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RUSSELL HARRIS JOINS UPSTATE FOREVER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Upstate Forever announced today that Russell Harris of Anderson has joined its Board of Directors. Since 1996, Mr. Harris has served as the president and chief executive officer of Partners for a Healthy Community in Anderson. Under his leadership, it has become one of the most effective and successful community health organizations in the state. In recognition of his outstanding work, Russell recently received the South Carolina Hospital Association's Community Service Award. Earlier this year, in a survey of Anderson leaders, he was named the number one community service leader in the area.

Mr. Harris also is a member of the Anderson County Planning Commission and serves on the boards of United Way, First Steps, and Success by Six and on the Advisory Board of the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind. His wife is Dr. Joellen Harris, the Co-Director of the Division of Teacher Quality Enhancement at the South Carolina Department of Education. They have three children and two grandchildren.

Mr. Harris said, "I strongly support Upstate Forever's mission of promoting sensible and well planned growth and protecting many of our region's special places. I look forward to working with them, particularly in bringing their message to Anderson County." Brad Wyche, the Executive Director of Upstate Forever, said, "No one cares more about Anderson County and the Upstate than Russell. We are deeply honored to have him on our Board. His guidance and leadership will be invaluable."

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