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Upstate Forever adds Hartness, Grantham to board of directors

Gina Hartness and Jimmy Grantham have joined the board of directors of Upstate Forever, a Greenville-based nature conservation organization.

Hartness, a Greenville resident who has a background in communications, previously worked as a public relations consultant for elected officials in California.

The University of South Carolina alumna and Bennettsville native is an active community



Hartness



Grantham

volunteer who currently serves on the boards of the Carolina Ballet Theatre and the Thornwell Home for Children.

Grantham, a native of Pickens County, retired as chairman and president of First National Bank in Easley after more than three decades in the banking industry.

An active Upstate Forever volunteer, he has performed monitoring work for some of the organization's conservation agreements and served on its Land Trust Committee. A graduate of the University of South Carolina, he is a former board member of the S.C. Nature Conservancy.