Welcome to the first issue of the South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force’s quarterly newsletter. As South Carolina’s anti-human trafficking movement continues to grow, the State Task Force designed this newsletter to promote information sharing and collaboration across regions. It will also be sent the month prior to the State Task Force meetings to act as an ongoing reminder for members.

The newsletter is intended to share relevant information with State Task Force members regarding meetings, trainings, and other events in addition to articles and reports that may be of interest.

The newsletter will also include legislative updates, funding opportunities, and information about various initiatives. At this time, we will not be sharing information about organizations’ fundraisers. However, that may change in the future as we further develop the format and its length.

We hope this newsletter will prove to be useful in supporting your anti-human trafficking efforts and ongoing professional development.

Thank you for your continued efforts to combat human trafficking in South Carolina and support victims and survivors in our communities.

**RELEVANT ARTICLES & REPORTS**

- Sex Trafficking Survivor Cyntoia Brown Released from Prison: [https://n.pr/2MXKwwv](https://n.pr/2MXKwwv)

**GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

- Specialized Housing & Services for Human Trafficking Victims: [https://bit.ly/33f5mNH](https://bit.ly/33f5mNH)

**RESOURCES**

- Coach USA/Megabus has donated bus tickets that will allow survivors of trafficking to travel FOR FREE on their Megabus routes, so long as they meet basic requirements and are traveling to: - Get out of a human trafficking situation - Reunify with family or get home following a human trafficking situation - Access specialized services in another city - Participate in the prosecution of their trafficker; or - At the request of law enforcement

This resource can be accessed by calling the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

- Delta Air Lines has given more than 100 flights to help fly human trafficking survivors through their mileage donation program SkyWish and now has committed an additional $15 million to Polaris. This resource can also be accessed by calling the National Human Trafficking Hotline.


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**MEETINGS**

South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force
Sept. 6 from 10am-12pm at West Columbia City Hall, 200 12th Street, West Columbia, SC
Attorney General Alan Wilson will speak.

Richland County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force
Sept. 20 from 10am-12pm
2500 Decker Blvd, Columbia, SC

Upstate Human Trafficking Task Force
Oct. 11 from 10am. RSVP to upstatehttaskforce@gmail.com for details.

Lowcountry Human Trafficking Task Force
Oct. 23 from 10am-12pm
RSVP to sccthttf@gmail.com for location and handouts.

Catawba Area Coalition on Human Trafficking
York County: Last Thursday of every month, working lunch from 12-2pm
119 S. Charlotte Ave, Rock Hill, SC 29730

Lancaster County: Last Tuesday of every month, working lunch from 12-2pm
100 N. Main St. Lancaster, SC

**TRAININGS & EVENTS**

Shared Hope JuST Conference 2019
Oct. 15-17 in Cincinnati, OH

Charleston Child Trauma Conference hosted by Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center
Oct. 15-18 at Francis Marion Hotel, 387 King Street, Charleston, SC 29403

Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking & Harassment Training, hosted by the Office of the Attorney General
Nov. 14 from 8:30am-4:30pm at Horry Georgetown Technical College, 2050 Hwy US-501, Conway, SC 29526
Please visit YouBreaktheSilence.com to register

Regional Youth Summit
Oct. 11 from 5-7pm at Seacoast Church Mt. Pleasant, SC