

GREER MIDDLE COLLEGE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Special Election Biographies of Candidates

Alison Peterson has been actively involved with the fund raising committee here at GMC and was instrumental in organizing and implementing 'Fall for GMC' as well as the coupon book fund raiser. Professional background: career in Physical Therapy, national leadership sales training, ownership of several businesses, insurance sales, fitness training and public speaking. Educational background: BA in English and a Physical Therapy degree. My husband Kelly and I have three daughters - Ilse, junior at Eastside High; Erika, freshman at GMC; and Ingrid, seventh grader attending Greenville Middle. My passion for education includes serving on three different PTA Boards, Booster Club, Hospitality, PTA Membership, fund raising, Teacher Appreciation and book fairs.

Because I believe strongly that individual potential is one of our least-tapped resources, it is vital that the GMC Board help encourage a school/parent/community environment that fosters empowering each individual. GMC has a unique infrastructure of dynamic and inspired parents all of whom possess incredible skills and gifts. It is this energy that will propel GMC from where it is today, to its stellar future.

As a Board member, I would work diligently, investing my strengths and life experience for the betterment of the GMC community at large!

Cheryl Childers is the proud wife to Jeff of 17 years, and has 3 kids:

Job (15 – currently attends GMC), Gabriella (13), and Elijah-Luke (7).

She and her family live in Greenville, SC. Cheryl is passionate about having a role in the school her children attend.

Cheryl holds a Master's Degree in Social Work and is currently licensed in SC.

She works as a fabric artist, educator, contributing author, wife, and full-time mom.

Cheryl is the co-founder and 2011/2012 Race Coordinator for A Hero's 5k, which is a race/walk in memory of SPC Geoffrey Whitsitt who died in Afghanistan January 2010 and other fallen soldiers from the Upstate of South Carolina. She sits on the Hero's 5k Board of Directors.

Cheryl founded and currently leads the H.U.G.S. Quilt Ministry of North Hills Community Church in Taylors, SC., which makes and donates hand-made quilts for children who are in difficult situations or critically ill.

In early 2011 Cheryl received the **Commanders Award for Public Service**, from the **Department of the United States Army**, given by **Mark A. McAlister Brigadier General, US Army Commanding**. This award is the Fourth highest honor the United States Department of the Army can bestow upon a civilian.