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Miracle Hill's Renewal Addiction Recovery Center Celebrates 20th Anniversary Reunion event to commemorate "20 Years of Changed Lives"

GREENVILLE, SC (July 20, 2017) — Miracle Hill Ministries' Renewal addiction recovery center is celebrating 20 years of changed lives at an anniversary event to be held July 22, 2017, 9:15 a.m. — 1:00 p.m. at Larkin's Sawmill in Greenville.

<u>Renewal</u> is a 25-bed, six-month, residential program that uses a 12-step model to help women experience freedom from life-dominating addictions. Over the past 20 years, more than 350 women have graduated from the program, with a success rate of 70 percent of graduates continuing to live clean, sober and healthy lives one year after completion.

"One of the key components of our program's success is the transitional housing we offer. More than 50 percent of graduates choose transitional housing to continue in healthy relationships, a structured lifestyle with accountability, counseling and goal planning," said Venus Dixon, Director of Renewal.

Dixon also credits various community partners with providing vital resources to help women recover during their stay at Renewal and to support long-term productive living beyond graduation:

- New Horizon provides routine and extensive medical care.
- Greenville Literacy Association helps women obtain their GED and Work Keys certification.
- <u>Greenville Mental Health Center</u> provides mental health services.
- SC Vocational Rehabilitation provides job training and job placement services.
- Churches provide financial support and spiritual support through mentoring, counseling and coaching.

Program participants receive intensive counseling, mentoring, structure and accountability as they complete substance abuse education, employment readiness, relapse prevention and establish healthy relationships. Community living provides the opportunity to put into practice on a daily basis the biblical principles they learn, thus promoting a healthy and nurturing environment. The four stages of the program include (Level 1) Building a spiritual foundation, (Level 2) Inner healing, (Level 3) Building healthy relationships, and (Level 4) Employment readiness and life planning.

Renewal graduations are open to the public and take place on the second Tuesday of each month, 6:00 p.m. at The Sawmill, 22 Graves Dr. in Greenville. For more information or to apply for the program, call the Renewal Center at 864.242.2166.

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





Photo #1: Renewal graduates Sarah Kastner, Jessica Forkin, Jade Cason



Photo #2: Miracle Hill Renewal Center



