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**Ben Haskew**  
GREENVILLE CHAMBER

A major player in all the big economic development projects — like Proterra — that boosted the Greenville economy in 2010, Greenville Chamber president Ben Haskew is heavily relied on for his business climate expertise. Haskew also made news in 2010 with a \$4 million campaign to fund a five-year initiative — ACCELERATE — aimed at raising the per-capita income in

Greenville County. Initially consulting with 60 local CEOs and community leaders about the program, the Chamber plans to add 15,000 jobs and \$800 million in annual income to the Greenville economy, assist startup companies at the Next Innovation Center in downtown Greenville and boost legislative efforts.



**Bob Morris**  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Under the leadership of president Bob Morris, the Community Foundation of Greenville announced in 2010 that it would contribute over \$135,000 in Community Enrichment Grants to 22 local non-profit organizations. 80% of these funds will support social services and health programs in the area. The Foundation has been instrumental in its support of the Kroc Center

as one of its Leadership Initiatives. Providing a \$1 million dollar commitment to this project over several years has enabled the Kroc Center to leverage other financial support from the community. In addition to his role as president, Morris also serves as a member of the Community Impact Cabinet of the United Way, the Greenville Downtown Rotary Club and the Greenville Estate Planning Council.



**Evelyn Lugo**  
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Evelyn Lugo is noted for her leadership as Hispanic Outreach Coordinator for the American Cancer Society. Her goal is to gain the trust and respect of the Hispanic and Latino population in an effort to create awareness, educate the community and provide services to Spanish-speaking people living in the Upstate and throughout SC. Since becoming Hispanic Outreach

Coordinator, Lugo has seen the Best Chance Network, a program that provides free breast and cervical cancer screening for medically underserved SC women, grow from 8 to 800 screenings. Currently, she is the only Hispanic bilingual serving the Cancer Society's state operation. Lugo has also been noted for her role as president for the SC Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and her efforts to help Hispanic businesses.



**Mark Nantz**  
BON SECOURS ST. FRANCIS  
HEALTH SYSTEM

Mark Nantz has made an enormous impact at St. Francis since filling the position as CEO in early 2010. Most recently, for the second consecutive year, premier health-care purchasers The LeapFrog Group announced St. Francis as one of the nation's Top Hospitals in patient safety, quality of care and operational efficiency. In addition,

the hospital was listed in a HealthGrades report as #1 in South Carolina for joint replacement, nationally ranking in the top 5%. With Nantz in the lead, St. Francis formalized the Bon Secours Medical Group that has partnerships with over 200 medical providers across the Upstate. As a growing leader in the Upstate community, Nantz was named Chairman for The March of Dimes SC Chapter's 2010 Signature Chefs Auction in November.



**Michael Riordan**  
GHS UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

According to *U.S. News'* America's Best Hospitals for 2010-2011, GHS, under the leadership of president and CEO Michael Riordan, is ranked among the top 50 U.S. hospitals for heart care & heart surgery, diabetes & endocrinology and gastroenterology. A long-time medical education hub, it's now pursuing an expanded medical education campus with USC and recently announced the formation of an Institute for Translational Oncology Research. GHS collaborated in 2010 on health outreach initiatives such as the GHS Swamp Rabbit Tram Trail, Minority Health Summit, new YMCA, SC Mission 2010 and programs to tackle childhood obesity. It has also established a program to help local businesses improve employee health and contain costs. Riordan was named county Economic Development Ambassador by the GADC.

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**Dr. Courtney Tollison**  
UPCOUNTRY HISTORY MUSEUM

As both an associate professor at Furman University and Museum Historian for the Upcountry History Museum, Tollison has made tremendous efforts to preserve the history of the Upstate. Recently, her exhibit "Weaving Our Survival: Upcountry South Carolina and World War II" won the top exhibit award for the Southeast at the 2010 Southeastern Museums Conference.

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**Russell Stall**  
GREENVILLE FORWARD

Executive director Russell Stall and his team at Greenville Forward continued to bring about highly successful and innovative ideas to the Greenville community in 2010. Not only did the company publish an updated Vision 2025 report that highlights the progress on local area projects, it also released two studies that explored the Greenville community's feelings towards learning and education and, separately, how many college students in SC planned to leave or stay in the state after graduation and why. The organization sold out its 11 Momentum Series events, one of its most successful forums about community issues, and its popular Pecha Kucha events. Greenville Forward has also gained a phenomenal social media presence online, including over 1,000 Twitter followers.

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