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Greenville Forward Announces New Board Chair and Board Members

Greenville, S.C. – February 18, 2010- [Greenville Forward](#) rang in 2010 under the new leadership of **Sally Sarratt** of McMillan Pazdan Smith, recently elected Chair of the Board of Directors. The board also welcomes Rita Barker, Ralph Sweeney, Lori Center and Mary Douglas Hirsch.



Sarratt is the COO for McMillan Pazdan Smith and was heavily involved in orchestrating the merger between the two architecture firms. She returned to the Upstate after working for Procter and Gamble where she was in brand management. Sarratt has served on the Greenville Forward Board for two years, is a Leadership Greenville graduate, and is highly engaged in the Greenville community.

Greenville Forward welcomes the following new additions to the Board of Directors:

- **Rita Barker** is an associate with the Wyche Law Firm, working primarily in general litigation, with an emphasis on environmental and insurance coverage issues.
- **Ralph Sweeney** is the Executive Director of Pleasant Valley Connection, a community-oriented nonprofit serving the Pleasant Valley Community.
- **Lori Center** is the Director of Community Ministries for Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital Health, helping to oversee much of the hospital's efforts to build a strong community.



- **Mary Douglas Hirsch** serves the City of Greenville in the Department of Economic Development, working to facilitate major revitalization efforts in downtown Greenville.



About Greenville Forward

Greenville Forward seeks to enhance the quality of life for greater Greenville by engaging all citizens in continually updating, promoting and facilitating a community vision for 2025 and beyond.

Greenville Forward was created in January 2006 to help Greenville achieve its vision for 2025. By having a group like Greenville Forward, whose sole purpose is to facilitate, coordinate and communicate the ideas from Vision 2025, the aggressive goals for the region will be kept vibrant, alive and reachable. For more information about Greenville Forward's programs, visit www.greenvilleforward.com.

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