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Columbia County Chamber Names 2025 Businesswoman of the Year!

Submitted by Jamie Miller, Communications Manager, Columbia County Chamber of Commerce
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Evans, GA – March 28, 2025

The Columbia County Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce Wendy Perry as the 2025 Businesswoman of the Year. The award was presented to Perry on Wednesday afternoon at the chamber's annual Woman of Influence Executive Luncheon presented by Piedmont Augusta. The prestigious honor recognizes a woman who has demonstrated exceptional dedication, leadership, and passion both professionally and personally.

Wendy, who is currently the Principal and Co-Founder of KATALIS, has shown extraordinary leadership in both the corporate sector and community organizations. She has mentored aspiring leaders, built meaningful partnerships, and worked to help busi-



nesses thrive. A retired U.S. Army Senior Nurse Executive with 22 years of service, Wendy continues to serve as an Ambassador for Women in Military Service for America, representing Georgia. Her commitment to empowering women and businesses, particularly through mentorship, has had a lasting impact on countless individuals in the Columbia County region and beyond.

“Wendy has exemplified the qualities we seek to recognize with this award: integrity, dedication, and a passion for making a difference,” said Russell Lahodny, President and CEO of the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce. “She has shown extraordinary leadership in her career and continues to serve as an inspiration to those around her.”

The 2025 Businesswoman of the Year Award was sponsored by Bank of America. Additional sponsors included: Piedmont (Presenting), Georgia Power and Duckworth Development (Premier), ADP and SRP (Executive), and WRDW 12/26 (Media). To learn more about the Columbia County Chamber, visit columbiacountychamber.com.



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Appreciation Lunch for All First Responders & Military – Honoring Our Local Heroes!

Submitted by Janice Overbeck – janice@janiceoverbeck.com

Marietta, GA – April 16, 2025

The Janice Overbeck Real Estate Team proudly hosted its semi annual First Responders Appreciation Luncheon this Wednesday, drawing a heartfelt crowd to honor the dedication and service of local heroes. The event, held from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the team's East Cobb office, welcomed police officers, firefighters, EMTs, military personnel, and other first responders from Cobb County and surrounding areas for a well-deserved bar-be-que lunch.

This year’s luncheon was a resounding success, with dozens of first responders in attendance. The community showed its gratitude with smiles, handshakes, and warm “thank you’s” throughout the afternoon. Guests enjoyed a delicious spread of barbeque generously provided by Supreme Lending, along with an array of sides and refreshments sponsored by All-Atlanta Ameri Spec, First American Home Warranty, and Arrow Exterminators.

“We are so incredibly grateful for the courage and commitment of our first responders,” said Janice Overbeck. “This luncheon is just a small way for us to say thank you and let them know how much they are appreciated.”

Attendees lined up to grab hot-dogs and hamburgers. The event not only offered a hot lunch but also a strong sense of community support and appreciation. Local businesses and citizens were excited to take part in recognizing some of the hardest working men and women in the region.



Firefighters attending the appreciation lunch at the Janice Overbeck Real Estate Team office.



Station 20 parked out in front of the Janice Overbeck Real Estate Team office.

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Taking Care!

Maintaining A Loved One's Unoccupied Home!

By Lisa M. Petsche – lmepetsche@gmail.com

It may happen unexpectedly: your parent or other senior relative who lives alone must spend a significant period of time in a hospital or rehabilitation center. If they're a house dweller, looking after their home and its contents may be a complex task.

Read on for valuable tips on how to keep your relative's property safe and sound, indoors and out, during their absence.



**Lisa
Petsche**

Indoor Security Measures

- Remove keys – to the house, car, gates and sheds – hanging by the door or stashed in a drawer.
- Ensure all points of entry – windows, doors (including the one connecting the garage to the house), mail chutes and pet entrances – are secured. Place a snug-fitting piece of metal or wood in the bottom of sliding window and glass door tracks. Disconnect the automatic garage door opener and manually lock garage doors.
- Arrange for mail to be redirected and pause newspaper delivery.
- Notify a trusted neighbor that your relative is away and ask them to watch for suspicious activity and call police if necessary. Ensure this person knows how to reach you should any problems arise. Also ask them to do one or more of the following to make the house appear occupied: remove flyers from the mailbox and porch; park a vehicle in the driveway, place a bag at the curb on garbage pickup day.
- Selectively keep some blinds open, and put indoor lights on timers.
- If there's a landline, unplug any phones.
- Unplug electrical items that are susceptible to power surges (televisions and computers, for example).
- Remove small valuables – such as cash, jewelry, identification, credit cards and important documents – and store them somewhere safe.
- Read your relative's homeowner's insurance policy or check with their agent to determine if their policy provides coverage while the home is unoccupied for an extended time, and if so, under what conditions. Ensure any conditions are met.
- Perform regular checks for pests, water infiltration and other problems. Checks are especially important after storms.

Outdoor Considerations

- Remove spare keys hidden under mats or elsewhere.
- Lock tools and ladders in the garage or a shed so they're not accessible to thieves.
- Install timers or put photosensitive bulbs in outdoor lights.
- Perform regular perimeter checks for signs of forced entry. If you find any, remain outside and call the police from your cell phone or a neighbor's home.

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- If neither you nor other relatives are able to perform outdoor maintenance tasks, enlist the help of a reliable neighbor (consider hiring a teenager from the block) or contract with a yard maintenance service. Another option is to hire a property manager to regularly inspect the place inside and out and arrange grounds keeping.

Vehicle Security

- Ensure windows and doors are closed tight and locked.
- Remove registration and insurance information, as well as hidden keys.
- Record the license number as well as the color, year, make and model of the vehicle, and any visible damage.
- Lock the vehicle in the garage. If that’s not an option, get a security device such as an electronic alarm, kill switch or steering wheel lock.
- Further Considerations
 - Remove refrigerator contents that can spoil, and any other perishable foods in the kitchen.
 - Store opened dry goods such as sugar and flour in sealed containers, or place them in the fridge. Ensure kitchen and dining areas are free of food residue.
 - Take home plants to ensure they receive the necessary care.
 - Turn off the water supply to the house if regular lawn and garden watering is not part of the maintenance plan.
 - Close chimney flues, which can be a point of entry for birds and small animals.

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City Springs Theatre Company Wraps Up Seventh Season with *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*, May 2-18 in Sandy Springs!

Submitted by Lesley Gamwell, Rountree Group – lgamwell@rountreegroup.com

ATLANTA (April 16, 2025)

The life of Grammy-winner Carole King explodes onto the stage with a song-book that includes hits from her ground-breaking 1971 album *Tapestry*!

Carole King’s music shaped a generation, and the Broadway hit musical showcasing her extraordinary life is the latest crowd-pleasing offering from City Springs Theatre Company (CSTC). *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*, playing May 2-18 at the Byers Theatre in Sandy Springs, will mark the end of the company’s 2024 – 2025 PNC Season, the seventh from CSTC, which is one of the nation’s newest and fastest-growing professional theatre companies.



Filled with some of the most recognizable songs of the 1960s and early ‘70s, *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* is the untold story of Carole King's journey from schoolgirl to songwriter to superstar; from her relationship with husband and song writing partner Gerry Goffin, their close friendship and playful rivalry with fellow songwriters Barry Mann and Cynthia Weil, to her remarkable rise to stardom, becoming one of the most successful solo acts in popular music history. The musical features such hit songs as “You’ve Lost That Lovin’ Feeling,” “I Feel The Earth Move Under My Feet,” “Will You Love Me Tomorrow,” “One Fine Day,” and many more.

Playing the title role will be Atlanta’s-own **Megan K. Hill**, who was most recently seen in CSTC’s productions of *Disney’s Frozen* and *Ragtime The Musical*. “We have an enormous talent pool here in Atlanta, and Megan is a considerable talent whom we have had our eyes on for some time,” says Executive Director **Natalie DeLancey**, “We’re fortunate and so thrilled to have her as our Carole. Megan is an electric performer, and I cannot wait for Atlanta audiences to fall in love with her.”

Beautiful: The Carole King Musical also features Broadway veterans **Lily Kaufmann**, as Cynthia Weil, and **Courtenay Collins**, as Carole’s mother Genie Klein. Kaufmann has appeared on Broadway in *Mean Girls*, *Monty Python’s Spamalot*, and *Tammy Faye*. She made her CSTC debut one year ago, playing Elle Woods in *Legally Blonde The Musical*. Collins appeared on Broadway in *The Prom*, and



has played memorable roles in the CSTC productions of *Fiddler on the Roof* and *The Music Man*. Making their return to the CSTC stage are **Nick Walker Jones** (CSTC’s *Spamalot*, *Disney’s Frozen*, *Jersey Boys*) as Gerry Goffin; **Haden Rider** (CSTC’s *Jersey Boys*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder*) as Barry Mann; **Jordan Sam Rich** (CSTC’s *Ragtime The Musical*, *The Music Man*) as famed producer/manager Don Kirschner; **Kyla Bolling** and **Shena Renee** as one-half of The Shirelles; **Cedric J. Paige**, **Zac Pritts** and **Charles Pruitt** as three of The Drifters; **Alec Beard** and **Claudio Pestana** as The Righteous Brothers; and **Callie Regan Walker** as Betty. Making their CSTC debuts are **Mionne Destiny** and **Alexandria Joy** as the remaining Shirelles; **Jerrell Melton III** as one of The Drifters; and **Kennedy Bastow** as Marilyn. The talented cast also includes **Avanni Cherie**, **Evan Ellicott** (CSTC debut), **Grace Arnold Hogan**, and **Rayvon Love** as swings.

Beautiful: The Carole King Musical features a Tony-nominated book by **Douglas McGrath**, with words and music by **Gerry Goffin**, **Carole King**, **Barry Mann**, and **Cynthia Weil**. The City Springs Theatre Company production will be directed by **Shane DeLancey**, who previously helmed CSTC’s hit productions of *Spamalot* and *Jersey Boys*. The show’s music director and conductor will be **Chase Anderson**, with choreography by **Jordan Pretorius**. The creative team also includes **Jacob Olson** (scenic design); **Seth Rieser** (lighting design), **Anthony Narciso** (sound design), **Alycia Berry** (wig and makeup design); and **Ashley Raper** (production stage manager).

Performances of City Springs Theatre Company’s production of *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* will take place May 2nd through May 18th at the Byers Theatre in the Sandy Springs Performing Arts Center, 1 Galambos Way, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. Tickets are now on sale at www.CitySpringsTheatre.com. For more information contact City Springs Theatre Company at 404-477-4365 during regular business hours.

Performance Schedule

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| • Friday, May 2 @ 8:00pm | • Thursday, May 8 @ 7:30pm | • Wednesday, May 14 @ 7:30pm |
| • Saturday, May 3 @ 2:00pm | • Friday, May 9 @ 8:00pm | • Thursday, May 15 @ 7:30pm |
| • Saturday, May 3 @ 8:00pm | • Saturday, May 10 @ 2:00pm | • Friday, May 16 @ 8:00pm |
| • Sunday, May 4 @ 2:00pm | • Saturday, May 10 @ 8:00pm | • Saturday, May 17 @ 2:00pm |
| • Wednesday, May 7 @ 7:30pm | • Sunday, May 11 @ 2:00pm | • Saturday, May 17 @ 8:00pm |

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Individual tickets to see the City Springs Theatre Company production of Beautiful: The Carole King Musical range from \$64 to \$115, including all fees, with discounts for seniors, students, groups, and active and retired military personnel. Call 404-477-4365 or visit CitySpringsTheatre.com for more information.

Gift cards and discounts for groups of 10 or more are available by calling the Box Office at 404-477-4365. CSTC’s Box Office is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. Live performances of the City Springs Theatre Company production are at the Byers Theatre in Sandy Springs Performing Arts Center, 1 Galambos Way, Sandy Springs. This production contains adult themes and language and is recommended for ages 13 and older.

Beautiful

The Carole King Musical

About City Springs Theatre Company City Springs Theatre Company (CSTC) is dedicated to entertaining, educating, and enriching lives by creating world-class entertainment experiences and innovative arts education programs that drive cultural and economic vitality. Through musical theatre productions that utilize the talents of local and national artists, CSTC provides Broadway-quality entertainment to the diverse Atlanta populace, helping to establish Sandy Springs, Georgia, as a growing cultural center. City Springs Theatre Company is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, led by Natalie DeLancey as executive director, and Tony Award®-winner and Atlanta native Shuler Hensley as artistic director. To date, CSTC has served over 275,000 patrons and 140,000 students through its mainstage musicals and educational programs. For tickets and more information call 404-477-4365 or visit www.CitySpringsTheatre.com.

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Life does begin with our moms!

It’s May... and soon we celebrate Mother's Day!

By Carolyn Brenneman, Columnist

COVER: Card created by my daughter a few years ago and Ann Jarvis photo!

Well, Mother’s Day is arriving soon, and so I wanted to check out a little bit of history about this fabulous day. You see, in the early 20th century, there lived a woman named Anna Jarvis who had a deep love and admiration for her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis. Ann wasn’t just any mother – she was a community activist who had organized “Mother’s Day Work Clubs” in the 1850s to improve health and sanitation during a time when disease was rampant. During the Civil War, she also encouraged peace and unity, working to heal the wounds of a divided nation.

When Ann died in 1905, her daughter, Anna Jarvis, was heartbroken. She wanted to honor her mother’s legacy and the sacrifices all mothers make for their children. So, in 1908, she organized the first official Mother’s Day celebration at a church in Grafton, West Virginia. She handed out white carnations, which were her mother's favorite flower, and gave a heartfelt speech about the power of a mother’s love.

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Sharing and bonding between mom and son!



Yes, a handcrafted card for a mom!

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Her idea caught on. Anna began writing to newspapers, politicians, and influential leaders, asking them to support her vision of a national holiday. And her persistence paid off. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation making Mother’s Day a national holiday, celebrated on the second Sunday of May.

As Mother’s Day became more popular, businesses – especially florists, card companies, and candy makers – saw an opportunity. The holiday quickly became commercialized, which deeply upset Anna. She had envisioned it as a day of quiet reflection and gratitude, not one of profit. But as the years went by, more and more businesses sought to capitalize on this special day. Anna Jarvis died in 1948 but her message lives on in every homemade card, phone call, or quiet visit spent with the our mom’s and step-moms who raised us.

Now, in Georgia, Mother's Day is celebrated with a blend of traditional observances and regional customs that reflect the state's rich cultural heritage.

Well, did you know that while Mother's Day became a national holiday in the United States in 1914, Georgia has its own distinct history with the celebration. In 1991, the state officially adopted Mother's Day, aligning with the national observance on the second Sunday of May. This move was part of a broader effort to honor and appreciate mothers across the state.

And in coastal Georgia, particularly in Brunswick, Jekyll Island, and St. Simon, the "Blessing of the Fleet" is a significant Mother's Day event. This tradition, introduced by Portuguese immigrants during World War II, involves a morning mass, a procession honoring mothers, and a boat parade where shrimp trawlers are blessed by clergy. The event ends with a flower-laden anchor being placed in the water to honor deceased fishermen. This year, the 87th Annual Blessing of the Fleet in Brunswick will take place on Saturday, May 10, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM at 2030 Powers Ferry Rd SE, Suite 340, Atlanta. The event features local vendors, free rose giveaways, and a celebration of mothers, stepmothers, auntie mothers, god-mothers. at Mary Ross Park.

In Thomasville, the Pebble Hill Plantation hosts a Mother's Day Garden Tea, offering a serene setting for families to celebrate. The plantation, a historic estate, provides a magnificent landscape to host this and many other events.

Now In Atlanta, there are a variety of events and activities to celebrate Mother's Day, catering to diverse interests and preferences. Here are just a few we may be interested in attending.

- A Mother’s Day Pop-Up Market will be held on Saturday, May 3rd, by Love Official ATL Weddings & Events.
- Then there is a celebration at Chastain Park Spring Arts Festival held on May 10–11, at 4469 Stella Drive. This free, two-day festival showcases over 185 artists, live acoustic music, DJs, an expansive children's area, and food trucks. Yes, it is very commercial, but great fun and bonding for our families.
- My favorite place is in Dunwoody at the Dunwoody Village Parkway – Taking place on May 10–11, at 1317 Dunwoody Village Parkway, this festival features over 130 artisans, a kidz zone with creative activities, live music, and festive cuisine from food trucks, Mother’s Day hand-crafted gifts and just great bonding and fun for all of us.

So all across Georgia, families can celebrate Mother's Day with various activities, including dining out, giving flowers, and spending quality time together whether or not we attend an event. Many also participate in the tradition of wearing corsages during church services, with red or pink flowers signifying living mothers and white flowers for those who have passed. What a nice ritual.

So, whatever we choose to do on Mother’s Day, let’s all keep in mind the history of this day of honoring our moms and remember to take time to appreciate our moms, step-moms, auntie moms and grandmother moms.



A collage of events!

Don't be Bullied by Door-to-Door Pine Straw Scams!

Submitted by Kelvin H. Collins, President/CEO, Better Business Bureau

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Better Business Bureau (BBB) is again noticing an increase in calls related to door-to-door pine straw scams, particularly targeting elderly homeowners. Consumers complain about aggressive tactics used by disreputable landscapers showing up at their door, claiming to have left over pine straw or mulch from a previous job. The “landscaper” is willing to offer it to the unsuspecting homeowner at a heavily discounted rate.

Once the homeowner agrees to a price or number of bales, the scammer will either lay down fewer bales than agreed and then need more money to sufficiently cover the area; or completely cover the area and insist that the consumer pay the extra costs. If the consumer refuses, the scammer will then resort to intimidation tactics to frighten the homeowner into paying more. One elderly consumer agreed to pay \$400 for their yard, but when the workers were finished, they demanded \$1,200, or else. In the end, the consumer was bullied into paying the exorbitant fee.

Many door-to-door salespeople are legitimate, but others might only be looking to make a sale and then, move on. BBB recommends consumers be suspicious of too good to be true offers and to have a plan in place when hearing that telltale knock:

- Ask about licensing. Many cities require door-to-door salespeople to have a peddler or solicitor license. Ask if the salesperson has checked in with the city and gotten proper licensing. Not sure? Call the city or county offices to verify.
- Check identification. A reputable seller will provide all the information asked of them, including a photo ID and a business card. If possible, use your phone to take a photo of their vehicle and tag.
- Verify the individual and the company. A reputable salesperson should not have a problem with having their identity checked with a quick phone call to the company. Research the company and contact them to check if the salesperson is in fact an employee. Read the company's Business Profile and customer reviews at BBB.org.
- Get promises in writing. If you are interested in a product or service, get everything in writing including price, contract details and all other terms and conditions. Tell the salesperson the proposal will be reviewed, and a decision will be made.
- Verify the physical address and valid contact information for the company are included.
- Don't give in to pressure. Watch out for high-pressure sales tactics and be aware that anything you sign could construe a contract. If you feel pressured, end the sales pitch and ask the person to leave. Be prepared to call the police if they refuse.
- Know your rights. The Federal Trade Commission's Three-Day Cooling-Off Rule gives the customer three days to cancel purchases over \$25 that are made in their home or at a location that is not the seller's permanent place of business.
- Along with a receipt, salespeople should also include a completed cancellation form that customers can send to the to the company to cancel the agreement.
- Stand strong. Be careful about allowing strangers into your home. If you do allow a salesperson inside your home and decide during the presentation that you are not interested in making a purchase, simply ask them to leave. If the salesperson refuses to leave, tell them you will call the police – and follow through if they do not leave immediately.
- People who have issues with door-to-door solicitors can submit a BBB Scam Tracker report at BBB.org, as well as reporting anyone suspicious to local law enforcement.

Kelvin Collins is president & CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving the Fall Line Corridor, serving 77 counties in East Alabama, West Georgia, Southwest Georgia, Central Georgia, East Georgia, and Western South Carolina. This tips column is provided through the local BBB and the International Association of Better Business Bureaus (IABBB). The Better Business Bureau sets standards for ethical business behavior, monitors compliance and helps consumers identify trustworthy businesses. Questions or complaints about a specific company or charity should be referred directly to the BBB at Phone: 1-800-763-4222, Web site: BBB.org or Email: info@centralgeorgia.bbb.org.

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DANGERS OF NUCLEAR WAR

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IT CANNOT HAPPEN! IT WILL NOT HAPPEN! IMPOSSIBLE! BUT IT DID!
You gasp! You cry! You wonder WHY! OR HOW! IT IS OVER!
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I WAS THERE! IF ONLY AS A PRAGMATIST! As a youngster... as a Notable... a Student of History... as a Realist!
Yes! I was there as it surfaced in 1945! The perfect solution to end Wars! It emerged in Japan's Hiroshima! I remember the Report; but, did not understand! One single Bomb! So many perished! A hundred years later; **AND, IT STILL BOGGLES THE MIND!**

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My Voice and Words are founded in Experience! August 6, 1945 – Hiroshima... and Nagasaki... both so far away! And, so long ago! Yet, as like it was yesterday! ALL in only a moment... **AND THOUSANDS DIED!** An Historic Day of Infamy! Our Spirits Are Drained! It Cannot be so ... but yet, **IT IS!**

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Submitted by Jill Hayes, Mainland – jhayes@hellomainland.com

Atlanta, Georgia

Seniors Helping Seniors® in-home care services, a franchisor with over 200 franchise partners and 400 territories nationwide, has grown rapidly in recent years by building a workforce of talented caregivers who create meaningful relationships with their senior care clients. Now, local resident [Lara Smith](#) has opened two new locations to serve the Buckhead district of Atlanta, along with the Brookhaven and Chamblee communities.

After spending 23 years as a pharmacist at the same Publix in Buckhead, Smith developed strong ties to her community and a passion for serving others. Following her retirement at age 49, she sought a more meaningful way to stay involved in her neighborhood. Inspired by her own experience supporting aging parents and her volunteer work at an assisted living facility, Smith discovered [Seniors Helping Seniors®](#) and was drawn to the brand’s mission of compassionate, relationship-based care.

Seniors Helping Seniors® stands apart in the in-home care industry by prioritizing the hiring of active seniors to help their less active counterparts.

“Even though I’m not a senior yet, I know what isolation can feel like, and I want to be part of the solution,” said Smith. “This is about helping people stay connected, feel valued and age with dignity. Seniors Helping Seniors® gives me the opportunity to make a real difference right here in the community I love.”


The demand for in-home care for mature populations continues to grow, with the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#) reporting that nearly 70% of retirees will require some form of long-term care. Seniors Helping Seniors® services is expanding in Georgia with its unique care services and approach to caregiver-client matching. These new locations, which bring the total in Georgia up to seven, will focus on serving the Buckhead and Chamblee communities in the Atlanta area.

The Seniors Helping Seniors® franchise stands out from other brands in the elder-care space in part through its commitment to hiring senior caregivers, which provides employment opportunities for seniors and better cultivates meaningful relationships between caregivers and care receivers.

“We’ve become a leader in this industry by prioritizing the best possible care for our seniors, and that means partnering with only the most passionate and hard-working franchise owners,” said Seniors Helping Seniors® President [Namrata Yocom-Jan](#). “That’s exactly what we’ve found with Lara as a new franchise partner, who is well-equipped to provide unparalleled in-home services to those in need throughout Buckhead, Brookhaven and Chamblee.”

ABOUT SENIORS HELPING SENIORS®:

Seniors Helping Seniors® franchise system was founded by husband-and-wife duo Kiran and Philip Yocom. Kiran, who grew up in India, later worked to advance humanitarian efforts alongside Mother Teresa. After moving to the U.S. in 1995 and marrying her husband Philip, the Yocoms felt called to provide loving care to seniors and to cultivate an exchange of gifts at every generational level. Together, the Yocoms founded Seniors Helping Seniors® in-home services in 1998, opening the brand up to franchising in 2006. With a mission to be the most respected and rewarding home care provider in the U.S., Seniors Helping Seniors® locations stand apart from competitors as the only company that prioritizes hiring active seniors to provide care services to their less-active counterparts. Seniors Helping Seniors® service aligns caregivers and care recipients based on the abilities and needs of both by offering a wide range of care services. Seniors Helping Seniors® network has grown to 400 territories nationwide and over 200 franchise partners in 38 states. For more information on Seniors Helping Seniors® in-home care, visit <https://seniorshelpingseniors.com/>.



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