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WeGOJA Foundation Hires Region Ambassadors for Preservation Toolkit

July 28, 2023 – Columbia, SC – The WeGOJA Foundation has hired Region Ambassadors to seek community input as it develops its Preservation Toolkit for South Carolina. The Ambassadors will host at least one listening session per region between August and November this year to reach as many people as possible who are interested in preservation.

“We want to build a toolkit that’s truly responsive to the need that’s out there,” said Dr. Larry Watson, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the WeGOJA Foundation. “We have our assumptions, and these listening sessions can affirm some. But our goal is to make sure we learn about the challenges, the visions, and the needs we don’t know.”

In addition to in-person listening sessions, the WeGOJA Foundation will host virtual sessions on select Thursday evenings beginning in September and offer a survey as alternatives when in-person meetings are inconvenient.

In the fall of 2024, Region Ambassadors will reach out to the communities again to train interested people on how to use the newly developed toolkit.

Details on the ongoing work of the toolkit can be found at this link <https://www.wegoja.org/initiatives/preservation-toolkit>.

The Region Ambassadors and the counties they will serve are:

Region	Counties	Ambassador
Northern Coast	Horry, Georgetown, Williamsburg	Courtney Young / Foresight Communications CYoung@thinkfsc.com
Pee Dee	Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Lee, Marion, Marlboro	Jannie Harriot JMHarriot@gmail.com
Midlands	Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Newberry, Richland, Saluda	Cindy Richburg-Cotton / Brookland Lakeview Empowerment Center CRichburgCotton@Brookland.cc

Civil Rights Corridor	Calhoun, Clarendon, Orangeburg, Sumter	Jannie Harriot JMHarriot@gmail.com
Charleston	Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester	Latanya Allen / Taste Treats TasteTreats22@gmail.com
Southern Coast	Beaufort, Hampton, Jasper	Courtney Young / Foresight Communications CYoung@thinkfsc.com
Savannah Valley Region	Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell	Courtney Young / Foresight Communications CYoung@thinkfsc.com
Freshwater Coast	Abbeville, Anderson, Edgefield, Greenwood, McCormick	Courtney Young / Foresight Communications CYoung@thinkfsc.com
Upstate	Geenville, Laurens, Pickens, Oconee, Spartanburg, Union	Isaac McKissick IVMcK@aol.com
Piedmont	Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Lancaster, York	Tyrie Rowell TyrieRowell@gmail.com

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