

# Rudy Painter

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### Serving Greer behind the scenes

**T**hrough all of Greer's growth and expansion, Rudy Painter has been behind the scenes serving as the engine.

Born and raised in Easley, Painter attended the University of Georgia before starting an agency, Anderson Insurance Center, in 1980. Painter moved to Greer in the 1990s and quickly became involved with the Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce, going through the Leadership Greer program.

Painter has found numerous ways to serve the community since then, serving on boards for Greer Relief and Greer Family Fest, while also serving as an Elder at First Presbyterian Church.

Painter said it was his dad that encouraged him to get involved with the community.

"My dad was my hero growing up," Painter said. "If I could be half the man he was, I would consider it a success. When I got in the sales business out of college, the first thing he said was 'Son, you can't just take from a community. You have to give back. You have been blessed with what you get so you have to give back.' That's what I've tried to do."

When he came to Greer, Painter said he felt a love and acceptance that was rare.

"Greer accepted me, and a lot of people in town took me

under their wing," Painter said. "It meant so much to me. That's what has driven me to give back where I could and help where I could."

Painter said it's Greer's ability to work together that has resulted in sustained growth and successful projects.

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"Greer is so fortunate to have such a great public/private partnership," he said. "During this time of change in Greer, we had such a close working relationship with the city. The Greer Development Corporation actually started out of the Chamber of Commerce. To see how those partnerships have been able to work together to make things better, you don't find that everywhere."

"It's great to go downtown and look at how far this place has come," Painter said. "To get to see all the changes that have taken place, it means so much, because this is my home."

Greer Mayor Rick Danner said Painter hasn't always gotten a lot of credit, but said he's been a major contributor in making Greer the city it is today.

"Having the knowledge and the passion to give back to the community is what makes the difference," Danner said. "Rudy has been involved in countless ways. He rolls his sleeves up, and he



gets in there and does it. A lot of times, Rudy isn't the one that is out front, but if there's an engine in the middle of the train that's

pushing it, that's Rudy. He just keeps things moving forward for this community."