

UPSTATE UNSUNG HEROES NOMINEE LIST BY COUNTY

Abbeville:

Ethan Cornick, Dreams with Open Arms – Ambassador
Mary Ann Nickles, Bags of Blessings – Creator
Robert Gustafson, Erkine College and Theological Seminary – President

Anderson:

David Baker, Anderson County Emergency Services – Emergency Services Director
John Boone & Hollie Harrell, Anderson Career & Technology Center – My Pulse Radio
Bill Campbell, Purple Heart Homes (Golden Corner Chapter) – Volunteer Chairperson
Jack Ellenburg, Anderson County Government – Volunteer Historian, Photographer
Patrick Elswick, WLS Foundation – President
Zoe Hale & Dave Phillips– Community Volunteers
Tom Haren, New Spring Church – Discipleship Coordinator
Caitlin Herrington, Seneca Journal – Governmental & Investigative Reporter
Holt Hopkins, Anderson County Government – Public Works Director/Deputy Administrator
Brad Maness, Belton Fire Department – Fire Chief
Chunsta Miller, Anderson Mall – General Manager

Cherokee:

Yolanda Adams-Kennedy, Academic Technology & Wellness Academy – Director
Libbie Cheek, United Way of the Piedmont – Community Resource Coordinator
(Spartanburg & Union)
Christina Cody, Cherokee School District – Teacher & Healthy Living Advocate
Nikki Dula, Blacksburg High School – Custodian
Minerva Horn, SRHS-Gibbs Cancer Center Gaffney – Nurse
Wendy Kincaid, Spartanburg Regional EMS – First Responder
Dr. Carol McFadden, Know(2) Neighborhood Ambassadors – Volunteer Director
Summer Parker, Cherokee County Family YMCA – Senior Program Director
Christie Rogers-Lake, Outside of the Box Therapy – Clinical Director
Chris Steed, Fullerton Foundation & Hamrick Mill Foundation – Executive Director

Greenville:

Josh Albin, Bryson Elementary School – Assistant Principal

Russell Alexander, City of Fountain Inn – Assistant Fire Chief

Rachelle Andino, Monaview Elementary School – Innovation Lab Instructor

Michael Black, Brushy Creek Elementary School – Custodian

Bright Horizons Children's Center/Greenville Memorial Childcare Center Faculty & Staff

Teri Brinkman, Greenville Country Schools – Director of Community Engagement

Terence Brister, Greenville Police Department – City Police, Unified Self Defense - Founder

Jamie Cato, McLane – Truck Driver

Kay Clifton, Edward Jones – Financial Advisor

Todd Cook, Sterling School – Plant Engineer

Dr. Deanna Cotter, New Horizon Family Health Services – Chief Medical Officer

Timbre Cruz, BI-LO Grocery – Store Worker

Leasa Dacus, Greenville County Schools – Instructional Coach

Sean Dogan, Urban League of the Upstate – Interim CEO

Judy Dyer, Phoenix Center – RN

Dina Estrada, Hispanic Alliance – Programs & Outreach Coordinator

Ushamani (Kitty) Fleetwood, Skylyn Pacifica – Director of Rehab

Kate Franch, Greenville County Democratic Party – Secretary; Camperdown Academy – Outreach & Grants Coordinator

Ann Finch, Brushy Creek Elementary School – Custodian

Jessica Gallman, United Community Bank – Director of Project & Change Management

Christina Gartner, Prisma Health – Clinical Nurse Educator

Keri Geary, Grace Church – Outreach Director

Shannon Hudson, 9Round Fitness

Patricia Idarraga-Quiros, Simpsonville Elementary – K4 Aide

Kourtney Jones, Bon Secours St. Francis Health System – ICU Registered Nurse

Laura King, New Horizon Family Health Services – Nurse Educator

Erika Klimkowski, Eastside High School – Front Office Clerk

Rev. Bridget Kokolis, Augusta Road Baptist Church – Minister to Families

Marina Lewis, Mauldin High School – Social Worker

Joey Loman, Synergy Mill

Charmain Madison, Simpsonville Elementary School – Special Education Teacher

John McCall, Fusion Audio & Video – Lead Technician

Meals on Wheels of Greenville County Staff

Shannon Miller, Simpsonville Elementary School – Special Education Teacher

Kitty Morgan, Greenlink – Paratransit Coordinator

Bob Morris, Community Foundation of Greenville – President

Alan Max Myers, Berea Fire Department – Assistant Fire Chief

Jessica Owens, The Phoenix Center – Director of Adult Services

Katy Pugh Smith, Piedmont Health Foundation & Greenville Partnership for Philanthropy – Executive Director

Amanda Sopko, Greenville County Schools – 4th Grade Virtual Teacher

Mende Taylor, Hollis Academy – Food Services Director

Paula Valencia, Greenville County Schools – Assistant

Samantha Wallace, Think Up Consulting – Director of Business Development

Laura Wedell-Jenkins, Fountain Inn Community Police Fund – Volunteer

Kristen Wellbaum, Sterling School – Food & Nutrition Services Manager

Susan Whitmire, Stone Academy – 1st Grade Teacher

Greenwood:

Lara Hudson, City of Greenwood – Uptown Manager
George McKinney, Greenwood County – Emergency Management Coordinator
Steve Riley, Emerald Ink & Stitching – Owner
Amy Stabler, Greenwood School District 50 – Director of Child Nutrition

Laurens:

Joey Avery, Laurens County – Emergency Management Director
Connie Daniels, Laurens County Museum Association – Volunteer
Lynn Finley, Laurens County Development Corporation – Vice President
Walter Hughes, Jr., Sadler Hughes Apothecary – Owner
Cindy Jacobs, Laurens County School District 56 – Director of Child Nutrition
Tim Kansky, Kountry Fresh Meats – Owner
Allen Lawson, South Carolina Empowerment Center – Executive Director
Michael Morris, ZF Transmissions Gray Court – Director of Human Resources
Patricia Sadler, Hospice of Laurens County – Medical Director
Bob Staton, Presbyterian College – President

Oconee:

Dreama Clay, Ripple of One – Program Director
Vanessa Earle, Prisma Health – Client Manager
Jessica Fry & Janine Hartley, Wild Hearts Equine Therapy Center – Managers
Sati Glenn, Rows & Roses – Owner
Jane Harlin, Community Volunteer
LaShauna Harrison, United Way of Oconee County – CEO
Libby Imbody, Main Street Walhalla – Director
Carolyn Maddox, Community Volunteer
Lynn McClain, McClains Custom Silks – Owner
Kevin McCracken, Keowee Key Property Owners Association – Community General Manager
Sherry McLaughlin, School District of Oconee County – Lead Nurse
Christie Ross, Foothills YMCA – Director
Julia-ann Shannon, Graces Closet – Director
Michael Teramano, Seneca Police Department – Investigator
Hal Welch, The Journal Newspaper – General Manager

Pickens:

Dan Bracken, Stephanie King, & Charlie Crumpton – Community Volunteers
Chad Carson, Green Crescent Trail – Board Member
Neal Collins, SC House of Representatives
David Harrison, Greenville County – Master Deputy
Lesa Howard, Five Points Church Food Pantry – Director
Adraine Jackson-Garner, Littlejohn Community Center – Executive Director
Felicia Leese, Prisma Health – COVID Unit Nurse
Kelly Norton, Fresenius – Pendleton Clinic
Carlos Salinas, Pickens County Airport – Administrator
Ben Smith, Clemson Small Business Development Center
Angela Watson, School District of Pickens County – Coordinator of Health Services

Spartanburg:

Charlene Cheeks, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Upstate – CEO
Dr. David Church, Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System – VP of Oncology & Support Services
Nora Curiel-Munoz, PASOs – Spartanburg Office Coordinator
Mary Deku, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority – Volunteer
Nancy Kenney, Hub City Bookstore - Volunteer
Janae O’Shields, Lawson Academy – Director
Carroll Owings, Spartanburg American Legion Post 28 – Commander
Douglas Stephenson, SC Works Greater Upstate – Project Director
Paige Stephenson, United Way of the Piedmont – CEO (Cherokee & Union)
Robbie Swofford, Spartanburg County – Emergency Management Assistant Director
Hope Waters - Substitute Teacher & Community Volunteer

Union:

DeAnn Barnett, Belmont Farm Bake Shoppe – Founder
Shanna “Nikki” Burgess, SC Works Greater Upstate – Talent Development Specialist Supervisor
Grady Evans, Union County Disabilities & Special Needs Board – Director
Tina Fowler, Primary Care of Union – Nurse Practitioner
Eric Harold, Union County – EMS Director
Katie Henderson, Union Medical Center – Chief Nursing Officer
Rhonda Hollingsworth, Union County School District – Elementary Education Coordinator
Elizabeth Ireton, Union County School District – Instructional Coach & Transition Coordinator
Drake Jackson, Dollar General Distribution Center – HR Manager
Brook Valentine, Secret Santa of Grace United Methodist Church – Chairperson