**Melinda (Mel) M. Davidson**

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**PROFILE**

Dedicated student with a passion to help the less fortunate. Self-motivated, hard-working with the drive to make a difference in the world. Developed effective time management skills early in life while balancing a 14 hour per week competitive dance schedule with full-time student schedule.

**EXPERIENCE**

 **CEO** (Snuggle Care: www.snugglecare.org) 2016 - Present

Established a Georgia-registered nonprofit organization to collect stuffed animals and provide them to organizations that deal with children who have experienced trauma. Identified drive coordinators at churches, schools and civic organizations. Developed and provided drive promotional materials and coaching. Served as liaison with beneficiary organizations including children’s homes, police departments and fire departments. Over 700 animals provided to date.

**Intern** (Haddie’s Home) January - April 2019

Worked with the girls in the group home. Gained experience in the nonprofit sector. Participated in community engagement and outreach. Worked with donors and the Board chairs. Reviewed grants and current policy for private group homes in Alabama.

**Intern** (Division of Family and Children Services) Summer 2018

Assisted the Point of Contact department. Attended court. Shadowed on home visits. Helped with children in DFCS custody. Made collateral calls for children and parents involved with DFCS. Aided with administrative work.

**Intern** (Keeping Family Connections) August - December 2017

Observed and assisted with supervised visitations for families who were referred to Keeping Family Connections through the Department of Human Resources in Alabama. Sat in on in-takes for new clients. Helped with administrative work in the office. Attended court when necessary.

**Intern** (NW Metro Atlanta Habitat for Humanity) Summer 2017

Assisted Family Services Department 12 hours per week. Projects included revamping and updating orientation courses, created participant worksheet to accompany the financial responsibility course, canvased local businesses for donations for volunteer appreciation event, and prepared houses for dedication services.

**Volunteer** (Delta Delta Delta) 2016

Served at fundraiser for sorority charity events benefiting Alex’s Lemonade Stand, Camp Sam and St. Jude Children’s Hospital

**Volunteer** (DFCS) 2013 — 2016

Provided supervision and activities for foster care children while foster parents met for their monthly meeting. Provided set-up and assisted with distribution of school supplies for annual “Back-to-School” event.

 **Volunteer** (Arthritis Foundation) 2014 – 2015

 1355 Peachtree St., NE

Worked to set up the annual Arthritis Walk to generate funds for the foundation. Assisted with technology set-up and testing following office move for 100 employees.

**EDUCATION**

 **Auburn University**, Auburn, Alabama 2016 – Present

 Major – Social Work

 Minor – Nonprofit & Philanthropy

 **Hillgrove High School**, Powder Springs, Georgia 2012 – 2016

 Graduated with honors

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

**Auburn Social Work Club** 2016 – Present

Auburn University

Secretary (2018)

President (2019)

**Delta Delta Delta Sorority** 2016 – 2017

Auburn University

**Beta Club** 2013 – 2016

Hillgrove High School

**Spanish Honor Society** 2014 – 2015

Hillgrove High School

**Competitive Dance** 2002 – 2016

Christine’s School of Dance

**REFERENCES**

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