Jamie

Fulton County, GA

**Her Story:**

The fact that there is an organization like Women in Technology (WIT) providing educational resources for single mothers is a true blessing in which I feel privileged to apply to. Over the past eight years, I have acquired professional development and experience in the areas of retail customer service leadership, problem solving, and social-academic leadership, all while giving back to the community through acts of kindness and service. Alongside my professional development, caring for my elderly father during the completion of college, working multiple jobs through undergraduate and after, and becoming a single mother has molded me into a woman of evolution. During my undergraduate experience merely four years ago, I took an introductory course to Computer Science and loved it, however I selected English as my academic major in hopes of fulfilling the dreams of my late mother, as she wanted me to be an English teacher. Reflecting with slight regret, I wish that I would have chosen a more technical field of study like CSI, Information Systems, or Cyber Security due to the industry’s emergence and relevance within the world. I am a diverse thinker, a coachable talent, and eager for a second chance at success.

My most recent work and service experience was with the youth from the community, serving as a Learning and Technology Specialist of a local non-profit organization, PawKids. With this organization, I was able to provide learning strategies to inner-city students who struggled with learning differences within the Grove Park community through one-on-one and small groups in efforts to give students intensive support that meets their individual needs, particularly in reading and comprehension. The pupils did have access to a computer lab that they were able to use. I ensured that all students knew how to correctly operate devices and how to browse regular functions of the PC. Applying the knowledge, I gained under the leadership of Larenzia Lawrence, I was able to assess the technical needs of the students. My list of short-term goals includes me getting back into the technical field and earning formal knowledge to be able to obtain a career in information systems or cyber security. As far as long-term goals, I will pay it forward by passing the power of mentorship onto others. I would like to host an annual Summer Camp in Atlanta, Georgia geared towards preparing teens for STEM training and careers.

**For reference**

**Company Name:** Whole Foods Market, Customer Service Rep.

**Work Experience**:

Instruction, Coaching, Customer Service Rep

Literacy Tutor and Technology Specialist

**College Degree:** Yes

Spelman College, 2013 – 2017, English, English Language and Literature

Emory University, Cyber Security/Information Security

**Education**:

Student of Cybray

**Annual Income:** $25,000

**Observation characteristics from WIT, Emory, Other Providers and Mentors (Outgoing, Quiet/Shy, Leader, Team Contributor, etc.)**

* Team Contributor

**Competencies: (Interpersonal Skills, Cooperation and Collaboration, Time Management & Administration, Leadership, Communication Skills, Strategic Thinker, etc.)**

* Emory Academic Proficiency Rating: Advanced
* Collaborates in class