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Nothing Can Separate Us

Have you ever felt like your mistakes were too great—your sin too frequent—that God’s grace just wasn’t enough to wipe the slate clean?

Lynn Irby knew that feeling well. As a teenager, Lynn began experimenting with drugs and alcohol. Before she knew it, she was a full-blown addict—drinking and smoking to get through each day. She took some time away to “find herself,” and met someone she believed to be the man of her dreams. However, “that dream became a nightmare. I was forced into prostitution, and the verbal abuse became physical.” Lynn found herself pregnant for the third time; but after delivering the baby, “I walked out of the hospital and left her there because drugs were more important. My fourth child was taken from me as soon as she was born because I had abused my body and hers with drugs, and I was sent to prison.”

For 33 years, Lynn continued to abuse drugs, hurt her family and bounced in and out of the hospital. She remembers one medical crisis particularly well—“I had part of my small intestine removed... when I was released from the hospital my body... was left open, covered with dressings in order for it to heal from the inside out. I still continued to abuse drugs with my body opened. It is only by the grace of God that I’m not dead.”

Lynn’s family begged her to seek help for drug addiction, and she knew they were right. She called Miracle Hill, where she was welcomed into the Renewal addiction recovery program for women. After six months of complete physical and spiritual surrender, Lynn graduated the program, free from addiction and alive in Christ.

Almost ten years have passed since she left Miracle Hill, but Lynn is more committed to sharing her story of grace than ever before. Through her membership at North Hills Community Church, she has found mentors, true friends and a platform on which to share her beautiful testimony.

For a long time, Lynn believed her addictions were greater than God’s redeeming love for her. But today she clings to Romans 8:38-39, believing “that neither death, nor life... nor things present, nor things to come... nor anything in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.”



Lynn Irby

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Reuniting Families

“When I was arrested for cooking meth,” said Brenda, “the social worker took my six-year old daughter, telling me I would never see her again.” In August, more than a year later, Brenda visited with her now seven-year old daughter, and hopes to re-unite with her next year.

While Brenda’s hard work in Renewal, Miracle Hill’s addiction recovery program for women, has been critical, Kristen Barnes of Miracle Hill’s Family Support Services program gave hope that reunification was possible, provided parental coaching, spoke with her child’s case worker, and taught Brenda how to demonstrate to the court system that she has dramatically changed her life. David Johnston, head of our Family Support Services will help the child’s father (soon to be Brenda’s husband).

Miracle Hill’s Family Support Services helps parents learn to parent effectively so families can be reunited and experience long-term success. By this past summer, David and Kristen had served 54 families since the inception of the program and were managing an active case load of 41 families. They work across Miracle Hill’s many programs helping parents in treatment learn how to reconnect with their children, and assist the children in Miracle Hill’s care by coaching parents on how to move forward.

Earlier this year, David helped John, a student in Overcomers, our addiction recovery program for men, locate his six-year old son within the SC DSS system. John is now working, lives in Miracle Hill’s transitional housing, visits his son regularly and hopes to get full custody soon.

Kristen helped two different mothers find work so they can each build the financial stability needed to help them regain custody of their children. Carla, whose four children are in care at Miracle Hill Children’s Home, is working cooperatively for the first time with authorities involved with her case, believing that a healthy reunion is possible.

On any given day, more than 150 children live temporarily in one of our three children’s homes and 112 foster homes. Family Support Services strives to ensure these children have a short stay with us. As children successfully rejoin their families, their beds become available for the many new children who need them.

Malachi 4:6 tells of God’s plans to restore the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers [and mothers]. David and his crew are God’s instruments to accomplish this great purpose. Your support makes their work possible.

Thrift Donations

Did you know that we meet an average of 1500 people in our thrift stores every day?

At Miracle Hill, we are more than just a thrift store. We’re continuing to build awareness to our donors and customers that every time they give or buy gently-used items—from clothing to furniture and much more—they directly help fund Miracle Hill’s ministry to homeless, addicted, orphaned and hurting people in our community. Our thrift stores make a difference for the Kingdom. Shop or donate today!

83¢ of every donated dollar goes directly to support our programs.

It only costs \$2.13 a day to feed a child, woman or man in one our shelters.



Raising Hope

When Anna White became eligible for a Community Service Scholarship, she decided to lead a service event for the girls at the Clinton Cottage of Miracle Hill's Children's Home. However, Anna says, "What started out as a scholarship project turned into something much bigger."

However, by the second meeting, most of the girls showed up in flip flops—completely inappropriate footwear for running. "I saw the great need the girls had for running shoes," Anna says, "and I started asking people to help."

Fostering Success

Through the help of social media and several area churches, our Foster Care ministry is growing tremendously. We're very pleased with the response of many to host "Fellowship for Foster Care," a gathering in local homes to discuss foster care.

While it's wonderful to work with new foster families, there is a challenge to provide financially for all of their needs in the licensing process including fire inspections and other fees. Would you please prayerfully consider how you can help us get these families approved?

These resource foster families are a blessing as they continue to contribute to the well-being of our children. Recently, a resource foster family helped transition two boys to their new adoptive family and, even more remarkably, witnessed the children giving their lives to Christ. Now the boys know that wherever they go, Jesus is with them always.

If you would like to donate to Foster Care or find out how you can be a foster parent to a child in need, please contact Brenda Parks at bparks@miraclehill.org.



Anna and her mom Wendy, with the help of the staff, decided to start a running and reading club. "About every Monday morning this summer," Anna explains, "we met with the girls to do a 1.5 mile walk... then sat down to have discussions [on] the books the girls were reading."



Anna reached out to local businesses and running friends, who then forwarded the girls' story on to others. Before long, Anna and Wendy had enough donations—many from complete strangers!—to buy the girls new shoes, socks and running clothes.

Anna was changed by this miracle. "When I sent out those requests," Anna explains, "I honestly did not expect [this outcome]... I have gained so much knowledge about the love of God; and working with the girls at Clinton Cottage, I have acquired seven new friends. This project has been one of the biggest blessings in my life, and I am so thankful God is using me to help others."

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Every day.

Fall Events

Spartanburg “Hearts for the Homeless Walk” ~ Sunday, September 20, 2015

We invite you to participate in the first annual Hearts for the Homeless Walk at 2pm in Barnett Park of downtown Spartanburg. Join us as we walk the roads the homeless walk every day. See where they live and access services.

You can make a difference! Every participant will receive a t-shirt and their own personal fundraising page. Set a goal and invite your friends, family, co-workers and neighbors to support the needs of the homeless and hurting in Spartanburg County.

All proceeds will benefit the Miracle Hill Rescue Mission - Spartanburg, Foster Care, and Homes for Life—where homeless children, teens and adults are cared for every day. For more information, call (864) 268-4357 or e-mail sfurnell@miraclehill.org. Register online today at miraclehill.org.



8th Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Fry ~ Tuesday, November 24, 2015

Miracle Hill and Ellis & Bradley of WSSL 100 are teaming up to feed the Upstate’s homeless and hungry on Thanksgiving. This year, our Fry Team plans to cook around 700 turkeys to feed up to 2,000 people in our nine shelters and hundreds of poverty stricken families in our community.

With such a lofty goal, we need the support of our community. First we need 700 turkeys donated, 150 filled propane tanks, 275 gallons of peanut oil, groceries for side dishes and many other various supplies. Then we need at least 100 volunteers to prepare all the fixings, carve those turkeys and more!

For more details visit www.miraclehill.org/turkey-fry or call Susan Pottberg at (864)268-4357.

Why Create a Will?

- To ensure that your family and loved ones will be taken care of.
- To remove the doubts and difficulties that can arise when there is no evidence of the deceased’s wishes.
- To reduce probate costs and avoid certain taxes. (Without a will in place, the value of your estate could be negatively impacted.)
- To create a lasting legacy that communicates what matters most to you.

By including the ministries you love and trust in your will, like Miracle Hill, you enable their good work to continue changing lives. The Bible often refers to the person who plans ahead as ‘wise’ and ‘prudent.’ Charles Swindoll says, “To walk by faith does not mean that we stop thinking... faith and careful planning go hand-in-hand. They always have.” So don’t wait, create a God-honoring will today.

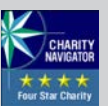
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makes a great gift for
anyone. They will receive
a special Christmas card
from us announcing your
gift -- and you will be
offering shelter, food and
miracles to the homeless.*