



Project Unity USA

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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
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I am Bruce A. Trezevant, Founder of Project Unity USA and I would like to invite you to join Project Unity USA as we educate and make aware of the growing problem we see in our communities across South Carolina. The proliferation of Human / Sex trafficking of our youth.

It is my sincere prayer that you see this as an issue important enough to have you participate in the symposium that we are hosting.

We are getting the information out to all District 1, 2 and Rich-Lex 5 schools and to as many churches as we can with in the Richland and Lexington County areas. We will also be running PSA's about this event. Our audience will be the general public that either have youths or deals with youth.

Your participation is VERY important to the success of this event. The success of the event will be measured in the lives of the youth and families that we save from this and other violent crimes.

I want to personally thank you in advance for attending this important event.

Please see invite on second page.

Sincerely,



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Dear The Honorable Nikki R. Haley,

I would like to invite you to serve as a panelist at the 2016 *"Human/Sex Trafficking"* symposium which will be hosted by Project Unity USA.

As a former Los Angeles Police officer, I had the opportunity to work extensively with gangs in Los Angeles. Upon my return to Columbia, SC, I took the initiative to contact the City of Columbia Police, Richland County Sheriff's Department, SLED, City of Columbia Council and the Richland County Council to notify them of the migration of gangs to small quiet cities like Columbia. My caveats were largely ignored and today we have a serious gang problem, one that has cost the lives of many of our citizens and sadly too many of our youth.

Today, I am again sounding the alarm about another heinous crime that has already impacted the youth in our state, human/sex trafficking. For years, this was only referred to in the kidnapping and extortion of illegal immigrants. Now, many youth are being lured away from their families and forced into prostitution, drugs and worse. According to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, "each year, as many as 100,000-300,000 American children are *at risk* of being trafficked for commercial sex in the United States." During the past decade, the State Department estimated 14,500 to 17,500 are trafficked into the U.S. each year (TIP Report 2004) and the Justice Department estimated that 293,000 minors in the U.S. were *at risk* of commercial sexual exploitation (U.S. Attorneys' Bulletin, 2004). According to the SOUTH CAROLINA 2011 LEGISLATOR'S BRIEF: H3757, "South Carolina is at the top of the "dirty dozen," the States with negligible laws to investigate and convict traffickers and buyers, and to provide victim services." Therefore, once again I am sounding the alarm and asking your help in informing the citizens of South Carolina about the rise in this crime and what we can do to protect our youth.

The *"Human/Sex Trafficking"* symposium will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the SC Archives building located at 8301 Parklane Road, Columbia, SC 29223. Mr. Andre Dawson, retired LAPD Lieutenant, Officer in Charge, Human Trafficking Unit, FBI Innocence Lost Task Force, Los Angeles Metropolitan Human Trafficking Task Force will be the keynote speaker at this event.

The citizens of South Carolina are looking to you for support and suggestions of how we can work together to combat this atrocious crime plaguing our state. All news media outlets are being notified of this event and the coverage is expected to be large.

I want to personally thank you in advance for your participation in this event for the public. Please RSVP to btrezevant@gmail.com or via telephone at 803-661-0802.

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