As the end of the year approaches, the State Task Force is busy working on a number of initiatives. We are excited to announce the launch of our Facebook page (see information under “Contact Us”) that is designed to share relevant updates and resources. We encourage you to like our page and share it with your networks.

We are also in the process of scheduling a series of VSP-HT trainings for 2020. These trainings will be held in the Upstate, Pee Dee, and Lowcountry regions. We will announce the specific dates and times once they are finalized. For more information on the VSP-HT and to see if you qualify for the training, please visit the “Tools and Resources” section of our website.

Finally, we are excited to announce our partnership with the South Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association (SCRLA). This partnership endeavors to strengthen statewide capacity to respond to and support victims and survivors of human trafficking by training workers in the hospitality industry. It will also help to ensure that restaurant and lodging businesses are aware of the crime and have human trafficking response protocols in place.

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