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**Subject:** "Victims Matter Luncheon" hosted by SCVAN (SC Victim Assistance Network)  
**Location:** Brookland Baptist Church Conference Center, 1066 Sunset Blvd, West Columbia, S.C.  
**When:** 10/4/2016 12:30:00 PM - 1:30:00 PM

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**APPROVED BY:** NH on 9/6

**EVENT:** "Victims Matter Luncheon" hosted by SCVAN (SC Victim Assistance Network)

**DATE:** October 4, 2016

**TIME:** 12:30-1:30 PM (12:00-1:30 PM following the Silent Witness Ceremony on Statehouse grounds)

**LOCATION:** Brookland Baptist Church Conference Center, 1066 Sunset Blvd, West Columbia, S.C.

**LOCATION SET-UP:** The setup is 10 person round tables, raised draped dais for 8 guests with podium and mic

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**GOVERNOR'S ROLE:** The Governor is the headlining recipient to accept an award for her leadership against domestic violence. After accepting the award she would speak for 5-10 minutes: Thank the advocates, provide a short update on the DV Task Force, and announce the 2017 domestic violence initiative—Victims' Services Restructuring Package to consolidate crime victims agencies and programs under one agency (AG's Office).

**PRESS:** Yes.

**PUBLIC:** Yes.

**ATTENDEES:** There will be approx. 200 people in attendance: crime victims, victims service providers, law enforcement...

Sheriff Alex Underwood  
Sheriff Cannon & several staff  
Sheriff Koon & several deputies  
Sheriff Matthews  
Chief Terrence Green  
Director Adger  
John Magill  
Chief Keel and several agents  
Solicitor David Stumbo

**HEAD TABLE:** seating will be on the raised dais

1. Governor Haley
2. Heather Hoopes Matthews (emcee)
3. Attorney General Wilson
4. Bishop Ronnie Brailsford
5. Dr. Oran Smith
6. Sara Barber
7. Chandra McPherson
8. Laura Hudson

**INTRODUCED BY:** Sara Barber Executive Director of SCCADVSA

**LENGTH OF SPEAKING:** 5-10 mins. NO Q&A.

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

- 12:00 PM Buffet - Music by Robin Parler & Slides in Background
- 12:30 PM Gov. Haley Arrives**
- 12:30 PM Greetings/ Remarks by Heather Matthews
- 12:34 PM Pledge of Allegiance/ Singing of the Star Spangled Banner- "Called Quartet"
- 12:38 PM Introduction of Bishop Brailsford by Heather Hoopes Matthews
- 12:40 PM Invocation by Bishop Brailsford
- 12:43 PM Remarks by Bishop Brailsford
- 12:47 PM Introduction of Sara Barber by HHM
- 12:48 PM Recognition of Governor Haley by Sara Barber**
- 12:51 PM Remarks by Governor Haley**
- 1:07 PM Introduction of Dr. Oran Smith by HHM
- 1:08 PM Recognition of Attorney General by Dr. Oran Smith
- 1:10 PM Remarks by AG Wilson
- 1:25 PM Introduction of Laura Hudson by HHM
- 1:26 PM Recognition of Senator Larry Martin by Laura Hudson
- 1:28 PM Remarks by Senator Martin
- 1:30 PM Gov. Haley Departs**
- 1:31 PM Recognition of Rep David Weeks by Laura Hudson
- 1:32 PM Remarks by Rep David Weeks
- 1:37 PM Introduction of Chandra McPherson by HHM
- 1:38 PM Presentation to Post & Courier by Chandra McPherson, Board member SCVAN
- 1:42 PM Introduction of Brian Marion by HHM
- 1:43 PM Presentation of SCVAN Programs by Brian Marion & Staff
- 1:50 PM "ASK "Brian Marion / Board pass baskets to pick up pledges/SLIDE Music/Parler
- 2:00 PM Introduction of Rev Charles Jackson by HHM
- 2:01 PM Benediction- Rev Charles Jackson, Pastor of Brookland Baptist Church

**PURPOSE:** To recognize and honor Governor Nikki Haley, Attorney General Alan Wilson, news media, key legislators, and others for leading efforts to combat domestic violence and human trafficking and for vigorously upholding crime victim rights in South Carolina. Proceeds from the fundraiser luncheon (\$25/ticket) will go to SCVAN for direct victims services as well as training, advocacy, and coordination.

**VICTIMS' SERVICES RESTRUCTURING PACKAGE:**

- Today, I am proud to join victims' advocates from across the state to announce a Victims' Services Restructuring Package to house victims' services under one roof for the first time in state history.
- [Legislator(s)] will sponsor a legislative package that will move the State Office of Victims Assistance and the Crime Victims Ombudsman from the Department of Administration to the Attorney General's Office.
- In addition, I have issued an Executive Order to transition the administration of the Victims of Crime Act and Violence Against Women Act grants from the Department of Public Safety to the Attorney General's Office.
- These agencies and programs will join the Attorney General's Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault programs to form an [Office of Victims' Services].
- But we're going to do more than that: We'll strengthen the office's oversight and audit authority over victims' services funding at the local level—this new level of transparency paired with the administration of our federal grants will allow us to develop a comprehensive strategy for channeling resources to every corner of our state.
- Restructuring will streamline services and empower coordination so that every victim and every victim advocate is lifted up.
- A statewide approach will give us eyes at the top of government, and we will see victims' services elevated to an unprecedented level—not just for domestic violence victims but for all crime victims.
- This has been a long time coming for South Carolina – report after report has recommended consolidation of victims programs: three times by the Legislative Audit Council (1999, 2007, 2009) and most recently by the Department of

- Administration and the Domestic Violence Task Force.
- I am excited to see an [Office of Victims' Services] come to life and see what Team South Carolina can really do.

**STATISTICAL NOTES:**

- SC is #1 in the nation for the rate of women killed by men and #6 in the nation for the rate of violent crime, 42% of which is domestic in nature.
- Approximately 27 states have a consolidated approach to victims' services: 8 states under the AG's Office; 6 states as a standalone Cabinet Agency; and 13 states with combined services in some form.

**TALKING POINTS:**