

## **Carolyn Middlebrooks**

Originally from Cleveland, Ohio Ms. Middlebrooks received her degree in Optical Dispensing Technology in 1980 and promptly received her first Dispensing Optician's License from Ohio. She maintained her license there from 1980 to 2004, and was licensed (by out-of-state licensure law) in North Carolina in 1996. That same year, she began her employment with Luxottica (first with Lenscrafters, and finally with Sears Optical). She has also worked with America's Best Contacts and Eyeglasses, and her current employment is with Sam's Club Optical.

During her 37-year optical career she has managed five major eyewear businesses in three major markets (Cleveland, Ohio; Charlotte & Raleigh, NC), with experience as both general and retail manager.

A mother of three and grandmother of six, she enjoys working with children and helping others in need; she has been a member of three LensCrafters' "Gift of Sight" International Missions, serving and dispensing eyewear to thousands of children and adults in poor areas throughout both Romania and Mexico. Spiritually-driven, direct and honest, Middlebrooks is hardworking and passionate about the field of optical dispensing.

Appointed initially in 2007 to complete an unexpired term, Middlebrooks' first full term began in 2008. When that term ended Governor Beverly Perdue appointed Middlebrooks to complete another unexpired term. Resultant from the 2012 election, Governor McCrory appointed her to a full term and now with the 2015 election, she has been reappointed to another term with an expiration of June 30, 2018.