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February 18, 2008

President Lisa Borders and  
Members of Atlanta City Council  
City Hall, Suite 2900 South  
68 Mitchell St., S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

**RE: Keep Atlanta Beautiful Board of Directors Appointment**

Dear President Borders and Members of the Council:

It is a pleasure for me to appoint Brenda Berry to serve as a member of the Keep Atlanta Beautiful Board of Directors for the City of Atlanta. This appointment is for a **term of two (2) years**.

I am confident that Ms. Berry will serve the Keep Atlanta Beautiful Board of Directors with integrity and dedication.

Sincerely,

Shirley Franklin

**BRENDA M. BERRY**  
**Development Director/Grants Manager**  
**Reynoldstown Revitalization Corporation**  
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Currently working as Development Director for the Reynoldstown Revitalization Corporation (RRC). Employed with RRC since January 2001. A very accomplished writer and communicator with more than 35 years experience in community and social work. Multi-talented and highly motivated, able to effectively analyze situations and problem solve. Very professional with excellent management skills and task completion in timely manner.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

3/2000-1/2001 Moved from Virginia to Atlanta, volunteered with the National Black Arts Festival and RRC.

2/2000-10/1998 **Prince William County Department of Social Services:**  
**Manassas, Va.**

### **Social Worker**

Foster care case manager and Independent Living Coordinator. Duties included training youth in necessary skills to enable them to live independently once they had been released from the foster care system. Also, responsible for carrying a full case load of foster children where I coordinated and provided services to the children, natural parents and foster parents in an effort to reunify families. Served as the first team leader for the Services Division Foster Care/Adoption Team. Received from the Foster Parent's Association of Virginia, the recognition and award of Social Worker of the year for the State of Virginia.

08/1991-01/1997 **Prince William County Department of Social Services:**  
**Manassas, Va.**

### **Social Worker**

Supervised Adoption and Adult Services Programs. Responsible for managing program expenditures in both areas. Continually evaluated both program's staff and reviewed contracts between adult service clients and vendors. Wrote and implemented the policy currently being used for the Foster/Adopt Program for the Agency. Developed a transracial adoption and foster care training curriculum for the Department. Presented information to the community on adoption and adult services. Served on the Court Improvement Committee at the Supreme Court in Richmond, Virginia. Assessed adult services and adoption cases for services through a screening process. Acted as foster home finder, recruiting and training foster parents. Managed a caseload of adoption and adult service clients.

07/1989-07/1991 **Prince William County Department of Social Services:**  
**Manassas, Va.**  
**Social worker.**

Responsible for carrying out all aspects of the adoption program to include recruiting, assessing and developing adoptive homes. Conducted and carried out the adoptive process for both agency and non-agency adoptions. Reported investigative results to the court and commissioner of Virginia on Stepparent and Independent Adoptions. Conducted home studies on adoptive families. Trained other agency workers on adoption policy. Supervised one part-time social worker and one student from George Mason University.

01/1988/07/1989

**Prince William County Department of Social Services:  
Manassas, Va.  
Social Worker**

Coordinated and provided services to children, natural parents and foster parents in an effort to reunify families whose children had been placed in foster care. Prepared court reports, service plans and other mandated services in a timely manner to ensure state and federal deadlines were met. Provided counseling to children, natural parents and foster parents often-utilizing crisis intervention and group counseling skills.

06/1987-01/1988

**SAVAS  
Manassas, Va.  
Executive Director**

Responsible for developing, writing and carrying out policy for the entire SAVAS program. Recruited, trained, advised and supervised 20 volunteers. Provided individual and group counseling to clients. Provided prevention information to the community on rape and child sexual abuse. Acted as liaison for SAVAS in the community. Managed the budget and sought financial resources through grant writing and fund raising.

12/1980-07/1982

**United States Government  
Stuttgart, Germany  
Family Advocacy Coordinator**

In two sub-communities, provided counseling in areas of spouse abuse, child abuse, teen and individual problems, financial counseling, rape, alcohol and drug counseling. Conducted home studies for adoption, provided information on disability services and headed the mothers outreach program in both communities.

06/1978-06/1980

**Cumberland County Center for the Blind: Fayetteville, N.C.  
Independent Living Skills Coordinator**

Responsible for making home visits to blind clients to assure family members understood the need for consistency in the home setting so clients could function independently. Acted as lead instructor in the center and was responsible for the overall activity program for elderly blind clients.

## **EDUCATION**

03/1964  
**University  
N.C.**

**Agriculture and Technical  
Greensboro,**

03/1976

Bachelor of Science  
**Georgia State University  
Ga.**

Atlanta,

Bachelor of Science degree in Social Welfare

05/1997

**Howard University**  
Washington, D.C.  
Masters Degree in Social Work