughout Fulton County.

The graduation took place on November 13, 2024, in the Fulton County Assembly Hall. FCEA members include Jori Smith-Mann, Nadine Childs-James, Rosalyn Davis, Kendra Lattimore, and Sharon White. Sharon White also received an Honorable Mention in the Creative Writing category. One of the Coordinators of the program in Pamela Coman, who is also a long-time member of FCEA. Congratulations to all of graduates! Your hard work, dedication and engagement in the program paid off. Continue to spread the word about the program and continue to advocate for the good of the community.

**Members:** Pamela, Jori Kendra , Nadine, and Sharon (left to right)



# WELLNESS CORNER

## CREAMY GARLIC SKILLET CHICKEN WITH SPINACH

20 MINUTES SERVES 4

### DIRECTIONS

1. SPRINKLE CHICKEN WITH 1/4 TEASPOON EACH SALT AND PEPPER. HEAT OIL IN A LARGE SKILLET OVER MEDIUM HEAT. ADD THE CHICKEN AND COOK, TURNING ONCE, UNTIL BROWNED AND COOKED THROUGH, ABOUT 6 MINUTES. TRANSFER TO A PLATE.

2. ADD GARLIC TO THE PAN AND COOK, STIRRING, FOR 30 SECONDS. INCREASE HEAT TO MEDIUM-HIGH AND ADD WINE. COOK UNTIL SLIGHTLY REDUCED, ABOUT 1 MINUTE. RETURN HEAT TO MEDIUM AND STIR IN SPINACH, CREAM AND THE REMAINING 1/4 TEASPOON EACH SALT AND PEPPER. SIMMER FOR 2 MINUTES. RETURN THE CHICKEN TO THE PAN AND TURN TO COAT WITH THE SAUCE.

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 POUND CHICKEN CUTLETS
- 1/2 TEASPOON SALT, DIVIDED
- 1/2 TEASPOON GROUND PEPPER, DIVIDED
- 1 TABLESPOON EXTRA-VIRGIN OLIVE OIL
- 3 LARGE CLOVES GARLIC, GRATED
- 1/2 CUP DRY WHITE WINE
- 2 CUPS COARSELY CHOPPED FRESH SPINACH
- 1/2 CUP HEAVY CREAM



## TRY SOME DESK PUSHUPS!

**IT CAN BE DIFFICULT TO FIT A LONG WORKOUT INTO YOUR ALREADY PACKED SCHEDULE. IF YOU'RE STRUGGLING TO FIND TIME TO STAY ACTIVE, YOU MAY WANT TO TRY DOING SHORT WORKOUTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY INSTEAD.**

**EVEN SPENDING 5 TO 10 MINUTES EXERCISING AT YOUR DESK CAN STIMULATE SOME MIDDAY BLOOD FLOW AND HELP YOU PUSH THROUGH YOUR MID-AFTERNOON SLUMP.**

### HOW TO DO THEM:

**FACE YOUR DESK AND LEAN AGAINST IT, WITH YOUR HANDS SLIGHTLY WIDER THAN YOUR SHOULDERS AND YOUR ARMS STRAIGHT.**

**LOWER YOURSELF UNTIL YOUR CHEST ALMOST REACHES YOUR DESK, THEN RETURN TO THE STARTING POSITION.**

**REPEAT FOR AT LEAST 10 REPS**





# EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

REGARDLESS OF THE MEDICAL PLAN OPTION YOU CHOOSE—OR EVEN IF YOU DON'T CHOOSE FULTON COUNTY MEDICAL PLAN COVERAGE— YOU AND YOUR ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBERS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THE EAP PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD OF GEORGIA. THE EAP PROVIDES FREE, CONFIDENTIAL, SHORT-TERM ASSISTANCE AND COUNSELING DESIGNED TO HELP INDIVIDUALS RESOLVE A VARIETY OF PERSONAL CONCERNS. THERE ARE NO COSTS, FEES OR COPAYS FOR THE EAP, WHICH PROVIDES:

- TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE CONSULTATION, COACHING AND CRISIS STABILIZATION WITH A LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL. UP TO EIGHT FREE FACE-TO-FACE COUNSELING VISITS.
- LEGAL SERVICES, WHICH INCLUDE A 30-MINUTE CONSULTATION WITH AN ATTORNEY (PHONE-BASED OR FACE-TO-FACE)
- FINANCIAL SERVICES, WHICH INCLUDES A 30-MINUTE CONSULTATION WITH A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT OR CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER (PHONE-BASED OR FACE-TO-FACE)
- ACCESS TO THE ANTHEM BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD WEBSITE OFFERING SELF-ASSESSMENTS AND A LIBRARY OF VALUABLE ARTICLES ON MENTAL HEALTH, STRESS MANAGEMENT, WORK/LIFE BALANCE, RELATIONSHIPS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING, AND LEGAL AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES. EAP SERVICES CAN BE ACCESSED 24 HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK BY CALLING 800-999-7222 OR VISITING [WWW.ANTHEMEAP.COM](http://WWW.ANTHEMEAP.COM) (PASSWORD: FULTON).



# January Birthdays!

Tiffany Tyuse  
Teresa Blount  
Evelyn Clark  
Sohna Harzeez  
Marci Johnson  
Nakia Roberts  
Cathy Robinson

# February Birthdays!

Darryl Peek  
Gwendolyn Green  
Rodney Ellington  
Kysh Clemons

# March Birthdays!

Robin Addison  
Nadine Childs-James  
Tonya Hayes  
Nijia Yarbrough  
Michelle Jones  
Ronnie Keith  
Tonja Richardson

# April Birthdays!

Daphne Ballard  
Kendra Lattimore  
Cassandra Williams  
Aprille Moore  
NaKeshia Hardy

# May Birthdays! June Birthdays!

Brenda Whitehead  
Charles Strums  
Sharolyn Turnbow  
Matisha Mahone  
Darlene Matthews  
Learyetta Hunter

Wahidah Allah  
Michelle Anderson  
Coretta Bell  
Pamela Coman  
Angela Harris  
Emily Hollis-Mack  
Shariff Jones  
Monica Parks  
Vanessa Sarden  
Sharon White  
Micah Womack



## July Birthdays!

Ko-Kethia Manson

## August Birthdays!

Courtney Barnes

Melba Blount

Keeyahna Caver

Morgan Diaz

Shanegia Jarvis

Jacqueline Martin

Janet Stewart

Valarie Tillman-Logan

Kimberly Washington

Simeal Williams

## September Birthdays!

Jori Smith-Man

Telka Christian

Wallene Grimes

Latoya Powell

Lisha Clark

Antonia Harvey

## October Birthdays!

Rosalyn Davis

Monica Redden

Danny Jones

Lalania Mitchell

Kenneth Randolph

## November Birthdays!

William York

Patsy Porter

Phyllis Philpot

Constance Mackey

Valerie Jordan

Consuello Peek

Hollisia Jiggetts

Mabel Green

Vivian Fowler

Oreoluwa Fagbamiye

Sharon Anthony

## December Birthdays!

Brianna Chapman

Tona'e Clements

Terra Cribbs

Alicia Gibbons

Jennifer Hill

Kelsey James

Akosua Parker

HAPPY  
Birthday

# 2024 Graduates

**CONGRATS!**



Taylor Robinson  
Pebblebrook High  
School



Kennedy Robinson  
Hillgrove High School



Noah Williams-York  
LSU  
Bachelor of Science



2nd Vice President Jennifer  
Hill  
Strayer University  
Bachelor of Applied Science  
of Management  
Magna Cum Laude



**FCEA Retirees' Luncheon June 2024**

## **Chatting With Retired Major Vivian Dixon-Bradford Fulton County Sheriff's Office**

### **Approximate length of time and experience as a FCEA member**

The length of time that I was a member of the Fulton County Employees Association was well over 17 (plus) years, or maybe longer. My experience as a member of the FCEA was very enjoyable. I was able to reap some of the benefits that the Association offers, such as the Scholarship Award. As, I went back to college in 2007 attending Mercer University, I was a recipient of a Scholarship through the Association, as well as my granddaughter when she graduated from Tri-Cities High School to attend Clark Atlanta University.

As the Association creates and arranges all of the Employees Appreciation events, the Pop-Up Shop events, the Valentine's Day events, the Christmas and holiday events. I have had the experience to shop and make purchases from all of these events, and the Health Fair events. The Association is a good entity to be a part of that will connect employees with so many other units of the Fulton County Government.



## **Years of Service as a Fulton County Employee.**

**I, Vivian Dixon-Bradford, was with Fulton County Sheriff's Office for 36 years. The former Retired Sheriff Richard B. Lankford hired me on April 25, 1988. And on April 25, 2024, I announced my retirement as of May 8, 2024.**

### **Career Highlights:**

**In the year of 2021 Fulton County Board OF Commissioners selected Finalists for Police Chief and Chief Medical Examiner. I am proud to say that this was a great accomplishment to the only female amongst the four finalists for Chief of Police for Fulton County Police Department.**

**In March of 2022, there was an Inauguration of the Fulton County Sheriff's Office Motors Unit in the Law Enforcement Field Operations Division, the very first full-time unit in the history of the Sheriff's Office; along with establishing the Policy for the unit.**

**I was promoted through the rank of Sergeant under Retired Sheriff Jacquelyn H. Barrett-Washington, promoted to Lieutenant under Retired Sheriff Theodore 'Ted' Jackson, and promoted to the rank of Major as the Assistant Division Commander of the Law Enforcement Field Operations Division, under the current Sheriff Patrick 'Pat' Labat.**

**I had the opportunity to attend the Carl Vinson's Institute at the University of Georgia Certified Public Management Program; became a member of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee, and had the opportunity to network with other stakeholders in the effort to teaching transparency, diversity and inclusiveness within the Law Enforcement community, the agency, and the community as a whole.**

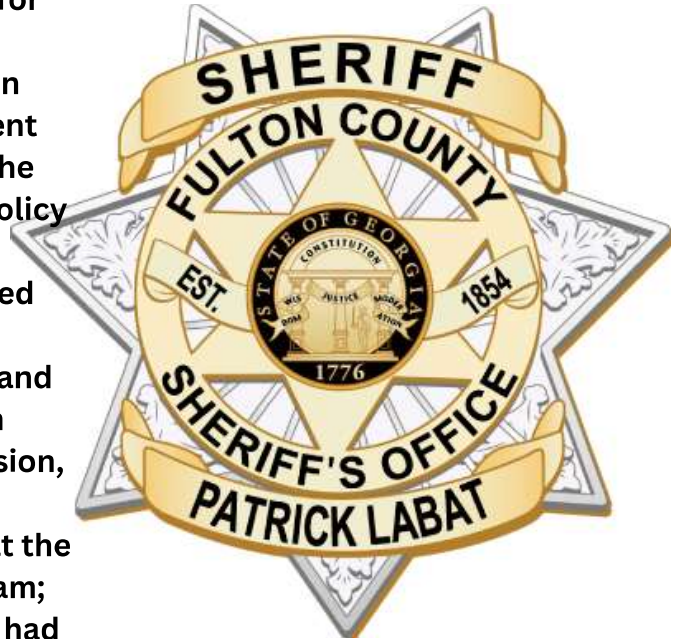
**I attended the Georgia Chief of Police School, the Northwestern University School of Police Staff, and Command Class 544.**

**I was able to work with the Secret Service to secure FFOTUS Michelle Obama, when she came to Atlanta to speak at Clark Atlanta University, and was able to get a picture with her.**

**As a Fugitive Unit Investigator, I was able to attend some of the top tactical training in Gulfport Mississippi on the Naval Installation Facility.**

**I was selected to work with the Georgia Governor's Drug Suppression Unit, as a part of a ground team where we worked in unincorporated Fulton County, locating illegal marijuana fields. Whereas the Sky Team would locate the illegal marijuana fields, and the Ground Team using a compass to locate, cut down and confiscate the illegal plants and affect an arrest of the perpetrators.**

**I was a part of the first Fulton County Sheriff's Department [Office] Choir, during Retired Sheriff Jacquelyn H. Barrett-Washington, and under the direction of the late Retired Wilbert Lemons.**





## **Career Highlights Continued:**

I joined the Fulton County Government Choir under the Retired County Commissioner William 'Bill' Edward, and directed by the FGTV Cameraman Darryl Peek.

As a uniform deputy, I was selected to be a part of the multi-agency Special Operations W.E.E.D and S.E.E.D Community Oriented Policing program, which was started under the late United States Attorney General Janet Renoe, and had the opportunity of meeting her in person.

I was able to grow my level of training above the Basic Mandate Class. As, I worked on my Intermediate and Advanced levels of certifications, I had to enroll in college to obtain the college credits that were needed.

And in doing so, I received my Bachelors of Social Science in Criminal Justice at Mercer University, Atlanta, Ga.; then went on to be hooded with my Masters in Paralegal Studies, Kaplan University, Chicago Illinois.

- Jail Certification
- Senior Deputy Sheriff Certification
- Intermediate Certification
- Advanced Certification
- Supervisory Certification
- Managerial Certification
- Field Training Officer Certification
- Instructors Certification
- Crisis interventions Training "Youth" Certificate

## **Fun | Leisure Activities | Vacations | Community Service**

Anytime that I can fellowship with family, coworkers and friends I consider that as fun. My leisure activities include attending community events, family gatherings, or friend gatherings, or just plain hanging out and dancing will top it off.

Community Service includes my very own LOADZ OF LOVE Foundation, non-profit. Created in honor of my husband (David), after his passing 2023. Loadz of Love mission is 'working to foster love, support, and care through various charitable initiatives (Community Outreach and Support, Scholarships for the Trucking Education and Truck Driver's Wellness Programs). The Foundation's main initiative is the 'FREE' NEW SHOES GIVEAWAY.

LOADZ OF LOVE Foundation, Inc. has put new shoes and socks on over one hundred men, and women who are less fortunate since, receiving its Certificate of Incorporation from the Georgia Secretary of State on September 14, 2023.

On July 15, 2024, Loadz of Love was blessed by the Owner of the Buster Brown Children Shoe Stores, with 400+ pairs of brand-new children's shoes. On, July 28, 2024, the Foundation partnered with the Allen Temple A.M.E. Church 'BACK TO SCHOOL BASH', and was able to provide brand new shoes to 129 children for going back to school. A SUCCESS, but most important were the smiles on the children faces!

## Favorite Quote

‘If, I can help somebody as I travel along, then my living shall not be in vain’

### **What are your retirement plans and what are you most looking forward to during your retirement?**

My retirement plans come in two parts. The first is to grow my insurance business that I have been pushing since 2017, after becoming Georgia State License Insurance Agent writing:

Whole Life, Term Life, and Accidental Death.

I have added a specialty to my license which includes Final Expense Specialist. I am a Final Expense Specialist contracted to write for Lincoln Heritage Insurance Company.

The second part of my retirement is to continue to stay connected, informed and educated in my profession of law enforcement. Inspiring to become Chief of Police in the future.

### **What do you think is the key to a happy and fulfilling retirement?**

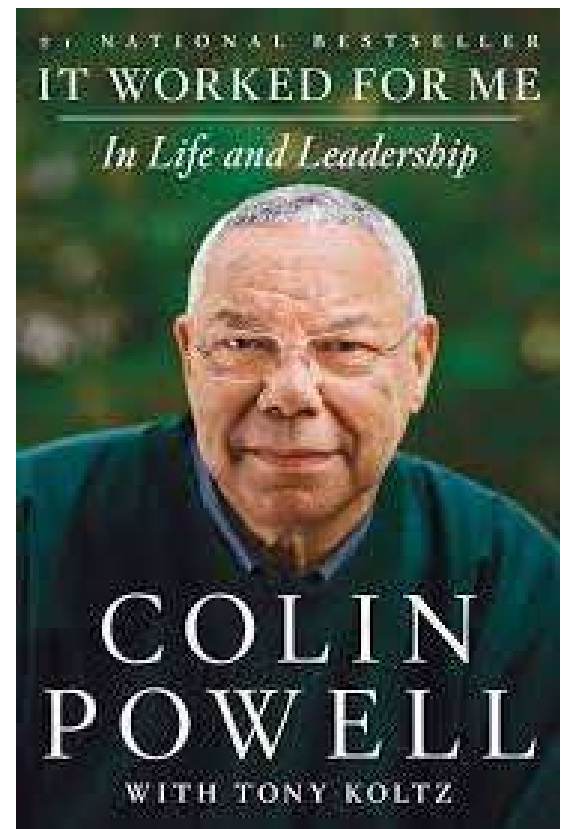
The key to a happy retirement is to enjoy yourself in whatever it is that you choose to do next. And as I read in the General Colin Powell Book ‘It Worked For Me’, knowing when to get off the bus.

### **What advice would you give to someone who is just starting in their career?**

Have a goal set for your specific field or career. You can listen to all of the negative noise, but do not become a part of the negativity that you hear. ‘Judge the book’ from your very own experience. And in everything make it work for you. Always remember your ‘WHY’. In law enforcement the money is definitely not why I entered the field. So, don’t get so caught up on money, because in law enforcement we can never be paid for what we put on the line, and that is our lives.

Seek training beyond the basics, be legal, ethical, and righteous in what you do. Always remember we all want to be heard, so listen and do not be so fast to react. Enjoy your job.

And stand for something or else you will fall for anything, words of my grandma.



# Employee Benefits & Wellness Fair

The Wellness Employee Benefits & Wellness Fair was held on Thursday, July 18 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Government Center. The Fulton County Employees' Association hosted an FCEA Table. Members Nakeshia Hardy, Alicia Gibbons and Tona'e Clements covered our table. They spoke to employees' about who we are and what we do. They shared healthy snacks, raffles, t-shirt giveaways and lots of smiles to those employees' that stopped by. This team of three also signed up ten (10) new members!!!!!!



# 12 DAYS OF HOLIDAY GIVING!

Chairman Robb Pitts, County Manager Dick Anderson, and Chief HR Officer Kenneth L. Hermon, Jr. kickoff of our 7th Annual 8-A-Day Giveaway and 12 Days of Holiday Giveaways. This year two of our members won!

December 9 Winners  
Brenda Whitehead

December 10, 2024  
Michal Fagbamiye





1st Vice President Melba Blount is Ringing the bell. In July 1st VP Melba rang the bell when she completed weeks of radiation treatments for breast cancer!!!!



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