

YOPRS Celebrate's Founder's Day

The South Carolina Department of Corrections' Division of Young Offender Parole and Reentry Services (YOPRS) celebrated its third annual Founder's Day on May 9, 2016 saluting the accomplishments of its Intensive Supervision Services. The meeting was held at the Training Academy in Columbia.



Division Director Ginny Barr served as Mistress of Ceremonies, and this year's keynote speaker and special guest was South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley. The governor along with SCDC Director Bryan Stirling and Deputy Director of Operations Mike McCall joined Barr in recognizing program participants and community partners such as local law enforcement, service providers and businesses that employ returning citizens. Here are some of the award winners:



(L-R) Ginny Barr, Director Stirling. Deputy Director for Operations McCall and **Harold Dawson of Turbeville CI, Young Offender Institutional Services Award Winner**

Ex-offender Achievement Awards for Success



(L-R) Gov. Haley, ISO Cathy Morgan, **Low Country winner Livingston Rouse**, Director Stirling, Deputy Director McCall



Gov. Haley, **Midlands winner Laura Muns**, Director Stirling, Deputy Director McCall



Gov. Haley, ISO Tony Garcia, **Upstate winner Michael Manigault**, Director Stirling, Deputy Director McCall



Gov. Haley, ISO Toni Williams, **Pee Dee winner Courtney Osborne**, Director Stirling, Deputy Director McCall

Alexia Thuss Award



Gov. Haley, Zendra Barnes (sister of the late Alexia Thuss), Gloria Barnes (mother of Ms. Thuss), **Melanie Johnson, winner (Pee Dee region)**, Director Stirling, Deputy Director McCall

Employer of the Year



Gov. Haley, **Kelvin Patterson, winner from McDonald's of Darlington**, Director Stirling, Deputy Director McCall

**Judge William Byars Community Partner Awards
-Law Enforcement-**



Ms. Barr, winner, Sheriff Philip E. Thompson, Horry County, Gov. Haley, Director Stirling, Deputy Director McCall

- Service Organization-



Gov. Haley, winner Jim Batson, Faith Partners for Reentry-Greenville, Director Stirling, Deputy Director McCall

-Prosecutor-



Winner, South Carolina's U.S. Attorney, Bill Nettles

Leadership and Initiative Award



Sgt. Brian Rowe of the Emergency Action Center at SCDC receives the award from Ginny Barr for his work with the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) services

In July, 2011, SCDC implemented a new evidence-based parole service for Youthful Offenders, ages 17-25, called Intensive Supervision. The director at that time, Judge William R. Byars, Jr., brought the concept of the program with him when he came over from the S.C. Department of Juvenile Justice where he previously served as director. Throughout the life of the program, 2,102 Youthful Offenders have been assigned to Intensive Supervision and 1,730 have been paroled. 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. Previously, this high risk population was returning to prison at a rate of more than 50-per cent. SCDC's unique supervision program currently boasts an impressive 13.5 %, two-year recidivism rate.

