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## FIBRENEW UPSTATE

Lynn and Rick Halpin, Owners

*Rick: ethical, determined, hardworking, skilled. Lynn: vivacious, conscientious, self-motivated, organized*

**What is the most rewarding experience you have ever had?**

Moving to Melbourne, Australia with two school-age children meant continuance of everyday life—like school projects. It also meant experiencing oddities, like Christmas and New Year's in summer, neighborhood walks along the Yarra River spent koala spotting and listening for the kookabura's laugh at dusk, not to mention learning to drive on the left side of the road. In our three years there, thrills ran the gamut from snorkeling the Great Barrier Reef to crossing the Tasman Sea for an adventure in Tasmania.

**What is the bravest thing you've ever done?**

Aside from moving to the other side of the world, our bravest feat would be making the decision to leave corporate America and go into business for ourselves, with all of the associated risks and uncertainties therein. Yet, in 2009 we remained steadfast, trusting in our gut instincts and extensive soul searching, along with our methodical approach in evaluating potential business opportunities, bravely deciding to move ourselves back to the Upstate after 15 years to become the first Fibrenew franchise owners in the state.

**What is the best part of owning your own business?**

A home-based office and workshop, with available mobile services, is a great luxury. And, while it can sometimes be trying, working and being together daily after 30+ years is a perk – most days! There is also comfort in being part of a family-oriented, international franchise with great corporate support, along with world-class training and the use of state-of-the-art proprietary products. And there is strength in knowing we are the best trained leather technicians within the markets we serve.

**What made you start your business?**

First and foremost, a desire to return to the Upstate for our eventual retirement, coupled with the weariness of Rick's constant travel in the overseeing of nine manufacturing sites in five states and China. Rick's technical and operational background in textiles with color, dyeing and finishing expertise, alongside Lynn's attention to detail, office management and marketing experience, make for very complementary business skill sets. Perhaps most important are our combined efforts to remain personable and achieve a high level of customer satisfaction in a timely fashion.

**What does your company do best?**

We are committed to providing high-quality services that add value and usable life function to personal possessions and business capital investments. We repair, restore and re-dye leather residential and business furnishings, as well as vehicle interiors. We replace vinyl in medical and dental offices, hospitals, malls, hotels and restaurants. Our restorations provide alternative "green" options to items that might otherwise be discarded before their time – at a fraction of their current replacement cost. Additionally, we offer certified, professional carpet and upholstery cleaning services.

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