

JUMPSTART[®]

— SOUTH CAROLINA —

2024 Impact Report

*Change
starts on the
Inside*



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Our Mission

In partnership with donors, churches, and community partners, we are discipling the incarcerated and assisting returning citizens with re-entry services.

Our Vision

We imagine a day when the back of recidivism is broken in our state, our nation, and beyond.

Thank You

As I held my son's motionless body, I screamed for God to make the Narcan work. When God answered my prayer and Anthony began to breathe again, I knew what I had to do. I called the police. I didn't know any other way to help. I had done everything I could to get him help. While I hadn't given up all hope, I had given up hope that I could save my son. I knew God would have to perform a miracle in Anthony's heart. And that God did! As Anthony shared with me what God was teaching him while he was incarcerated, I had hope for his future for the first time in forever. Now, he's been in JUMPSTART's Transitional Program for two years. He's employed, recently engaged, and closing on his own home this month! When I hear him give God thanks for all He has done in his life, I weep tears of joy and gratitude. Yes, only God can bring the dead back to life, but He uses people—people who support JUMPSTART—to do the work of restoration. Thank you from a mama whose broken heart has been healed!

Amy

Amy Mullinax,
Mother of JUMPSTART Participant



100%

success for those
who choose to be
successful.

"I'm blessed to have had this opportunity and will be forever grateful to God, JUMPSTART, and every blessing and trial that I have been through. It has made me who I am today."

Kacie Lawson
JUMPSTART SC Alumni



Stories of Restoration

Just Using the Master's Plan, Staying True After Release Time

There is no doubt that God has tremendously used JUMPSTART SC to transform lives. Our programs are designed to offer not just immediate assistance but also long-term solutions and support. The Inside Program focuses on helping individuals during their incarceration, providing them with the tools and resources they need to succeed once they re-enter society. This includes spiritual mentorship, educational opportunities, and emotional support to foster a sense of hope and purpose. Then, the Transitional Program is there to bridge the gap between incarceration and full reintegration into the community. This program helps our participants with housing, job placement, and continuous mentorship to ensure they stay on the right path. It's a comprehensive approach that addresses multiple facets of their lives, helping them rebuild their futures step by step.

Volunteers are the backbone of these programs. They dedicate countless hours to mentoring, teaching, and supporting our participants. Their unwavering commitment and love are what make these transformations possible. They don't just provide services. They build relationships based on trust and mutual respect, which is crucial for the success of the participants. Each story of restoration is a testament to the power of community and faith working together. The stories in this book are only possible because of God and His people. They serve as powerful reminders of what can be achieved when we come together to provide transformational opportunities so men and women can have a future greater than their past.

How Firm A Foundation

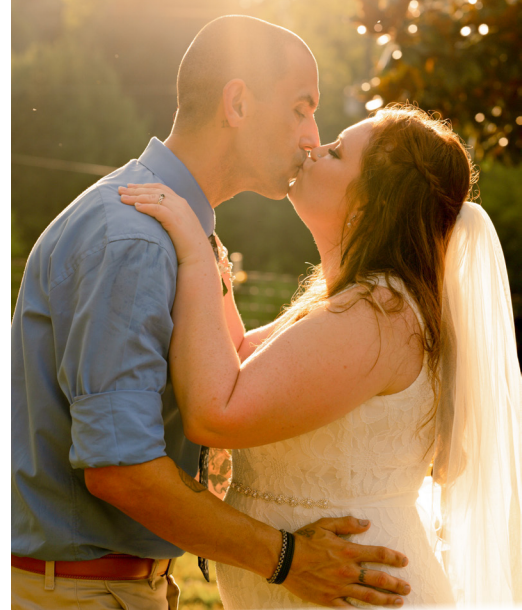
Imagine attending a wedding where most of the guests have experienced a life transformation. This was the scene in July when Will and Kaitlin said their vows, surrounded by family. Over 70% of their guests were alumni of the JUMPSTART program who, like them, had journeyed through radical change through Christ. It was a powerful gathering, celebrating love, redemption, and a community united by faith.

Will and Kaitlin first met at JUMPSTART in December 2022, while God pursued them each on their own path. Until that path intersected. Sharing a common commitment to growth, their connection deepened from friendship to love. Building their relationship on integrity and shared values, they navigated their relationship with patience and faith. For Will, stepping into marriage was a calling to love with selflessness. Kaitlin shares how her heart was softened through their journey, teaching her empathy and the

patience to walk side by side. Together, they find strength in scriptures like Isaiah 26:3 and Jeremiah 29:11, which help them stay anchored in peace, even during challenges.

Just recently, they took another big step—they closed on their first home together. Will and Kaitlin credit JUMPSTART not only for bringing them together but also for giving them essential life skills that continue to shape their future. “We owe it all to God and JUMPSTART,” Will says. “This journey, from finding each other to building a life, was made possible because of the grace and support we found here.”

Stories like theirs are a powerful reminder that transformational support changes lives. Working together we can provide others involved in the justice system with a firm foundation on which to rebuild their lives. With God, nothing is impossible!



A Mission Field Like No Other

Leaders grown from chains...

One by one, as 60 men fill a small chapel, it is clear God is working here. Each of them have their own story. Participants share their weekly battles and reflect on how God is working in the waiting. We are so thankful for those who dedicate their time to ministering to men and women in our Inside Program. Not only do these relationships create stability, they quite literally provide living hope. Living proof validated through people that say "I believe your future is greater than your past... AND I'll prove it by showing up to a prison every single week." Volunteers are the hands and feet of Jesus.

16 Inside Program
graduations held
this year!



"One of the primary reasons SC benefits from the lowest level of recidivism in the nation is because of the work of JUMPSTART over the past 15 years."

Bryan Stirling SC DIRECTOR OF CORRECTIONS



Interested in learning more about becoming a volunteer?

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW



Part of God's Family

Fred and Melissa: Faith & Friendship

Where do you find your people? Often in life, our deepest friendships are formed in the lowest of valleys. Relationships built there carry with them a unique impact, and it's often those friendships that hold with us long after the fog has cleared. This is true of Fred and Melissa, who first met through JUMPSTART and have stayed close ever since.

Fred and Melissa were participants in both JUMPSTART's Inside and Transitional Programs. Fred had given in to his sinful nature, which resulted in him sitting in a prison cell facing a 15-year sentence. His journey behind the fence was marked by danger that tested his faith. Melissa's upbringing had brought physical, mental, and sexual abuse through her childhood. Her past, like Fred's, was dotted with struggles, and she found herself serving a sentence of 25 years to life. They served their time, went through JUMPSTART's Inside Program, and joined the

Transitional Program upon their release. They have now thrived in the community since 2018.

In the structured environment of the program, Fred and Melissa found in each other a kindred spirit. Their proximity turned to friendship and thrived over shared experiences and cooking for program participants. Fred noted, "I have always felt like I've been treated like family at JUMPSTART, and it moved me to want to give back."

Their bond was strengthened by their shared faith and giving nature. Both believed hard in God's providence and saw His hand in their meeting. Their faith became a cornerstone of their friendship, providing them with hope and strength in times of doubt.

Fred and Melissa's story is a testament to the power of community in our walk. God never intended for us to go

through this life alone. For Fred and Melissa, it is a friendship that echoes the love of family.

If you've attended any of our monthly Gatherings, you've probably witnessed them battling it out over a game of Spades. Their sibling-like banter and the joy that overflows from them speak to what God can do in the lives of those who are fully committed to serving Him.





Graduate Milestones

Living for God's Applause



**Reflecting on JUMPSTART
Alumni who are continuing to
thrive years after graduating
the Transitional Program**

JUSTIN DURRELL, 2014 *(Pictured Right)*

Justin's journey with JUMPSTART began nearly a decade ago when he completed the Inside Program at Evans. After his release, he secured a well-paying job with the city of Easley, but new doors soon opened. In 2022, Justin humbly accepted the call to launch JUMPSTART Landscaping, our first social enterprise, which now employs participants from the Transitional Program. Entering its third year, the team provides employment above a living wage for five participants. Guided by Colossians 3:23, Justin exemplifies faith-driven leadership and a heart for service.



ISABELLE CUMBIE, 2023 *(Pictured Left)*

Isabelle accepted Christ as her Savior while incarcerated and eagerly joined JUMPSTART's Inside Program. After her release, she joined our Transitional Program. With a joyful heart, Isabelle helped our transportation team before finding employment. She always has a smile on her face and one cannot be around her long without her sharing just how good God is! Isabelle continues to work at Renfrow Industrial, one of our employment partners. She has re-established a relationship with her son, remains an active, serving member of a local church, and humbly exemplifies Christ-like love.

MATTHEW SMITH, 2020 *(Pictured Far Left)*

Matthew joined the JUMPSTART Program while at Perry Correctional Institution. After his release in 2020, he entered JUMPSTART's Transitional Program and quickly took on responsibilities to support others. Though he could have returned to his hometown after graduating, he chose to stay on as a housing manager. Now living as a missionary in our intake home affectionately called the Big House, he provides encouragement, support, and accountability to participants. Matthew is a disciple committed to making other disciples.

— In Partnership with the Indigo Hope Foundation

Multiplying Hope

The vision is now reality. The blueprint that was once a dream—the Indigo Hope Center—has taken shape, and we’ve witnessed God moving in extraordinary ways throughout this journey. This center is far more than just a building; it’s a gathering place for growth, transformation, and new beginnings. It stands as a solid foundation from which countless lives will be launched into fresh starts and brighter futures.

As we look forward to what’s in store for 2025, the Indigo Hope Center is on the brink of opening its doors, thanks to the incredible dedication of Trehel Corporation. Despite rough weather and tight timelines, their team has gone above and beyond, creating a beautiful, functional space designed to help us launch lives into new beginnings. Trehel’s commitment and partnership have been instrumental in keeping this project on track, and we’re incredibly grateful for their support.





Classrooms
Culinary Arts
Community Events

Soon, this space will be buzzing with the sounds of hope in action. Within the walls of the Indigo Hope Center, the men and women in JUMPSTART SC's Transitional Program will benefit from evidence-based programs designed to foster community, encouragement, and accountability. In Restoration Village, individuals will have not only housing but also life-skills training, workforce development, and pastoral care—resources essential for those transitioning from incarceration back into society.

This community, known as Restoration Village, is rooted in the transformative power of faith and a commitment to second chances. Each component of the village reflects the Christian values of love, accountability, and redemption, making it a safe and supportive environment for those working to rebuild their lives. Restoration Village, with the Indigo Hope Center at its heart, is a bold next step in this mission.



We aren't done yet...

While the Indigo Hope Campaign empowered us to complete the center and secure two additional homes, more opportunity remains. To fully serve those who are completing our Inside Program over the next two years, we are aiming to purchase twelve more homes to complete the village. Each additional home represents a tangible opportunity for new beginnings—a foundation for individuals to experience the healing power of faith and community.

Watching the Indigo Hope Center take shape has been exhilarating. Next year, the men and women in our Transitional Program will benefit from groundbreaking programming and events tailored to foster community, encouragement, and accountability—all within the heart of Restoration Village. What once seemed distant is now within reach as we witness God preparing this space for fellowship, job opportunities,

and life-changing transformation. We can't wait for you to come, see, and participate!

With God's hand and your unwavering support, we're building more than just facilities—we're creating a future that breaks cycles of brokenness and nurtures restoration. Thank you to those on this journey with us. Together, we are building a legacy of hope and second chances.

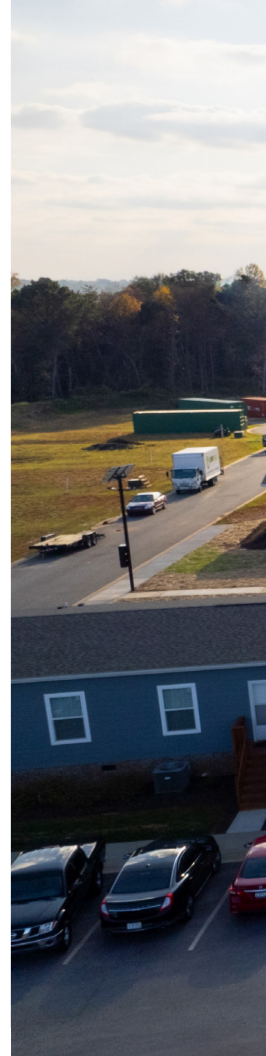
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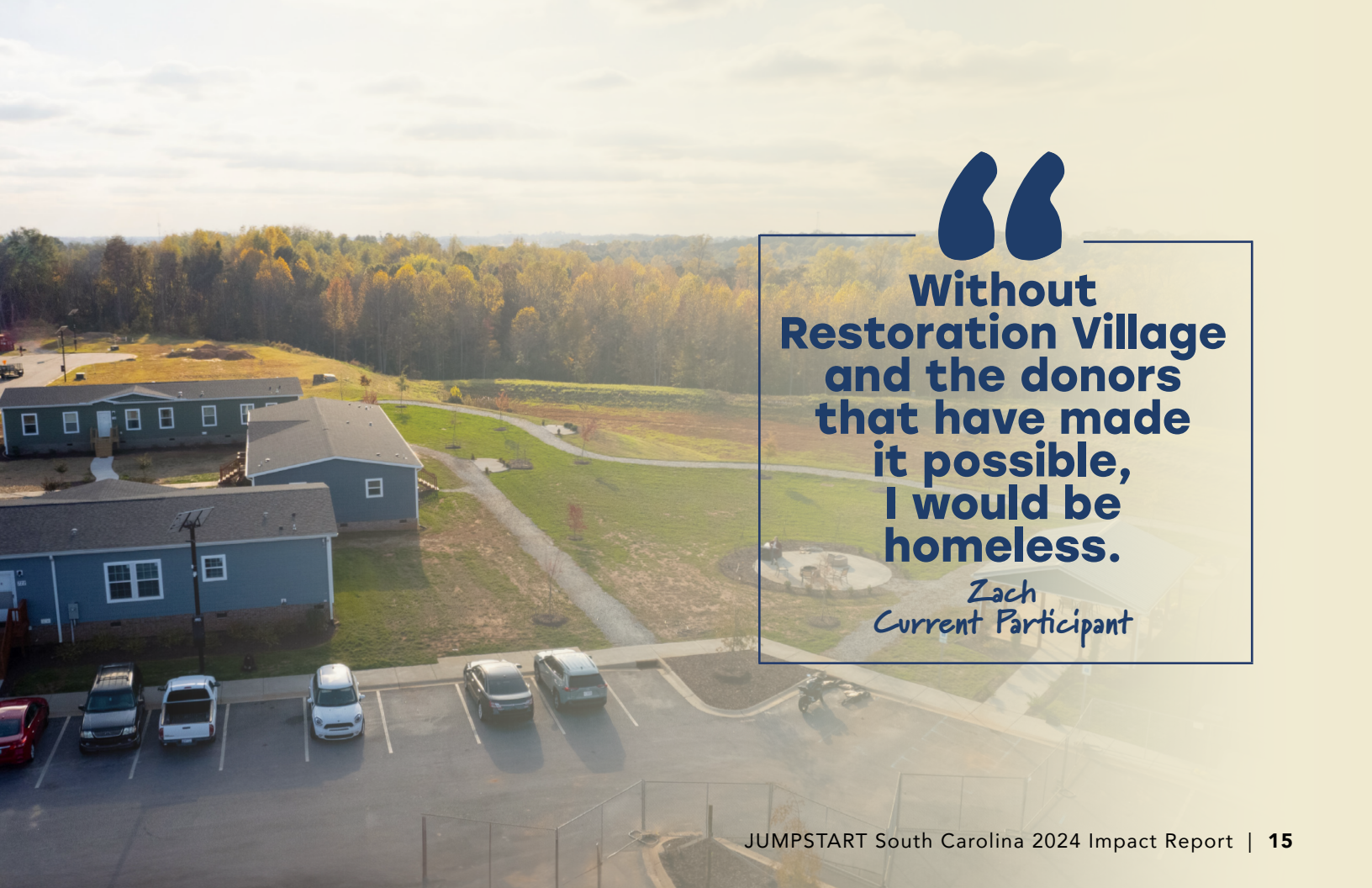
men and women
have already applied
for the Transitional
Program for **2025**

72

men and women
have already applied
for the Transitional
Program for **2026**

Scan to
donate towards
Restoration Village
now





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**Without
Restoration Village
and the donors
that have made
it possible,
I would be
homeless.**

*Zach
Current Participant*

Nourishing Opportunities

What brings people together? Food. A warm meal, paired with a kind word, can open doors to incredible opportunities. Viengxay “Vinny” Phankhasy, a Laotian refugee and classically trained chef, once struggled with belonging, leading to a troubled path and a 12-year prison sentence. But during his incarceration, his life changed when he met Jesus. Now, Vinny is committed to using his culinary talents to train others, helping them succeed in the art of service. Through our upcoming culinary training program, participants will gain valuable skills and create new job opportunities. Like JUMPSTART Landscaping, this program will serve as a social enterprise, fostering growth for participants and sustainability for the organization long term.



Throughout the year, Spartanburg Regional's Food & Nutrition Team led engaging food health classes (*pictured below*) for our participants, sharing delicious, budget-friendly recipes that incorporate nutritious ingredients. These hands-on classes include demonstrations on preparing balanced meals that accommodate diverse dietary needs and preferences. This valuable resource, paired with the anticipated opening of the Culinary Arts Center, will provide participants

with enhanced training and tools. Most in our program have never had the chance to learn these skills. The center will offer in-depth culinary programs, equipping individuals with practical skills and knowledge to make healthier food choices and serve others through hospitality.

Together, we aim to create an opportunity where everyone has the chance to thrive through the transformative power of food, community, and healing through healthier habits.

Did you know?

Many prisons have introduced gardening programs where inmates grow their own produce. These gardens not only help provide fresh fruits and vegetables for meals but also offer therapeutic benefits that reduce stress.

In the spring of 2025, we will be planting our first garden to supply fresh fruits and vegetables for the Culinary Arts Center!



Because of Generosity

The Impact



701

men and women participated
in JUMPSTART's Programs



300+

volunteers and mentors
involved monthly

Together, we are
building transformational
opportunities because
when lives that are
off track experience
restoration,
we ALL win.



386

men and women graduated
from JUMPSTART's Inside
and Transitional Programs



50+

employer and
community partners



\$2,678,965

donor investment given to further
JUMPSTART SC's mission



4

homes purchased
for Restoration
Village



4,500

immediate family
members impacted



420

rides provided weekly
for Transitional
Program participants



100%

employment for Transitional
Program participants who
are able to work



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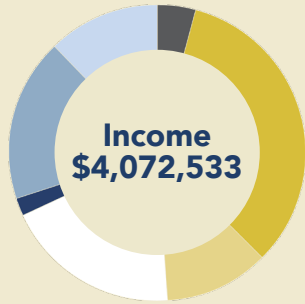
hours invested
weekly by
volunteers



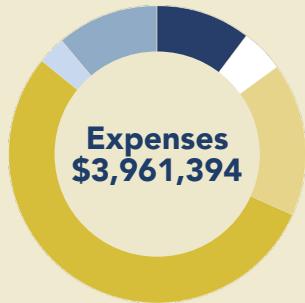
65%

of the incarcerated
have children—an opportunity
for generational change

Fiscal Health



- \$177,278 Program Fees
- \$1,351,420 Donations - Individuals
- \$473,542 Donations - Churches
- \$770,194 Donations - Businesses & Foundations
- \$85,000 Grants
- \$725,000 Funding Saved for Indigo Hope Center in 2023
- \$490,099 JUMPSTART Landscaping



- \$407,624 Transitional Program
- \$197,425 Prison Ministry
- \$656,717 Homes at Restoration Village
- \$2,142,122 Indigo Hope Center
- \$121,997 Restoration Village Grounds & Expenses
- \$435,509 JUMPSTART Landscaping



Restoration Society:

Restoration Society represents a group of loyal supporters who have provided a cash gift or pledge of \$5,000 or more towards the development of Restoration Village. Thank you to each of these donors!

Special Thanks to Those Who Joined Restoration Society This Year!



Want to see the full Restoration Society list? Scan the QR Code ↗



Our Prayer for the Future

What's Ahead

Restoration Village:

There is still work to be done to fully complete Restoration Village. Our prayer for next year is that we will be able to secure enough funding to be able to purchase and fully furnish six additional homes for men and women to have the opportunity to continue to grow in their walk with the Lord, develop a solid support team of brothers and sisters in Christ who love them, be able to find a job, and prepare for a future that is greater than their past.

We are excited to announce that our first event that will be held in the Indigo Hope Center will be our Transitional Program Graduation! This celebration will highlight the work that God has done through the lives of the men and women who have successfully completed our Transitional Program and are ready to move forward in their journey.

If you have not seen Restoration Village, or if you would like to see the Indigo Hope Center, we encourage you to come for a tour. We would love to meet with you and let you see firsthand how God is using His people to help transform lives.





2025 Investment Opportunity

Opportunity	Cost Per	#	Total Cost	Monthly
Inside Program Participants	\$208	1,000	\$208,000	\$17.33
Inside Program Graduations	\$300	19	\$5,700	\$15.78
Transitional Program Participants: Case Management, Housing, Utilities, Life Skills Training	\$4,875	85	\$414,375	\$406.25
Launch of Culinary Arts Social Enterprise Program	\$75,000	1	\$75,000	INQUIRE TO LEARN MORE
Restoration Village Homes	\$225,000	6	\$1,350,000	REACH OUT!
Furniture and Furnishings for New Homes	\$50,000	6	\$300,000	\$4,166.00
Production of Life Change Stories to Share Hope	\$3,000	12	\$36,000	\$250.00

Learn more about setting up recurring gifts online!

*All investments will only produce a ROI for the individual served, their family, the community, and for the investor in eternity. **"Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me." Matthew 25:45**





How You Can Help

*Together, We Can
Do So Much More*

If your heart has been stirred by what God has done in the lives of men and women we serve, and you would like to partner with us to bring transformation to lives through Christ, feel free to email us at info@jumpstartvision.org. We can't wait to see what the Lord has in store!

We would love to have you partner with us by:

Donating towards our mission. Donations are not only transformational investments, they are also tax-deductible.

Volunteering with us. If you are looking for purpose and fulfillment in your life, we have opportunities for you.

Praying for us. As a prayer partner, you will have the opportunity to pray for the men and women we serve in both our Inside and Transitional Programs every, day as well as those from JUMPSTART SC that serve them. *Please use the enclosed magnet to put on your fridge as a reminder to pray for our board, staff, and participants daily.*

A magnet
for you!



This cross stands tall at Restoration Village as a reminder of Christ's love.



Transforming the lives of prisoners from the inside out.



JUMPSTART Landscaping helped clear debris after Hurricane Helene.



Volunteers and staff visit Manning Correctional Institution.



Bryan Stirling, SCDC director, speaks at JUMPSTART event.



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