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**WHAT INSPIRES YOU?** “Solving problems and helping my coworkers grow.” — Stephen Stokes

**DID YOU KNOW?** The size of our team has grown more than 10 times over the past 10 years.

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Real people. Real connections. Real results.

When the pandemic hit and stimulus funds were made available to businesses in the form of Paycheck Protection Program loans, there was an immediate flood of business owners into their banks, accountants’ offices and payroll offices, seeking relief from the unknown.

For Stokes & Company – an Upstate-based accounting firm – this was a time to shine. Not only did it mean they were uniquely poised to help their clients take advantage of funds that might help save their business, but the team also got to live out their core values in real life.

“We believe that when you have real people making real connections, you can see real results come from that,” says Stephen Stokes, president of Stokes & Company. “Our core values – excellence, professionalism, proactivity, integrity and collaboration – all shape how we are able to work alongside our clients in every situation – and especially the ones that really affect their bottom lines.”

With over 40 staff members across four offices in Greenville, Gaffney, Spartanburg, South Carolina and Tryon, North Carolina, Stokes & Company has long been focused on supporting small businesses and helping them grow. Many of the staff come highly

credentialed and connected – serving in their local communities and certified in any number of services or professional accreditations. Their goal is to enable business owners to focus less on the day-to-day operations, and instead concentrate on growing their business and increasing revenue.

To do so, they offer services in accounting and consulting for privately-owned businesses, offering year-round planning and growth strategies to business owners who want to grow, as well as tax planning and preparation for both businesses and individuals, allowing their clients to understand new tax change implications and to take advantage of every opportunity to save money. Additionally, Stokes & Company offers full-service payroll solutions, freeing business owners from having to maintain a constant focus on employee attendance, benefits and payments.

“In practice, we want to be able to support our clients and their businesses in any way possible, no matter what challenges they may be facing or what opportunities they may have in front of them,” says Stokes & Company vice president Allen Hodges. “We want to be the people they can collaborate with and trust – always in their corner – and be of true service to them along every step of the way.”