



**SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Application to serve as a Commissioner**

*\*\*\*Please submit forms to Commissioner Fred Geier, Nominations Chair, [fgeier@juno.com](mailto:fgeier@juno.com)*

Name: Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington

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Occupation: writer / graphic designer / public relations consultant

**Previous Board Experience:**

Wofford College Terrier Club board of directors

Woodruff Primary School and Woodruff Middle School School Improvement Council

United Way of the Piedmont Community Impact Council

Helping Hands of Woodruff Board of Directors

Wofford College Co-Curricular Advisory Board

*Please respond to each of the following questions:*

- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> List personal or professional affiliations, interests, or experience that demonstrate a commitment to service and volunteerism.

**Current volunteer commitments:**

Helping Hands (volunteer grant writer, newsletter volunteer, board secretary)

Spartanburg County School District 4 (volunteer grant writer, parent volunteer)

First Presbyterian Church of Woodruff (newsletter volunteer, youth Sunday School teacher, etc.)

Woodruff Elementary School and Woodruff High School (parent volunteer)

Adult Learning Center of Spartanburg (newsletter volunteer)



Why are you excited about our mission (see footer)?

I've always liked the phrase: think global, act local. Poverty, lack of education, poor health, crime... these aren't issues exclusive to developing countries. Individuals and communities in South Carolina face these same seemingly insurmountable challenges. I believe the only way to improve our communities is for neighbors to help neighbors. Supporting volunteerism and national service initiatives is one way to accomplish that.

What special gifts and talents can you bring to the Commission?

I'm a professional communicator, and that's helpful in any group. I'm also the parent of three children and in some cases a substitute parent for their diverse group of friends. Living into the blue-collar community of Woodruff also gives me insight into the needs of people living in situations of poverty, abuse and neglect.

Should you serve on the Commission, what will be your expectations?

I expect to listen, share ideas and be fully engaged in the mission of the South Carolina Commission on National and Community Service.

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