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**SUE PRIESTER JOINS UPSTATE FOREVER
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Upstate Forever is pleased to announce that Sue Priester of Greer has joined its Advisory Council. Priester is an outstanding leader in both the business and community sectors. In 1981, she and her late husband took an idea and turned it into a highly successful computer manufacturing company. She was recently elected as the chair of the Greer Chamber of Commerce.

Priester has played a key role in the revitalization of downtown Greer, both as an owner of important properties in the area and as a champion for the city. She was a past chair of the Greer Strategic Planning initiative, one of the groups that provided a catalyst for the downtown area's rebirth. She also serves on the boards of the Warehouse Theatre, the Greenville Symphony, the Greenville Tech Foundation, and the Alliance for Quality Education.

Priester 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 have been an active member since the organization was founded, and I am honored to join the Advisory Council and to work even more closely with them."

Brad Wyche, Executive Director of Upstate Forever, said, "Sue Priester is not only a visionary—she also does the hard, day-to-day work to make her visions a reality. We are deeply honored to have her on the Advisory Council. Her guidance and leadership will be invaluable."

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