



**Katherine Ponder**

I have been a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones since 2011. Within the firm, I have served as a field trainer, mentor, and diversity & inclusion leader. In 2013, my husband and I moved to the Lowcountry and settled in Summerville to raise our family. I earned my bachelor's of science and master's of science degrees from Louisiana State University. I bring with me more than 24 years of nonprofit management experience and voluntarism. Currently, I am active with the Junior League of Charleston, the Lowcountry Food Bank, the LSU Alumni Association, the LSU Foundation, Green Charter School of the Lowcountry, and Boy Scouts of America Troop 759.

With our twins starting Kindergarten this Fall, my husband Brian and I began researching the type of school and education we hoped to provide for our children. After much researching, touring, and interviewing, we decided Green Charter School is the place for our children to grow and learn. I am very passionate about high quality education and strong curriculum for all students. To this day I maintain contact with teachers who influenced my life from elementary and secondary school as well as from my college and graduate school days.

I am interested in joining the Green Charter School Board of Directors because I believe it is a wonderful opportunity to positively impact the educational experiences of many children. It is exciting to be a part of this growing STEM education opportunity in South Carolina. I believe my passion for education combined with the breadth of my experiences across nonprofit, leadership and organizational development, and the finance fields brings a unique perspective to the long-term growth goals of Green Charter School. I appreciate your consideration.