

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Phyllis Schwartz has provided outstanding contributions to the children and families of Decatur and DeKalb County, Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Schwartz has initiated and supported programs in the City Schools of Decatur that promote mental and physical wellness and the academic success of Decatur's children; and,

WHEREAS, through the efforts of Ms. Schwartz a variety of alternative funding sources have been utilized to improve the quality of services to the children and families of Decatur; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Schwartz participated in the writing of the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant which resulted in 1.8 million dollars of funding to support City of Decatur after-school programming; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Schwartz wrote and secured a \$500,000 school health grant through the DeKalb Medical Center Foundation; and,

WHEREAS, the Decatur Networking Committee was started and supervised by Ms. Schwartz, resulting in partnerships that provide new and improved services for the community; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Schwartz has directed a variety of school support services including the Book Club, Mentoring Programs, Partners in Education; and,

WHEREAS, the concept of the Decatur Youth Fund, which provides scholarships for summer school and enrichment programs for Decatur students, was introduced by Ms. Schwartz.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William F. Floyd, Mayor of the City of Decatur, the "City of Homes, Schools and Places of Worship", do hereby proclaim Monday, June 7, 1999 as:

### **Phyllis Schwartz's Day**

And I do hereby urge all citizens and organizations of this community to join me in extending the appropriate honors and congratulations.

IN WITNESS, THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Decatur to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1999.

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William F. Floyd, Mayor  
City of Decatur

## Info on Phyllis Schwartz

Phyllis' first official involvement with Decatur was as the Chair of the DeKalb Teen Pregnancy Task Force.

She expanded her role in Decatur in 1989 when she initiated, along with Karen Davenport, the Oakhurst Project, whose aim it was to improve and coordinate services for families through an interagency network.

In 1990, Phyllis received the American Medical Association national Congress on Adolescent Health Award for Excellence in Prevention in Comprehensive Health Education and Prevention programs for the Oakhurst Project.

The Oakhurst Project was expanded in 1991 to the Oakhurst Initiative through funding from the United Way of Metro Atlanta. This allowed for expanded services in the Oakhurst and Fifth Avenue community.

Since then, Phyllis has continued to work to improve services for Decatur's children and families. She has been instrumental in forming a variety of (sometimes unlikely), partnerships that have made Decatur a better place to be a kid.

Read Proclamation

Turn the program over to Dr. Love



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June 8, 1999

Sue Ellen Owens  
 Dekalb Historical Society  
 Courthouse Square  
 Decatur, GA 30030

Dear Sue Ellen:

I have known Phyllis Schwartz for more than 30 years. I will not try to remember them all.

We first met when our daughters were very small (Tots). We attended several meetings together; League of Women Voters, Education and Community Improvement to name a few. Phyllis and I would worked on any organizations that would improve the quality of life for families and children.

Phyllis is the mother of three children, which demanded much of her time and the wife of a physician. She was the first to work with the Teen Pregnancy Task Force, Decatur's Networking Committee, which started with 10 or 12 agencies and it has now grown to more than 30 or 40 agencies. She is a very hard worker and has done much for so many in our City.

I am honored to be a part of this celebration for Phyllis Schwartz.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Wilson".

Elizabeth Wilson  
 Commissioner  
 City of Decatur

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Bill Floyd, Mayor • Andrew Harris, Mayor Pro Tem  
 Jim Baskett, Commissioner • John Ridley, Commissioner • Elizabeth Wilson, Commissioner

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