



EVER-GREEN RECYCLING RECOGNIZED AS THE GREENVILLE CHAMBER'S AUGUST 2011 SMALL BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

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(Greenville, SC) The Greenville Chamber is pleased to announce Ever-Green Recycling as its August 2011 Small Business of the Month award winner. Elizabeth Garrison founded Ever-Green Recycling in 2007 and quickly became known as Greenville's 'Entrepreneur'. Recognizing a gap in the area's recycling services, Garrison turned a passion for saving the earth into a business to help make recycling a way of life for Upstate businesses.

A local leader in waste reduction services, Ever-Green Recycling specializes in customized commercial recycling programs that fit the needs of individual offices, restaurants, hotels and medical facilities. The Greenville-based company also offers special services that include pick up and recycling of high-volume cardboard and industrial plastics, and composting, and holds educational training for companies on how and what to recycle.

In addition to her work as Greenville's 'Entrepreneur', Garrison is an active member of the South Carolina Recycling Council and worked with the organization to gain approval from the South Carolina Legislature to create a 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' specialty South Carolina license plate, with funds going to support the state's recycling industry. Garrison also was involved in the creation of the City of Greenville's Green Ribbon Committee and now serves on the Recycling and Waste Management Ad Hoc Committee.

Garrison believes that involvement in the community is the best way to learn the area's needs and strengths. Ever-Green Recycling is a supporter of local human services organizations that assist the less fortunate in our community, as well as professional organizations that work for the betterment of the recycling industry.

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Ever-Green Recycling partners with the Metropolitan Arts Council and the City of Greenville to provide a recycling option for pedestrians on the streets of Greenville. The containers, designed to recycle bottles/cans and paper, are placed along Main Street and are covered with the work of local artists. Local businesses also contribute to make this program sustainable.

A graduate of Leadership Greenville Class 36 and a member of the Leadership Greenville Alumni Association and served as a Board Member and Board Secretary for Greenville Chamber PULSE. Garrison serves on the Greenville Chamber Environmental Committee and is also involved with the Chamber's Business Women in Action.

Alex Walter, Operations Manager, is an alumnus of Opportunity Greenville 2010.

A native of Anderson County, Garrison has worked in pharmaceutical sales and in economic development with the Greenville Area Development Corporation (GADC). Her family owns Denver Downs Farm, an historic Anderson County farm listed on the National Register of Historic Places and owned by the Garrison family since 1872. Established as a cotton farm, Denver Downs over the years transitioned to dairy farm, then to Agri-tourism. Today, Garrison and her siblings partner to host the annual Giant Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze.

About the Greenville Chamber's Small Business of the Month Program

The Greenville Chamber recognizes an extraordinary small business at each monthly board meeting. The Small Business of the Month is chosen by a selection committee from nominations provide by Greenville Chamber members. The Chamber's annual small business of the year is selected from the year's small businesses of the month. The 2011 Small Business of the Month presenting sponsor is Charter Business. Nominations can be made at <http://www.greenvillechamber.org/small-business-of-the-month.php>.

About the Greenville Chamber

The Greenville Chamber is the largest business organization in the Upstate. The Chamber's mission is to build one of the premier business communities in the world by leading through collaboration, building community prosperity, being the voice of business, and enhancing quality of life. For more information about the Greenville Chamber, call 864-242-1050, or visit www.greenvillechamber.org.

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