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**FOUNDATION PARTNERS GROUP RINGS IN THE NEW YEAR ANNOUNCING THE AFFILIATION  
WITH A PREMIER SOUTH CAROLINA FIRM**

Foundation Partners Group, LLC is proud to announce that Thompson Funeral Home of West Columbia, South Carolina, with locations in Lexington and West Columbia, has chosen to join the Foundation Partners' family.

"Thompson Funeral Home has served families in the greater Columbia area since 1928 and has a great reputation for outstanding service," says Steve Shaffer, "We are thrilled to be teaming up with John and Blake Thompson in this endeavor. It is an honor to have individuals of their reputation and a firm their size join our group this early in our development."

"The addition of their firm in one of the key geographic areas we currently operate in and are targeting for future growth is another great step for our company." added Jim Price, "We believe that as other owners consider their succession planning options, they'll find that Foundation Partners has the capital and experience to offer them the best platform for continued, quality growth with the feel of a family firm."

Thompson Funeral Home proudly serves over 500 families each year from their two exceptionally appointed and convenient locations. John Thompson has operated the funeral homes, started by his father, since 1972 and along with Blake, his son, will be continuing to serve the community in partnership with Foundation Partners.

"In Foundation Partners, we saw partners with extensive experience in the industry, a significant amount of opportunity for growth and a culture that we felt comfortable with," said John Thompson.

Foundation Partners Group, LLC, with its home office in Tampa, Florida, was established in June of 2010 and operates 24 funeral homes and 5 cemeteries in thirteen states.

If you would like to learn more about Foundation Partners Group and how we can help with your succession planning needs, please contact Paul Haarer at 813-225-4680 or by email at [PHAARER@FOUNDATIONPARTNERS.COM](mailto:PHAARER@FOUNDATIONPARTNERS.COM) or visit our website at [www.Foundationpartners.com](http://www.Foundationpartners.com).