



Greenville Literacy Association Cements Partnership With Miracle Hill

Non-profits team up to provide education to homeless and recovering addicts

GREENVILLE, SC (February 13, 2017) - A trial partnership between Greenville Literacy Association (GLA) and Miracle Hill Ministries to provide educational tutoring and training for the homeless and for individuals in recovery has now been solidified.

“Although the partnership began with a three-year projection, we are thrilled to announce that we’ll be continuing our work together in the coming years and have actually expanded our WorkKeys programming to provide pathways to a brighter future for many people in the Upstate,” said Jocelyn Slaughter, Executive Director at Greenville Literacy Association.

GLA’s services are provided to guests at Miracle Hill’s homeless shelters and recovery centers in Greenville who desire to further their level of education and career readiness. Since the start of the program, tutors and program managers have helped 170 men and women from Miracle Hill earn their WorkKeys Certification, and six Miracle Hill students have earned their GEDs.

“I never expected to get my GED, but thanks to Miracle Hill, my life has changed a lot,” said James Falero, a recent GLA program graduate. “It wasn’t easy. I was trying to learn four years’ worth of material in a little over a year...my tutors rallied to make study time available for me. They all care enough to help clients have the opportunity to better their lives and get back on their feet.”

In addition to WorkKeys and GED education, GLA and Miracle Hill also work together to offer additional practical workshops and computer training. The partnership is a vital bridge for those completing a Miracle Hill program and transitioning into a long-lasting plan that has the potential to improve quality of life.

“Our partnership with Greenville Literacy puts our guests in touch with the educational community and their resources. It’s helping to remove the education barrier so that people can get a decent job. We’re helping to equip them to change their lives forever,” said Bill Slocum, Vice President of Adult Ministries at Miracle Hill.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the GLA-Miracle Hill educational partnership should contact Eleanor Vaughn at (864) 467-3458 or vaughn@greenvilleliteracy.org; Rhonda Corbett at (864) 242-6933 or rcorbett@miraclehill.org.

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About GLA: Greenville Literacy Association (GLA) has served Greenville, South Carolina, and surrounding areas for over 50 years. GLA is the largest community-based adult literacy program in South Carolina and is one of the most highly developed in the nation. GLA recruits and trains community volunteers to provide instruction for adults who need help with basic education, GED studies, WorkKeys test preparation, and English as a Second Language (ESL). The organization operates three fully-equipped and staffed learning centers across Greenville County and assists church and neighborhood literacy programs near these centers. For more information, call 864-467-3456 or visit the GLA website at www.greenvilleliteracy.org.

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. @Miracle Hill / www.facebook.com/miraclehill

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Photo caption: James Falero earns GED through Greenville Literacy Association partnership with Miracle Hill Ministries



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