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LEADERSHIP GREENVILLE PROJECT PROMOTES HEALTH FOR RECOVERING ADDICTS AT MIRACLE HILL

(GREENVILLE, SC) With the aim of boosting recovery, preventing relapse and building healthy lives, Leadership Greenville Class 42 has completed its project of installing a running track at Miracle Hill's addiction recovery facility for men. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held August 30th, 2016, 10:00 a.m. at the Overcomer Center campus located at 1916 N. Pleasantburg Dr.

"Physical fitness is a vital part of recovery," said Ryan Duerk, Director of the Overcomer Center. "We have a running group where we challenge the men to run 20 laps in under 54 minutes. If they accomplish this, then we take them running on the road. The goal is to show them that they can do way more with their lives than they could wish for or imagine. The running track not only provides a space for exercise but an opportunity for the men to find a place for prayer and reflection."

Through a Go Fund Me campaign and the generous support of community partners including Greenville Health System, Michelin, Bon Secours Health System, SunTrust Foundation and Dixon Hughes Goodman, Leadership Greenville's project was fully funded and implemented, bolstering recovering addicts on their journey of healing in mind, body and spirit.

“With a 1/3 mile running and exercise track with fitness stations, we can help thousands of men over many years build mental and spiritual fortitude and encourage healthy habits that will last long after they graduate from the program,” said Peter Luciano, Leadership Greenville 42 class member. “If we can help men overcome addiction and keep them as active, healthy and contributing members of society, we believe that everybody benefits.”

The Overcomer program is a free, 28-week residential recovery program designed to help men with life-dominating issues. It is often the program of last resort for many broken men in the community. The program is highly effective with a 70% success rate for graduates. After graduation, transitional housing provides a halfway point between the strict accountability of life within the Overcomer Center and the onslaught of temptations beyond the walls. For more information about Miracle Hill’s Overcomer Center, contact Ryan Duerk, Director, at (864) 631-0414 (rduerk@miraclehill.org)

About Miracle Hill Ministries

Miracle Hill helps hurting people become whole. Services across the Upstate include rescue shelters for the homeless, addiction recovery programs, shelters for children, family support services, and foster care. Our nine thrift stores provide employment opportunities for guests in our programs and the community at large while offering savvy shoppers a way to spend and give at the same time. For more information on Miracle Hill, please visit www.MiracleHill.org or call (864) 268-4357.

About Leadership Greenville

Leadership Greenville is the Greenville Chamber’s premier leadership development program designed to inform and prepare qualified leaders for Greenville County. By taking an intensive look into the issues affecting Greenville County, Leadership Greenville prepares and motivates participants to provide quality, dynamic leadership within the area. Since the program began in 1973, there have been over 1,950 participants. Many alumni have served in key leadership positions within their businesses and organizations, as well as city council, county council, school board, members of Congress and as judges.

Leadership Greenville requires a 10-month commitment. Participants are selected through an application process based upon their past involvement in the community and their ability to set and achieve high personal goals. New classes embark each year on a journey to understand the inner-workings of our area, including Managed Growth and the Economy, Quality of Life, Human Services, Local Government, Justice, Education and State Government.

Each class selects a project or projects to meet a need in the area. Class Projects are chosen based on proposals submitted by class members, as well as nonprofit Chamber-member organizations.

Leadership Greenville's Class 42 is sponsored by AcumenIT and USC Upstate.

Additional leadership development programs at the Greenville Chamber include Youth Leadership Greenville, Opportunity Greenville, Pulse Young Professionals, and Leadership Greenville Alumni. For more information, please contact Tami Miller, Leadership Development Director, at tmiller@greenvillechamber.org or 864-239-3743.

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Caption information for attached photos:

Photo 1: Leadership Greenville track at Overcomer Center

Photo 2: Overcomers participate in fitness activities as part of the recovery program.

Photo 3: Leadership Greenville Class 42 track dedication sign

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