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The mission of Hi-Hope Service Center is to cultivate community for adults with developmental disabilities by connecting them to integrated opportunities for learning, work and leisure. We believe that adults with developmental disabilities have gifts, talents, skills and abilities and without our intentional engagement those gifts may remain hidden and our community would not benefit from their contributions. The organization currently serves 128 individuals in three defined programs: weekday community access, supported and customized employment and residential group homes. The center embraces a person-centered philosophy whereby giving an individual choices about their daily life is paramount. Balancing what is important for the person with what is important to the person is key to this philosophy. Hi-Hope has a unique collaboration with the Enterline Foundation, a charitable foundation supporting organizations across the country serving persons with developmental disabilities with distinction. The collaboration provides Hi-Hope with extraordinary learning connections with other organizations across the country and provides financial resources to support the implementation of Hi-Hope's strategic plan. This partnership has created a dynamic, vibrant setting that has attracted top talent from across the metro area. Currently, the Center employs just over 100 staff and has an annual operating budget of \$5M.

Interns at Hi-Hope would be supervised by the CEO, Susan Boland Butts, a 1990 graduate of CST. The schedule an intern might have could include weekday activities at our main campus between the hours of 8 and 4 or evening and weekend activities at one of our five group homes. Specifically, an intern from the Candler School of Theology could explore the following types of opportunities:

- Building relationships with persons who experience life with severe, profound, moderate and mild developmental disabilities and the direct support professionals who work with them.
- Developing and facilitating activities of interest; this could include on-site or community based activities which occur during the week or weekend.
- Facilitating faith based activities during the weekday program which would be offered to individuals and staff on a voluntary basis.
- Building relationships with local churches and civic groups to encourage volunteer engagement with the individuals supported by Hi-Hope.
- Assisting in the identification of volunteer opportunities in our community for persons served at Hi-Hope. Volunteering is a key way that many of our adults spend their day.
- Assisting with administrative activities such as planning fundraising events, writing reflection articles for use in our newsletter, and legislative advocacy.

Opportunities are not excluded to those noted above and students with more specific interests are invited to suggest other possible activities.

Interested students should contact Susan Boland Butts, CEO at 770-963-8694, ext 115 or by email at [sbolandbutts@hihopecenter.org](mailto:sbolandbutts@hihopecenter.org). More information about Hi-Hope can be found on our website at [www.hihopecenter.org](http://www.hihopecenter.org). Hi-Hope's main campus is located at 882 Hi-Hope Road in Lawrenceville, GA 30043; our group homes are in neighborhoods located in Lawrenceville, Bethlehem, Snellville and Lilburn. No stipend is available at this time.