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**Subject:** 4th Annual Founders Day Celebration (SCDC)  
**Location:** South Carolina Department of Corrections Training Academy, 4444 Broad River Road, Columbia, S.C.  
**When:** 5/9/2016 11:00:00 AM - 12:00:00 PM

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**APPROVED BY:** NH on 3/21. Stirling said this was a hard ask.

**EVENT:** 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Founder Day Celebration

**DATE:** Monday, May 9, 2016

**TIME:** 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (10:30 AM- 12:00 PM)

**LOCATION:** South Carolina Department of Corrections Training Academy, Training Academy Multi-Purpose Room, 4444 Broad River Road, Columbia, S.C.

**LOCATION SET-UP:** The room will be set-up banquet style with seating around rectangular tables. There will be a podium in the front with a microphone, but no stage.

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**PURPOSE:** Governor Haley will attend and serve as the keynote speaker at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Founders Day celebration, acknowledging the overwhelming success of Corrections staff and the young adults they serve. The Governor will be presented with the Founders Day Award by Director Stirling. This award is presented annually to a person that has provided leadership and support key to the implementation and success of SCDC's services for Youthful Offenders. The Governor is then asked to provide a Keynote Address (approximately 10 minutes), followed by a bill signing citing Chapter 19 of Title 24 of the SC Code of Laws as the Judge William R. Byars Youthful Offender Act.

**PRESS:** Yes.

**PUBLIC:** Yes.

**INVITED BY:** Director Bryan Stirling

**ATTENDEES:** Expecting around 150 attendees.

**INTRODUCED BY:** Director Stirling

**LENGTH OF SPEAKING:** 15 minutes total (10 minutes for remarks plus 5 minutes for the bill signing)

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

11:00-11:15 AM Judge Byars Community Partner Award  
Judge Byars

Ginny Barr, Director Stirling,

1. Law Enforcement  
Sheriff Phillip E. Thompson, Horry County Sheriff's Office

1. Prosecutor  
Bill Nettles, U.S. Attorney

1. Service Organization  
Faith Partners for Re-entry – Greenville, SC  
Jim Batson

1. Employers of the Year  
-Country Fresh, Inc. – Greenville, SC  
Lane Layman

-Effex Management Solutions  
Walter Rivera

-McDonald's – Darlington, SC  
Kevin Patterson

-Advance Auto Parts – Lexington, SC  
Jim Martin (employee Marcos  
Pearson)

11:15 -11:25 AM Allexcia Thuss Memorial Intensive Supervision Award Ginny Barr  
Family Attending - Gloria Jordan and Zendra Barns Regional Reentry  
Coordinators

- Midlands - Mary Wiernicki
- Low Country - Sheila Adams  
Byars
- Pee Dee - Melanie Johnson
- Upstate - Kellan Davis

Director Stirling  
Judge

11:25-11:35 AM Achievement Awards for Success (ex-offenders)

Ginny Barr

- Midlands – Laura Muns (ISO May Wiernicki)
- Low Country – Livingston Rouse (ISO Cathy Morgan)
- Pee Dee – Courtney Osborne (ISO Toni Williams)  
Pamona Capers – mother  
Sabn Johns - Grandfather
- Upstate – Michael Manigault (ISO Tony Garcia)  
Charles Reynolds SCDMH
- *Character Award* – Marcos Pearson (ISO Steven Little)

Director Stirling  
Judge Byars

11:35-11:40 AM Founders Day Award Presentation

Director Stirling

- Governor Nikki Haley

11:40 AM-12:00 PM Keynote Address & Bill Signing

Director Stirling

- Governor Nikki Haley

12:00 PM Closing

**BACKGROUND:** Under Governor Haley’s leadership and the direction of Judge Bill Byars, in July 2011, the South Carolina Department of Corrections implemented a new evidence-based parole service for Youthful Offenders, ages 17-25, called Intensive Supervision. Today, fully implemented Intensive Supervision Services are experiencing substantial reductions in the number of young men and women returning to prison, helping to end the generational cycle of incarceration. Throughout the life of the program, 2,102 Youthful Offenders have been assigned to Intensive Supervision and 1,730 have been paroled. Previously, this high-risk population was returning to prison at a rate of more than 50 percent. SCDC’s unique supervision program touts an impressive 13.5% 2-year recidivism rate.

**TALKING POINTS:**