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BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Charisse Childers



Charisse Childers, Ph.D., serves as the director of the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services overseeing the state’s workforce system.

This includes the division’s programs and grants including employment services, unemployment insurance, labor market information, Adult Education, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services and Services for the Blind. She previously served as the director of the Arkansas Department of Career Education from January 2015 to July 2019 where she was appointed by Governor Asa Hutchinson.

Having spent all her life in Arkansas, raised in Blytheville and now living in Little Rock, Charisse has built friendships and has contacts in all parts of the state. With 30 years of work and personal experience in education, business, government, non-profits, and economic development, she is always working to make a difference in the lives of others as she uses her experience and knowledge to provide resources and services to strengthen Arkansas’s economy. Appointed by Governor Mike Huckabee, Charisse served on the Arkansas State Police Commission from 2003-2009 and is currently serving on the Advisory Council of the Arkansas State Police Foundation where she and her husband, Marvin, continue to support the men and women of the Arkansas State Police.

Charisse’s career began in secondary and post-secondary education and expanded into economic development where she continues to be recognized for her exemplary work and leadership in state

NEXT BOARD MEETING

- **October 20th, 2022 Zoom Meetings**
9:30 a.m. – Executive Committee
11:00 a.m. – Board of Directors
 - Please check your email for instructions.

Message from Our Chairman



Board Members,

On August 18, First National Bank Sponsored the Paragould Golf Tournament. It was a great tournament. Thank you, Governor Hutchinson, for taking the time to play a round of golf with us, it is always a pleasure to have you at our events.

This Tournament raised over \$177,000. Thank you, First National Bank, for yet another wonderful tournament. The Golf Tournament in Hot Springs has been moved to Spring of 2023, keep an eye out for updates on that event. The Little Rock Golf Tournament is on October 3, this will be the last golf tournament of the year.

October is going to be a busy month for events. The Spouses' Auxiliary is having its leadership retreat on October 14th and 15th. This is open to all members of the Spouses' Auxiliary. The purpose of this retreat is to create new goals for 2023. Our final event of the year is the Annual Awards Dinner at the Governor's Mansion. This is a sold-out event.

The Tower and Garage at the Precision Driving Track complex is near completion, it is expected to be done by the end of September. In addition, the Training Building is moving along and is expected to be completed by the end of November. These buildings will allow all first responders in the state to train new and current employees. We are so proud to be a part of creating these incredible facilities for our state.

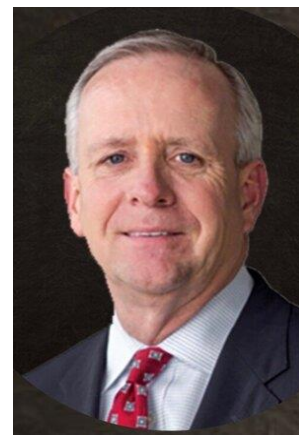
We are currently looking for new members to add to our Board. If you know someone who would be a good fit for the Foundation, please reach out to me. Thank you to everyone for all their hard work this year. I can't wait to see what we will accomplish next.

Sincerely,
Frank

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government and workforce development. From 2006–2014, she was the executive director of Accelerate Arkansas, an 80-member statewide group of business and education leaders dedicated to knowledge-based economic development in Arkansas. Throughout her career, Charisse has been recognized for her accomplishments and leadership including being named by the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation as one of 40 non-profit leaders in the state based on moving the needle in Arkansas. She currently serves on numerous state and national boards and commissions.

Board Member Spotlight Marvin Childers



Marvin Childers has served as President of The Poultry Federation, a tri-state trade organization representing the poultry and egg industry in AR, OK and MO since January 1, 2007.

Having served a two-year term as President of the State Poultry Executives Association in 2016-2017, it is an honor to lead an organization where the industry provides a safe and abundant supply of food along with billions of dollars to the states economies. Since 2007, Marvin has served as a board member of the Arkansas State Police Foundation Board of Directors. He also sits on the boards of the Arkansas State Chamber and Co-Chair of the Chamber's Tax Committee, the Arkansas 4-H Foundation, the Southern Golf Association, and several other organizations. In 2020-2021, he served on the Governor's Economic Recovery Task Force with a focus on agriculture issues. He served as an Arkansas State Representative from 2001 thru 2006 and has practiced law with Friday, Eldredge & Clark LLP since 2000. Marvin received a Bachelor of Accountancy from the University of Mississippi (1983) and his Juris Doctor from the University of Mississippi School of Law (1986). He is a member of the Arkansas and Missouri Bar Associations. Currently Marvin resides in Little Rock with his wife, Dr. Charisse Childers who serves as the Director of the Division of Workforce Services.

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Trooper Retiree Mike Carter

Mike Carter was born in Jonesboro and is a 1970 graduate of Nettleton High School. He entered the Army National Guard in 1969, and he and spouse Debbie were married in 1972. He went into active military service in January of 1973 and was stationed in Germany from June of 1974 until his discharge in January of 1976.

While there, he served as a Military Policeman. After his discharge, he worked as a carpenter before joining the Arkansas State Police on October 24, 1977. Mike was a member of the 1978

ASP recruit school, and was assigned to the highway patrol division in Troop G. He and his family lived in Dequeen until 1979, when he was transferred to Troop C, where he and his family made their home in Paragould Arkansas. Among the many accolades he received, he was twice recognized as Greene County Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. During his time in Troop C, he served under six captains, and at the time of his retirement was one of the longest serving members of Troop C.

During Mike's career, he had the distinction of being one of four brothers who all were serving as ASP Troopers. Mike, along with his brothers Phil, Tim, and John all served at the same time, and with the exception of John, are all now retired. Mike Retired on July 31, 2010, as a Senior Corporal, and he and Debbie live near Paragould. They are the parents of Holly and Derick, and the grandparents of Ty, Bo, Mattie, Wyatt, and Avery.

Auxiliary Spotlight Laura Richardson



Laura Richardson has been involved with the auxiliary since the beginning in 2018. She served as Troop L Vice President for the past 4 years and recently moved her service to Troop B.

Laura has served on various committees and provided community service to support numerous events sponsored by the foundation, as well as other community service projects sponsored by Troop L.

She continues to serve her community as a nurse of 14 years and with her recent move has continued her career in a family practice clinic.

Laura is the wife of 13 years to Trooper Jeff Richardson. Jeff and Laura have two beautiful daughters Kenzie and Kallie. The Richardson family has blessed NWA for 7 years before Jeff's recent transfer to Troop B. Troop B takes Jeff and Laura back to family roots and much closer to their family.

Important Upcoming Events

Monday October 3, 2022
Little Rock Golf Outing
Pleasant Valley Country Club
Please contact Dennis Ferra at
dennisjf53@gmail.com for further details.

Friday October 14th, Saturday October 15th,
2022
Spouses' Auxiliary Retreat
The Holiday Inn Presidential in Little Rock
Please contact Kari Sawyer at
Kariks41@hotmail.com for further details.

Tuesday October 25, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.
ASPF Annual Appreciation Dinner
Governor's Mansion
All tables have been sold!

Arkansas State Police Foundation

Lexus Champions for Charity Golf Tournament

Enter to win the Pebble Beach Raffle

- Drawing will be Monday, October 3, 2022
- Pleasant Valley Country Club1 Pleasant Valley Drive Little Rock, AR, 72212
- Winner need not be present.

Please contact Hannah Viguerie for more information.
vigueriehaspf@gmail.com

One lucky winner and their guest will attend and play in the 2022 Lexus Champions for Charity National Championship, at the Pebble Beach Resorts in Pebble Beach, California in December 2022. **Tickets are \$100 each. Only 400 tickets are being produced.**

- Two (2) Tournament participants will compete in the 2022 Lexus Champions for Charity National Championship for a \$100,000 charity purse. The tournament is scheduled for December 7-11, 2022.
- Tournament participants will receive a hospitality package including airfare, hotel accommodations, meals and golf fees. The golf fees are for the 3-day, 54-hole tournament, and 18 holes per day using Pebble Beach Golf Links, Spyglass Hill, and The Links at Spanish Bay. Club or touring professionals and Lexus affiliates are not eligible to participate in the National Championship and current verifiable handicaps are required.
- The host hotel for all participants will be The Inn at Spanish Bay.

If you would like to purchase a ticket before any of the events, please call Mike Shepard @ 501-580-2163 or mike.shepard@fnbank.net.

Since 1989, the annual Lexus Champions for Charity golf series has raised over \$452 million for charity causes. The golf series begins with over 195 golf tournaments held at golf and country clubs around the U.S. including the Arkansas State Police Foundation's at Pleasant Valley Country Club and culminates in a three-day championship tournament at Pebble Beach Golf Links, Links at Spanish Bay and Spyglass Hill.