



Spherion Staffing was named the Mobile Area Chamber's Small Business of the Month. Pictured here in front of their Mobile office on Florida Street are from left to right: Aulaydra Moore, receptionist; Autumn Thomas, intern; Lewis Williams, recruiter; Cheryl Williams, president and Monica Oakley, branch manager.

## Spherion Staffing Services Matches People to Jobs

What began seven decades ago as a company founded to supply labor for Wrigley Gum in Chicago is now a nationwide staffing service with more than 150 offices across the country.

Spherion Staffing Services was founded in 1946 as City Car Unloaders, which placed workers in temporary jobs loading and unloading cargo for Wrigley. It has since grown into other industries and expanded across the country, and today serves recruiting and staffing needs ranging from administrative and clerical, customer service and light industrial, to non-clinical healthcare and professional.

The local office in Mobile is owned by **Cheryl Williams**, and she and her team have been serving the workforce needs of businesses in Mobile for 25 years.

"Every day, we have the privilege of matching people to jobs that enable them to live better lives, while providing the skilled resources companies need to operate successfully," Williams says. "People are the heart of our business, and it's very rewarding to play a part in the employment process."

The Mobile office of Spherion Staffing Services is the Mobile Area Chamber's Small Business of the Month.

Along with its staffing services, Spherion shares valuable data with clients through its Emerging Workforce Study, which the company has used to track trends in the U.S. workforce for the past 20 years.

"This study serves as a powerful source of business intelligence for creating

winning workforce strategies and preparing for the future of the workforce," Williams says.

Through the Spherion Community Giveback Program, Williams's business has supported local civic and charitable organizations like the Volunteers of America. It also serves as a co-facilitator for the Mobile County Summer Internship Program, which provides on-the-job experience for local high school and college students.

Williams says that perhaps the most rewarding aspect of her company is the impact it has on the local economy just through the nature of the business.

"By helping individuals find employment opportunities that enable them to make a better living, we are able to positively impact the economic success of

our community," Williams says. "And by recruiting skilled candidates for local employers, we are able to power businesses with the talent they need to operate successfully, which stimulates the growth of our economy."

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