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### SC Governor Proclaims "Miracle Hill Ministries 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Day"

Non-profit celebrating 80 years of serving the Upstate's homeless, hungry and hurting on March 21st

GREENVILLE, SC (March 17, 2017) – South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster has proclaimed March 21, 2017 as Miracle Hill Ministries 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Day in honor of the non-profit's longstanding work serving the Upstate's homeless children and adults.

Governor McMaster commended Miracle Hill as the "largest and most comprehensive provider of services to the homeless in the Palmetto State" and lauded the organization for its impact on the state's foster care system as the "largest foster care recruitment/placement agency in the state". Miracle Hill currently has more than 220 licensed foster families and works closely with the Department of Social Services to meet the needs of vulnerable children.

McMaster encouraged "all South Carolinians to recognize Miracle Hill Ministries and its dedicated workers for their commitment to improving lives through compassion, dignity and faith."

Miracle Hill will commemorate its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary at a "Night of Miracles" Fundraising Gala featuring Derek Clark the "Rapping Dad" on March 21, 2017 at the TD Convention Center in Greenville. The celebratory event will also include dinner, entertainment, a pre-show thrift fashion runway hosted by Studio 62's Jamarcus Gaston and His Radio 89.3 personality Alison Storm, birthday surprises, and inspirational stories of lives restored.

"Miracle Hill Ministries provides such an invaluable service to the most vulnerable people in our community. The City of Greenville is fortunate to have a long-standing, reliable partner to help those in most need. Looking forward to another 80 years of this great partnership," congratulated Greenville Mayor Knox White.

Gala reservations can be made at <a href="https://www.miraclehill.org/gala">www.miraclehill.org/gala</a>.

#### **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 nine 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 <a href="https://www.MiracleHill.org">www.MiracleHill.org</a> or call 864.268.4357. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/miraclehill/">www.facebook.com/miraclehill/</a> @MiracleHill

# State of South Caroling Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS, established in 1937 as a soup kitchen in downtown Greenville, South Carolina, Miracle Hill Ministries has grown to be the largest, most comprehensive providers of services to the homeless in the Palmetto State; and
- WHEREAS, serving some of the most vulnerable adults and children in the community, Miracle Hill operates 4 homeless shelters serving multiple counties in the Upstate, 3 shelters for homeless children and teens, and 2 residential addiction recovery centers; and
- WHEREAS, with more than 200 foster families, Miracle Hill is the largest foster care recruitment/placement agency in the state and works closely with the South Carolina Department of Social Services to address foster care needs in the state; and
- WHEREAS, through compassion, adaptation, Christian faith, and grace, the dedicated staff, partners, and supporters of Miracle Hill Ministries are helping hurting people become whole.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2017, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize Miracle Hill Ministries and its dedicated workers for their commitment to improving lives through compassion, dignity, and faith.



HENRY MCMASTER

GOVERNOR

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

**Photos**: Additional historical photos available upon request



Soup Kitchen – 1930's



Greenville Rescue Mission – 1957



Greenville Rescue Mission – 1999



Derek Clark the "Rapping Dad"

