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PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS GRANT TO MIRACLE HILL AIMS FOR STRONGER FAMILIES

GREENVILLE, S.C. (Aug. 23, 2016) – Efforts to reunite Upstate parents with children removed from their homes will get a boost from a \$2,500 grant awarded by the Piedmont Natural Gas Foundation to Miracle Hill Ministries' Family Support Services and Foster Care Program.

Miracle Hill's Family Support Services works with the biological parents of children in Department of Social Services custody, providing tools and access to resources that will help strengthen the family unit so that if and when the child is reunited with the parents, the child returns to a safer, healthier environment. Over the past two years, 20 families have been reunited, and many more mothers and fathers are becoming re-engaged with their children.

"We are so grateful to the Piedmont Natural Gas Foundation for this generous gift, which furthers our mission of bringing stability to families so that reunification can take place in a healthy, wholesome environment," said David Johnston, director of Family Support Services for Miracle Hill Ministries. "Committed community partners like Piedmont Natural Gas are vital in our effort to help families in the Upstate who are most in need of assistance."

"Piedmont Natural Gas is proud to support Miracle Hill Ministries' Family Support Services and Foster Care Program," said Michael Durham, community relations manager for Piedmont Natural Gas. "Piedmont is committed to building and strengthening the communities where we live and work through grants like this and the volunteer service of Piedmont's associates."

For more information about Miracle Hill's Family Support Services and Foster Care Program, contact David Johnston, director of Family Support Services, at (864) 605-6095 (cjohnston@miraclehill.org) or Brenda Parks, director of Miracle Hill Foster Care, at (864) 605-6089 (bparks@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 Piedmont Natural Gas

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Greg Hynds, right, stewardship director for Miracle Hill Ministries, accepts a check from Mike Durham, community relations manager at Piedmont Natural Gas, for a \$2,500 grant awarded by the Piedmont Natural Gas Foundation to Miracle Hill Ministries' Family Support Services and Foster Care Program.