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**McABEE AND SHEHAN JOIN
UPSTATE FOREVER BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Upstate Forever is pleased to announce that Patti McAbee and Ted Shehan have joined its Board of Directors.

Born and raised in Ware Shoals and now a resident of Greenwood, Patti is the first woman ever elected to the Board of Trustees of Clemson University. As Vice President of Custom Development Solutions, Inc., Patti has been involved in a wide range of capital campaigns for community projects throughout the State, including the Salvation Army in Greenville, the Wesley Commons Retirement Community Center in Greenwood, and the Barnwell County Library.

Patti founded the McCormick Arts Council in 1984 and continues to serve on its Board of Directors. She has served on the Board of the South Carolina Downtown Development Association and on the boards of numerous arts and civic organizations. Among her many talents is serving as the organist at Tranquil United Methodist Church in Greenwood.

No one has been more involved in the Pickens community than Ted Shehan. He served for eight years on the Pickens City Council (1975-81, 1997-99) and one term as Mayor (1999-2003). Ted declined to serve as Mayor for more than one term despite widespread public demand that he do so. A lifelong resident of Pickens, he has also served as President of the Pickens Jaycees, Chairman of the Pickens March of Dimes, and on the Board of the Pickens United Way. Ted was recently elected President of the Pickens Sertoma Club.

Ted worked for Mayfair Mills for 32 years, beginning as a management trainee and then serving as Director of Human Resources for 22 years until his retirement in 1999. He is now a full-time farmer, managing a 200-acre cattle farm in the county and having served as President of the Pickens Cattleman's Association. Ted has been actively involved in farming his entire life.

Upstate Forever is a nonprofit, membership-based organization that promotes sensible growth and protects special places in the Upstate region of South Carolina. The organization now has over 1,600 members and a staff of ten. For more information, see www.upstateforever.org.

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