August 18, 2016

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

Dear Gov. Haley,

You are invited to our Lights on Afterschool Celebration. Please make plans to join HYPE After School Programs and the Afterschool Alliance to celebrate the importance of afterschool programs, **Thursday, October 20, 2016** for the
In South Carolina communities today, 18% of children take care of themselves after the school day ends. This means, in our state, nearly one out of every four kids are home alone after school. After school programs keep kids safe, help working families and inspire learning. Join us, along with 7,500+ after school programs nationwide, in celebrating our after school programs.

- **Who:** HYPE After School Programs

- **What:** A celebration of After School Programs

- **When:** Thursday, October 20, 2016 – 6:00-8:00p.m.

- **Where:** Trinity Missionary Baptist Church
  155 Wall Street
  Sumter, S.C. 29150

- **Why:** Come and experience the activities the HYPE After School programs are providing for the youth of Sumter. This will be an opportunity for you to introduce yourself to the parents and community members we serve. We are also asking that you make yourself available for questions at the end of the event. About 800 people attended last year's event, and this year we are expecting an even larger crowd.

Please RSVP by October 4, 2016 for this event. Thank you in advance for attending. The children of Sumter appreciate your support!

Sincerely yours,

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