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March 10, 2016

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Office of the Governor  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, South Carolina. 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

My name is Roslin J. Fields, and I am the Executive Director/Founder of Youth Empowerment Services, Inc. (Y.E.S.) a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. I taught in the public middle schools in the low country for 28 years, and then took an early retirement to serve full time as the Executive Director of Y.E.S. I am also a former Foster Parent who is proud to say that I adopted one of my foster children who is now a successful adult.

I founded Y.E.S. in 1999 because I know first-hand the challenges youth face in South Carolina and today's society. The mission of Y.E.S. is to empower girls through Christian principles to discover, embrace and appreciate their self-worth leading to a healthy and productive lifestyle. Since our inception, Y.E.S. has served over 5,000 youth, parents, and community leaders throughout South Carolina and beyond through our mentoring programs, college prep activities, and community events aimed at empowering youth to form healthy relationships and become productive citizens.

In 2014 and 2015, Y.E.S. sponsored the Dream Girls Conference with over 1,200 girls in attendance both years. Attendees came from 60 counties across South Carolina as well as other states. Y.E.S. began sponsoring this conference in response to requests from communities across our state for empowerment programs that are specifically designed for at-risk girls. The Dream Girls Conference is empowering teenage girls, before they become adults, with hope and vision to avoid and overcome problems that are too common in Urban and Rural areas of South Carolina such as, sexual and physical abuse, low self-esteem, fatherlessness, premature deaths, hopelessness, out-of-wedlock pregnancies, STD's, poverty and lack of education.

Comments and evaluations reveal that South Carolina residents had been waiting for this type of event for girls for years. This conference is unique to South Carolina due to its impact and the straight-forward message of empowerment for girls. For example, a parent commented that she is so glad that this conference is offered and that she was waiting for an event like this for her daughter since she moved to the Charleston area from the Northern United States, where these types of events are always available. She was glad that she does not have to travel far anymore to find a quality conference for her daughter to attend.

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Our feedback also indicated that overwhelmingly, the attendees enjoyed the conference and received valuable tools and empowering information. Following are just a few comments from attendees:

*-“I liked it because it made me want to follow my dream more.” -7th Grade Girl*

*-“I did not know what to expect, but (this conference) was amazing... everyone was so nice...the speakers were so motivating and the performers were amazing.” -12th Grade Girl*

*-“This is an awesome way to reach the minds and hearts of young girls who are silently struggling with issues which are not properly or appropriately addressed in... home, schools and ... churches.” -Adult*

*-“I was truly blessed. It was a wealth of information and I wish all the youth I know could attend. So good to see blacks and whites worshiping and sharing together.” -Adult*

We are now having our **Third Annual Dream Girls Conference which will be held on April 9, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Cathedral of Praise Church on 3790 Ashley Phosphate Road, in North Charleston.** We will have conference speakers and workshops to give the girls strategies and resources to help them make wise decisions, enhancing their emotional, spiritual, and physical well-being. This conference is also designed to infuse the girls with hope and vision for their lives. Workshops will also be presented for parents and youth leaders. The day is filled with impacting messages, motivational workshops, music, food and fun while additionally serving as a catalyst for long-term involvement and follow-up with Y.E.S.

Our organization is requesting your support for this conference by your attendance to bring greetings. However, if your schedule does not allow you to attend, a letter of support would be greatly appreciated. We would also appreciate if your office can share this conference with others across our state. A conference Press Release and flyer is enclosed for your review, and our conference website is [www.dreamgirlscarolina.org](http://www.dreamgirlscarolina.org). If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me by phone at 843-767-9969 or email at [rfields@yescouncil.org](mailto:rfields@yescouncil.org).

We hope that we will find favor with you for support of our Third Annual Dream Girls Conference this year that serves so many at-risk girls across our state. I look forward to hearing from you, and I personally thank you for your spectacular leadership and all the great things you are doing as the Governor of South Carolina!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roslin J. Fields', written over a horizontal line.

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Executive Director  
Youth Empowerment Services (Y.E.S.)

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**The Dream Girls Conference, held on April 9, 2016 in North Charleston, is empowering teenage girls, before they become adults, with hope and vision to avoid and overcome many problems that are too common in Urban and Rural areas of South Carolina, such as sexual and physical abuse, low self-esteem, fatherlessness, suicide, hopelessness, out-of-wedlock pregnancies, STD's, poverty and lack of education.**

North Charleston, SC – March 8, 2016 – There is something very unique and awesome that is happening in North Charleston for girls across South Carolina and beyond. In 2014 and 2015, Youth Empowerment Services, Inc. (Y.E.S.) has sponsored the Annual Dream Girls Conference with over 1,200 girls in attendance both years. Attendees came from 60 cities across South Carolina as well as other states. Recently, South Carolina has been named one of the top states in the nation for domestic violence. The Dream Girls Conference is empowering teenage girls, before they become adults to avoid and overcome dating violence; and to avoid being a statistic of domestic violence.

These events are specifically designed for middle and high school girls to empower them with strategies and resources to help them make wise decisions, enhancing their mental, social, spiritual, physical and emotional well-being. This conference is also designed to infuse the girls with HOPE and VISION for their lives by giving them opportunities to hear the life stories and experiences of those Christians who overcame incredible obstacles in order to reach their dreams. Workshops will also be presented for parents and youth leaders. This dynamic Christian-based conference is filled with impacting messages with an emphasis on abstinence until marriage, motivational workshops, college information, music, food and fun while serving as a catalyst for long-term involvement and follow-up with Y.E.S. resources and community programs throughout the year. Over 100 volunteers from all walks of life come together to make this conference a huge success.

## **Why are so many flocking to this conference from all over South Carolina and beyond?**

Comments and evaluations reveal that the public has been waiting for this type of event for youth, especially girls, for years. This conference is unique to South Carolina due to its impact, the straight-forward message of abstinence until marriage and empowerment for girls. One parent commented that she is so glad that this conference is offered to our area. She stated that she was waiting for an event like this for her daughter since she moved to the Charleston area a Northern State, where these types of events are always available. She was glad that she does not have to travel far anymore to find a quality conference for her daughter to attend.

Other feedback indicated that overwhelmingly, the attendees enjoyed the conference and received valuable tools and empowering information. Following are just a few other comments.

- "I feel refreshed and ready to take on tomorrow." -9th Grade Girl

- "I did not know what to expect, but (this conference) was amazing... everyone was so nice...the speakers were so motivating and the performers were amazing." -12th Grade Girl

- "This is an awesome way to reach the minds and hearts of young girls who are silently struggling with issues which are not properly or appropriately addressed in... home, schools and ... churches." -Adult-

- "I was truly blessed. It was a wealth of information and I wish all the youth I know could attend. So good to see blacks and whites worshiping and sharing together." -Adult

**This year's Third Annual Dream Girls Conference will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. 4.00 p.m. at Cathedral of Praise Church at 3790 Ashley Phosphate Road, North Charleston, South Carolina.**

For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact Roslin Fields, Founder/Executive Dir. Dream Girls Conference/Youth Empowerment Services by phone at 843-767-9969 or email at [rfields@yescouncil.org](mailto:rfields@yescouncil.org).

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Youth Empowerment Services, Inc. (Y.E.S.) Presents the  
**Third Annual Dream Girls Conference**

For Middle and High School Girls, Parents and Youth Leaders

Saturday, April 9, 2016

9:00 am-4:00 pm

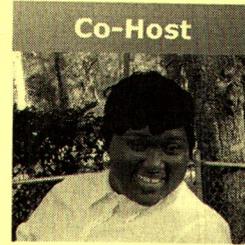
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Cathedral of Praise Church

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**Host**  
**Aisha Tyler**  
 Live 5 News



**Co-Host**  
**Keosha Forrest**  
 Y.E.S. Program  
 Director/Mentor

Registration Fee: \$15 per person Registration Deadline: March 13<sup>th</sup>

Register NOW online: [www.dreamgirlscarolina.org](http://www.dreamgirlscarolina.org)

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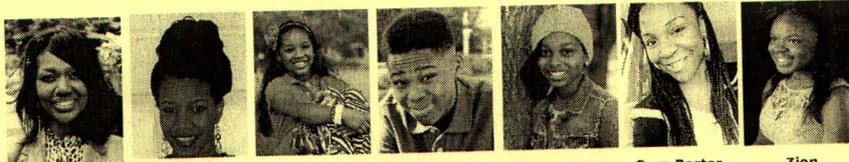
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**Panelists**



Rhonda Barnes Alana Grimaud Kaneshi Hart Sharvette Slaughter, MD Dr. Glovinia Lewis Williams

**Play**



Sarena James Laila Aleem Naja Aleem Tre'mez Brown Jaydn James Sara Porter Zion Smalls

**Entertainers**



Shannon Marie Sanders-Bess Dyquan Caldwell Tyson Swanson Y.E.S. Girls North Charleston High School Drumline

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