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DEREK CLARK “RAPPING DAD” TO HEADLINE MIRACLE HILL’S 80TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISING GALA

Non-profit celebrating 80 years of serving the Upstate’s homeless, hungry and hurting

GREENVILLE, SC (February 20, 2017) - Miracle Hill Ministries, South Carolina’s largest provider of services to the homeless, will celebrate its 80th anniversary at a Fundraising Gala featuring Derek Clark the “Rapping Dad” on March 21, 2017 at the TD Convention Center in Greenville.

“Miracle Hill Ministries provides such an invaluable service to the most vulnerable people in our community. The City of Greenville is fortunate to have a long-standing, reliable partner to help those in most need. Looking forward to another 80 years of this great partnership,” congratulated Greenville Mayor Knox White.

Gala headliner Derek Clark was placed into foster care at age five and remained in the system for thirteen years. Eventually, with the help of loving foster parents, he learned to cope with adversity and overcome hardship. Clark re-purposed his pain to become an international speaker, author of seven books, and an internet sensation for his viral [Rapping Dad](#) videos which have garnered more than 150 million views. He has also been featured on CNN Headline News, The Ricki Lake Show, and the Steve Harvey Show.

“Not only is Derek a breath of fresh air in the rapping world because of the inspirational, motivational songs he creates with his children, but his personal story of overcoming childhood abuse and neglect is the type of story we see every day in the foster children, the homeless, and the addicted served by Miracle Hill,” said Lysie Crespo, Event Coordinator at Miracle Hill. Over the past twelve months, Miracle Hill has doubled its number of licensed foster parents for a total of 222, making the organization a valued partner in the state’s mandate to reduce the number of homeless children.

Miracle Hill’s “Night of Miracles” Fundraising Gala will also include dinner, entertainment, a pre-show thrift fashion runway hosted by Studio 62’s Jamarcus Gaston and His Radio’s Alison Storm, birthday surprises, and inspirational stories of lives restored. Gala reservations can be made at www.miraclehill.org/gala . [Sponsorships](#) are also available.

About Miracle Hill Ministries

Miracle Hill Ministries helps hurting people become whole and is the Upstate’s largest, most comprehensive provider of services to homeless children and adults. Serving the Upstate since 1937, Miracle Hill’s programs include rescue shelters for the homeless, residential addiction recovery, transitional housing, shelters for children, and foster care. Miracle Hill’s nine thrift stores provide employment opportunities for the community as well as Miracle Hill guests transitioning out of programs. Miracle Hill has been recognized as a Certified Mission and has been awarded the Certificate of Excellence by the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions (AGRM), a distinction given to fewer than 30 missions nationwide. For more information about Miracle Hill, please visit www.MiracleHill.org or call 864.268.4357. www.facebook.com/miraclehill/ @MiracleHill

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Soup Kitchen – 1930's



Greenville Rescue Mission – 1957



Greenville Rescue Mission – 1999



Derek Clark the “Rapping Dad”



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