

# 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

Erike 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