

# Debi Mae Starnes Atlanta

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## Community-Focused Atlanta Entrepreneur Debi Mae Starnes

A longtime Atlanta entrepreneur, Debi Mae Starnes has owned the Sugar Magnolia Bed and Breakfast in the city's historic Inman Park neighborhood for more than two decades. Guests of the carefully restored Queen Anne Victorian home explore a taste of Southern life as it existed in the late 19th century, in Atlanta's first suburb. Debi Starnes and the Innkeeper, Kathryn, oversee all aspects of operations and are dedicated to ensuring that guests from around the world enjoy a memorable stay in charming surroundings. Distinctive features include oval-beveled windows, a grand staircase, fireplaces, and a three-story turret.

Dr. Starnes has also led EMSTAR Research, Inc. as founder, managing partner, and majority owner since 1988. Employing proven community psychology principles, the firm develops and implements program evaluation plans. The firm's team of psychologists, social workers, behavioral scientists, and statisticians offers organizations and programs with critical resources in identifying needs and meeting data collection objectives. Dr. Starnes emphasizes the importance of structuring resources strategically and creating outcome evaluation plans that provide lasting value.

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Experience	<b>City of Atlanta</b>	2007 TO 2009
	Policy Advisor to Mayor	
	<b>EMSTAR Research, Inc</b>	1988 TO PRESENT
	President	
	<b>Sugar Magnolia Bed and Breakfast</b>	1993 TO PRESENT
	Owner	

Education	<b>East Tennessee State University</b>	1978 TO 1980
	MA	
	<b>East Tennessee State University</b>	1974 TO 1978
	BSW	

Skills

Owner