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**Subject:** City Year Ripples of Hope Gala  
**Location:** Columbia Marriott, 200 Hampton St, Columbia, S.C.  
**When:** 2/25/2016 6:00:00 PM - 8:30:00 PM

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**APPROVED BY:** NH

**EVENT:** City Year Ripples of Hope Gala

**DATE:** Thursday, February 25, 2016

**TIME:**

6:00-6:45 PM VIP reception with Corporate Sponsors (private board room next to the banquet hall)  
7:00-8:30 PM Gala

**LOCATION:** Columbia Marriott, 200 Hampton St, Columbia, S.C.

**LOCATION SET-UP:** Round tables of 8-10. There will be a small stage with a podium and microphone for speakers.

**HEAD TABLE:**

1. Governor Haley
2. Mr. Michael Haley?
3. Ms. Ashton Lee
4. Ben Deardorff (AmeriCorps Member)
5. Troy (5th grade student)
6. Trica Patrick, Bain Capital
7. Jim Irvin III City Year board chair
8. Calvin "Chip" Jackson, Richland school district 2 board member (doing the "support CY" request)
9. Gail Wilson-Giarratano
10. TBD

**ATTIRE:** After 5 for women/men suit and tie

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**PURPOSE:** Governor Haley will attend and be awarded the City Year Ripples of Hope Gala where she will be awarded the "Idealism in Action" award and receive a City Year Red Jacket with her name on it. The Governor will address the audience for 10-12 minutes about education and workforce development.

**PRESS:** Yes.

**PUBLIC:** Yes.

**INVITED BY:** Gail Wilson-Giarratano, Executive Director & Vice President, City Year

**INTRODUCED BY:** AmeriCorps Member Sara Bates (was in picture with Governor)

**LENGTH OF SPEAKING:** 10-12 minutes about education and workforce development.

**SPEAKING ORDER/LINE-BY-LINE:**

7:00 PM      Welcome, City Year Columbia Americorps Members

Remarks, James T. Irvin III  
Partner, Nelson Mullins  
City Year Columbia Advisory Board Chair

Sponsor Welcome  
Trica Patrick  
Principal, Bain Capital Private Equity

Dinner

Remarks  
Gail Wilson-Giarratano, PhD  
City Year Columbia Executive Director & Vice President

Voices from the Field  
City Year Americorps Members and Students

Fund the Need  
Calvin "Chip" Jackson  
Richland County School District Two, Board of Trustees

2016 Idealism in Action Award  
City Year Americorps Members

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Governor of South Carolina

8:30 PM      Closing

**BACKGROUND:**

Each spring, City Year Columbia joins the other 27 national City Year sites around the country, the UK and South Africa in hosting our annual galas. City Year Columbia brings together more than 200 guests for the Ripples of Hope dinner, a night celebrating service, impact and idealism. All proceeds from the event support City Year's work, which helps to keep more than 2,000 Richland and Lexington Public School students in school and on track to succeed. Last year we honored Molly Spearman with the "Idealism in Action" award, Inez Tenenbaum was the chair of the host committee.

This year we would like to honor our Governor. Attached is some additional information and pictures from

previous events in the network. Every City Year dinner is a high energy fun night where our AmeriCorps members share about the work they are doing to make a difference as full time mentors/tutors in our schools. Thank you for considering our request!

**TALKING POINTS:**

I've just received confirmation from the SVP of Global Communications that Bain Capital is sending Ms. Tricia Patrick, a principal on their Private Equity team to represent the firm at City Year Columbia's gala on February 25.

Bain Capital has a partnership with City Year Inc. and provides \$50K for our work in Columbia and for all the other City Year sites across the nation. The Governor might like to acknowledge Bain Capital for supporting South Carolina, in her comments.

We will also have several members from our Boston and DC offices in Columbia to help us honor Governor Haley. Thank you so much for all your help and we will keep you posted!

**PRESS RELEASE:**

**GOVERNOR NIKKI HALEY TO BE HONORED AT CITY YEAR  
COLUMBIA 2016 RIPPLES OF HOPE GALA**

**COLUMBIA, SC (February XX, 2016)** – City Year Columbia, an education-focused nonprofit whose teams of diverse young adults commit to a year of full-time service in schools, will honor Governor Nikki Haley at its annual Ripples of Hope Gala on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Governor Haley will be given this year's Idealism in Action Award due to her outstanding dedication to the children of our state by being a strong, positive voice for education.

City Year Columbia deployed X young adults last year to X schools throughout Columbia. Since [YEAR], City Year Columbia has served high-need schools in the Midlands to keep students in school and on track to graduate.

To purchase tickets to the event, visit XXX or contact Alton Adams, Director of Development at 803.727.1578.

**WHAT:** City Year Columbia Ripples of Hope Gala

**WHEN:** Thursday, February 25, 2016  
6:00 pm Cocktails  
7:00 pm Dinner

**WHERE:** Columbia Marriott

**WHO:** SC Governor Nikki Haley