## LaToya Huff, BA, RRT, COR

Candidate Position: SECRETARY

 What is your vision for the GSRC, and how do you see your role in advancing that vision as a member of the Board of Directors?

"Leadership is not about being in charge. It is about taking care of those in your charge." — Simon Sinek

In my one year as Secretary, I have learned that the GSRC vision is well-established and effective. As Secretary, my role is to support and serve the Board of Directors and its members in continuing to advance their goals and objectives. This can be achieved by focusing on collaboration and communication with the AARC, supporting the growth and well-being of its members, and maintaining an environment that fosters innovation. I am committed to the GSRC as Secretary, so that I can continue

to Serve, Engage, Coordinate, Respectfully Evolve, Transform, Act, Revolve, and Yield to the organization and its members.

 How would you describe your leadership style, and how do you plan to engage and collaborate with fellow board members, committees, and the respiratory care community across GA?

I describe my leadership style as that of a servant leader. As a servant leader, I believe my primary role is to serve and support fellow board members, committees, and the respiratory care community across GA. I prioritize the growth, well-being, and development of each individual, fostering a collaborative and inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and empowered. I am dedicated to listening and understanding the needs of the organization, facilitating open and transparent communication, and providing the resources and opportunities necessary for everyone to succeed. My approach is centered on leading by example, demonstrating respect, empathy, and integrity in all my interactions, and helping others reach their full potential.

• In your opinion, what unique skills, experiences, or perspectives do you bring to the table as a candidate for office in our organization?

With 20 years of experience as a Respiratory Therapist, I have dedicated my career to serving Veterans, holding positions that range from front-line staff to various leadership roles. I have chaired and co-chaired several committees, including the National Respiratory Newsletter and the Respiratory Field Advisory Board. I believe that every role, from Secretary to CEO, is crucial to an organization's success and effectiveness. My optimistic, glass-half-full perspective consistently drives me to seek opportunities for improvement and to bring a positive outlook to every situation.

What motivated me to run for office again with the GSRC is my commitment to leveraging my extensive experience to make a meaningful impact. I am driven by a desire to support and enhance the growth and well-being of Respiratory Therapists and GSRC members, collaborate effectively with key stakeholders, and foster an environment that encourages innovation and excellence. My specific goals include promoting open communication, supporting continuous professional development, and ensuring that our organization remains responsive to the needs of both its members and the broader community we serve.