



Debra Furtado **Chief Executive Officer**

Debra Furtado's successful tenure as Senior Connection's CEO continues to be reflected in the growing number of seniors served annually; an expanding service territory; and the quality of programs provided. Her dedicated focus to a mission of providing essential home and community-based care that maximizes independence has helped attract new donors and customers in support of the organization's work.

With increased service contracts throughout Metro Atlanta and Middle Georgia, Senior Connections has grown its meal program by 500% under Debra's watch. Similar growth in the in-home care program means increased safety and independence for area seniors. She is involved in advocacy at the local, state and national level working to increase funding for key services for older adults in Georgia.

Debra worked for nine years with AGL Resources (parent company of Atlanta Gas Light Company), serving in several positions including director, diversity and volunteer outreach and director, community affairs. She also served as a strategic partner as human resources director for Atlanta Gas Light Company and managed a 200+ staff call center.

Other professional experience includes several consulting positions involving strategic planning, management and implementation of human resources and business programs. She worked for David M. Griffith & Associates where she served as the manager of the human resources consulting practice for the Atlanta office. She also worked for the Atlanta Regional Commission, providing consulting services to local governments.

Debra was awarded a B.A. in Political Science in 1987 and a Master of Public Administration in 1989 from the University of Georgia. She is a board member of the Meals of Wheels Association of Georgia; she serves on the board of the Decatur Lifelong Community Advisory board serving as the chair of the Tax and Affordability Committee; former board member and chair of LeadingAge Georgia; a graduate of the Women's Policy Institute's first class; and is a community volunteer. She is also a graduate of Leadership DeKalb, Class of 2007, the GA 100 Women's Mentor/Mentee Program, and the Deloitte Center for Leadership and Community.



About Senior Connections

Since 1973 Senior Connections has served the counties of the metropolitan Atlanta area with programs and services designed to help seniors "age in place" in the comfort of their own homes. The nonprofit agency provides Meals on Wheels, home repair, in-home care and neighborhood centers to area seniors. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, services are available to anyone over the age of 60, regardless of income level. Senior Connections also offers services and information to help families cope with the many dilemmas that can arise as parents, grandparents, friends, and loved ones "come of age." For more information on Senior Connections, visit www.seniorconnectionsatl.org