



Miracle Hill  
MINISTRIES

# Helping Hurting People Become Whole

Member Report for August 2016



Dr. Bryce Norton

## A Note from the CEO

Can you imagine what it would be like to be forcefully removed from your home as a child?

In South Carolina, most children removed from their home are taken out of their school, away from friends and away from social activities. They are often taken to an entirely different county where they do not know anyone.

It's hard for me to fathom the strong feelings of rejection and deep emotional loss for a child who experiences such trauma.

Now the good news! This summer we are celebrating the fact that the number of Miracle Hill foster families has more than doubled! We are now serving over 200 children with foster families in addition to 70 more children in our group homes! Each of our foster families will love on these precious children and share the hope they can find in Jesus.

This is all possible because of your continuing prayer and support. We trust that you'll continue and expand your partnership with us as we grow to help more hurting people become whole.

## RM RESCUE MISSIONS



James, now 52, dropped out of school in the 9th grade and went to work. While living in Florida, his truck and all of his

tools were stolen. He eventually landed at **Greenville Rescue Mission**. James signed up for tutoring and on July 19, 2016 he received his GED certification! As he left the director's office he asked, "Do I look a little taller?" Yes... yes, James, you do.



Although the **Cherokee County Rescue Mission** is considered an "adult" ministry housing homeless men and women,

it is vibrant and alive with the sounds of children. In the women's wing we currently have several mothers with children - two sisters 9 and 11 - a 6 month old baby boy - a 1 year old girl - and a newborn expected soon. Miracle Hill is the only shelter that allows homeless mothers and children to reside together in Cherokee County.

100 cameras - 100 people affected by homelessness in **Spartanburg** received a

disposable camera with one task - to tell their story. The cameras were turned back in, and the stories captured in photography were amazing. To learn more visit Facebook.com/ThroughOurEyesProject.



One of the ladies in the PDP (Personal Development Program) accepted Christ as her Savior at **Shepherd's Gate**! During part of her intake process (when the Gospel is shared), she said she was not a Christian. A few days later she asked Carrie, a staff member, if she would "pray the prayer" with her. Carrie was only too glad to talk with her and allow the Holy Spirit to lead the lady to Him! Her face just glows, and we are so excited to have another sister in Christ growing stronger every day.



## AR ADDICTION RECOVERY



This past month three guests graduated from the

**Renewal Program**. One will be joining Miracle Hill's Training Program. The other two are participating in job training programs while enjoying restored relationships with their young children. We are excited about the endless opportunities they will share as living testimonies of God's amazing transforming power.

This past month was amazing at the **Overcomer Center**. For years we have been praying for funds to allow us to add another

counselor to our staff who could directly support the men just starting the program. Our prayers have come to fruition -- God provided the funds and we are now adding a new staff member. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



# CART WALK

You don't want to miss this one of a kind event!

**400 Carts • 400 Teams**  
**A simultaneous walk across Upstate South Carolina to help hurting people become whole**

**November 5, 2016**  
**8:30am to 11:00am**

**Walk and roll with us!**  
**REGISTER your team today**  
or  
**SPONSOR this exclusive event**

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## Upcoming Events

**Upstate Cart Walk**  
November 5, 2016

**Ellis & Bradley's WSSL 100**  
**Miracle Hill Turkey Fry**  
November 22, 2016

**Renewal Graduations**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month at 2:00pm  
The Sawmill  
22 Graves Drive  
Greenville, SC 29609

**Overcomer Graduations**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month at 6:00pm  
Greenville Rescue Mission  
575 W. Washington Street  
Greenville, SC 29601

Find more details online at [MiracleHill.org](http://MiracleHill.org)

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES



Our work at one of the **Children's Home** cottages has seen happy growth. The boys have been studying Proverbs to learn practical living skills and how to live life from the point of view of the "wise man or the foolish man". One of the boys who didn't know if he believed in God at all is learning and growing, and some of the boys have even accepted Christ! It is a testimony to God's work to be able to see these young men pray for each other, their counselors and their house parents.



**Homes for Life** is very excited that a few men from Brookwood Church have become mentors to the young men we serve. So far they have had a pizza social, gone bowling and, more importantly, shown our guys first hand how to live a Christian life. Their mentors have made a very positive impact, and we greatly appreciate them!



**Family Support Services** is currently working with Chelsea - a single mother with three children ages 11, 7 and 3. She is highly motivated to become independent and not be a long-term recipient of welfare services. She passed Work Keys training with an overall silver certification. This achievement is important because several employers screen for Work Keys certification.

Our teens at **MH Boys' Shelter** are getting ready to start school. Like all teens, they want a fresh start with new supplies, clothes and shoes. For many, it is hard living in a group home and we want to make sure our guys are well equipped for a great school year both mentally and physically. If you are willing to sponsor or mentor one of our boys, please give us a call.



**Miracle Hill Foster Care** is celebrating reaching a big goal! In January, there were 131 MH foster families. In February

we set a lofty goal of having 201 MH foster families by August 5. We reached our goal in July! If you'd like to foster, or rally around a foster family, visit [miraclehill.org](http://miraclehill.org) for details.

## #ThriftSavvy

Eight-year-old Zack and his mom often shop at our **Mauldin Thrift Store**.

At the front counter, there is a prayer request box. Zack asked his mom if he could write down a need, and she encouraged him. He left ALL his prayer requests in the box. That Sunday, Zack told his mom he wanted to give his heart to Jesus so he could pray to God all the time, not just at the thrift store! We rejoice for this new follower of Jesus and thank his mother for sharing this priceless story.



## GIVE NOW

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**Miracle Hill Ministries**

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## THRIFT DONATIONS

**864.242.6931**

or

**Items can be**

**dropped off at any**

**Miracle Hill Thrift Store**