

**From:** Adams, Chaney  
**To:** Helen Pridgen <HPridgen@afsp.org>  
Priester, Nicole <NicolePriester@gov.sc.gov>  
**Date:** 10/21/2016 4:05:49 PM  
**Subject:** RE: 12th Annual Columbia Out of the Darkness Community Walk

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Heather,

Please give me a call when you have a chance 803-528-7217.

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**From:** Helen Pridgen [mailto:HPridgen@afsp.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 21, 2016 3:50 PM  
**To:** Priester, Nicole  
**Cc:** Adams, Chaney  
**Subject:** RE: 12th Annual Columbia Out of the Darkness Community Walk

Dear Nicole and Chaney,

The original invite for Governor Haley was dropped off and emailed on August 1. The second copy was dropped off this past Tuesday.

Since Governor Haley is unable to attend, we would have appreciated a statement. Unfortunately, this is Friday before our event on Sunday. The statement seems to be something that your office would have considered given our walk to the State House and addressing this 10th leading cause of death in our state and in our nation.

If you are interested in reaching out to the South Carolinians in attendance, either of you are welcome to attend and read a statement on behalf of Governor Haley. If this is not feasible, we will simply share the status.

Please remember that some of the people who experienced the flooding can also experience depression and other mental health conditions. It takes all of us working together to save lives and bring hope to those who have been affected by suicide.

Sincerely,  
Helen

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**From:** Priester, Nicole [NicolePriester@gov.sc.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 20, 2016 10:17 AM  
**To:** Helen Pridgen  
**Cc:** Adams, Chaney  
**Subject:** RE: 12th Annual Columbia Out of the Darkness Community Walk

I apologize for my error below. I meant to say, "I did receive the invite dropped off to our office on Tuesday afternoon". Ms. Sheila brought it back to my desk, but unfortunately I did not get back to you yesterday. Sorry for the error in my below response. 1,000 attendees is wonderful! If you are interested in receiving a statement from the Governor, it would be best to reach out to her press office. I have copied Chaney Adams on this email. She can assist if you are interested.

Nicole

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From: Helen Pridgen [<mailto:HPridgen@afsp.org>]  
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2016 10:13 AM  
To: Priester, Nicole  
Subject: RE: 12th Annual Columbia Out of the Darkness Community Walk

Hi Nicole, by chance, was it dropped off at our old office? We are now at 530 Knox Abbott Drive in Cayce. What was the invite? I am not aware.

I am sorry to hear Governor Haley is unable to be with us. Our number will likely swell to 1,000 by Sunday. Is there a statement to share on her behalf about this 10th leading cause of death in SC?

I can understand how terribly busy you all are at this time.

Thank you for all you do for us.

Sincerely, Helen

Sent from my Windows Phone

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From: [Priester, Nicole](#)  
Sent: 10/20/2016 10:06 AM  
To: [Helen Pridgen](#)  
Subject: RE: 12th Annual Columbia Out of the Darkness Community Walk

Helen,

Thank you for your email. I did you receive the invite dropped off to the office on Tuesday, I apologize for the delayed response. As you can imagine, I have been swamped with requests since Hurricane Matthew. Thank you so much for thinking of Governor Haley again this year to attend the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbia Out of the Darkness Community Walk on October 23, 2016 down Main Street. Governor Haley appreciates your kind consideration, but regrettably the Governor's travel schedule will not permit for her to attend this coming weekend. Thank you for thinking of Governor Haley, and best wishes on a wonderful event again this year.

Take Care,  
Nicole

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Helen Pridgen" <[HPridgen@afsp.org](mailto:HPridgen@afsp.org)>  
To: "Patel, Swati" <[SwatiPatel@gov.sc.gov](mailto:SwatiPatel@gov.sc.gov)>  
Subject: FW: 12th Annual Columbia Out of the Darkness Community Walk

Ms. Patel,

I haven't received any word about whether Governor Haley will be with us on Sunday. We dropped off a letter on August 1 and I emailed this one to you. I dropped off a second copy yesterday at the reception desk.

Could you possibly let me know by Friday? If Governor Haley is unable to attend, we would be glad to read a statement from her, if this is helpful.

Thank you for your assistance.  
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From: Helen Pridgen  
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2016 9:15 AM  
To: [swatipatel@gov.sc.gov](mailto:swatipatel@gov.sc.gov)  
Subject: 12th Annual Columbia Out of the Darkness Community Walk

Dear Ms. Patel,

Would you please share the letter that is attached with Governor Haley. We hope that you and the Governor will be able to join us at the State House on October 23<sup>rd</sup> for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbia Out of the Darkness Community Walk.

Best regards,  
Helen

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