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Major gifts from Timken Foundation and Robert S. Campbell Foundation launch campaign to expand Miracle Hill Rescue Mission in Gaffney

Additional community support needed to begin construction

GAFFNEY, SC (May 22, 2017) – The Timken Foundation has given an anchor gift of \$60,000, and the Campbell Foundation has offered a \$30,000 matching gift to jumpstart fundraising for expanding capacity at the Miracle Hill Rescue Mission in Gaffney.

"I can think of no greater service to my hometown than to take care of our neighbors, especially our women and children," said William W. Brown, Trustee of the Robert S. Campbell Foundation. "I am grateful to Miracle Hill for the opportunity to assist them in the community. My challenge grant doubles the opportunity for the community to come to the aid of our Gaffney family."

Upon completion of the estimated \$235,000 fundraising campaign, construction will begin on a new, 1,200 square foot building that will provide space for a walk-in cooler and freezer, dry goods, supplies and donated clothing for shelter guests. The additional building will free up space in the existing Mission and increase housing for homeless women and children from 16 to 24 as well as provide housing for a women's night supervisor.

Other contributors to the project include [Ashby and Debbie Blakely](#), [Hamrick Mills Foundation](#), [Nestle](#), Grady and Mary Randolph, and Sam Erwin. To complete funding for the project, the Mission still needs to raise just under \$60,000. Beginning immediately, every dollar given to the project will be matched dollar for dollar by the Campbell Foundation up to a total of \$30,000. Individuals, churches and businesses in the Upstate are invited to contribute to ensure full utilization of the matching gift.



Miracle Hill Cherokee County Rescue Mission and current storage building (top left)

"I am grateful that we have such a caring and generous community in Cherokee County," said Andy Cooper, Director of Miracle Hill's Cherokee County Rescue Mission. "The faithful support of the foundations, businesses, churches, and individuals is what allows us to help hurting people and do what God has called us to do."

Miracle Hill's homeless shelter in Gaffney opened in 2000 and was originally designed to provide a 44-bed facility housing men, women, and children, with 20 beds for men and 24 for women and children. Because of staffing limitations, the shelter has not been able to house more than 16 women. Additionally, the Mission has been using a dilapidated, wooden building, located over 100 yards from the shelter, as a storage space for canned and frozen food as well as other donated items.

Once construction on the new building is complete, the old storage facility will be torn down, and a second entrance to the Mission property will be added from Logan Street including a paved driveway and necessary landscaping. Having storage space in close proximity to the kitchen will ensure that supplies for operations and for the personal needs of shelter guests will be readily accessible.



Wooden storage building to be torn down

Donations designated for the expansion project may be sent to Miracle Hill Rescue Mission, 227 Henderson Street, Gaffney, SC 29341. Further information is available from Andy Cooper, Director of Miracle Hill's Cherokee County Rescue Mission, at 864.488.0376 or ncooper@miraclehill.org.

For an inside look at the expansion plans, watch this **VIDEO** narrated by Andy Cooper:

[Miracle Hill Cherokee Rescue Mission Expansion](#)

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 eight 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. [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#): @MiracleHill

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