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### **Senator Tim Scott Celebrates Miracle Hill Ministries as an *Angels in Adoption*® To Be Recognized at National Event in Washington, D.C.**

GREENVILLE, SC (September 15, 2017) – Senator Tim Scott will celebrate Miracle Hill Ministries as a 2017 *Angels in Adoption*® awardee for their outstanding advocacy of foster care issues. The Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI), which orchestrates the *Angels in Adoption*® Program, will honor the Upstate non-profit at an awards ceremony on September 26 and gala on September 27 in Washington, D.C.

Miracle Hill is being honored for the organization's longstanding commitment to recruiting foster families in order to provide stability and loving homes for children who have been abused, neglected or abandoned. "It's an honor to be recognized for the work we do every day, but more importantly, we are honored to serve the state of South Carolina's most vulnerable children," said Beth Williams, Vice President of Children's Ministries at Miracle Hill.

Of the more than 4,000 children in foster care throughout South Carolina, over 1,400 are in the Upstate region, the area in which Miracle Hill focuses their efforts. Since 1988, Miracle Hill has been recruiting Christian foster families, both single and married, and providing them with vital support throughout the licensing process, placements and beyond. In the past 18 months alone, [Miracle Hill Foster Care](#) has recruited more than 100 families.

"The *Angels in Adoption*® Program is a unique annual opportunity in the nation's Capital to shine a well-deserved spotlight on the power of adoption and the unspoken heroes who have made the dream of a family a reality for children. Since the program's inception, over 2,600 Angels have come to Washington to share their firsthand adoption experiences with Members of Congress, highlighting its joys, as well as the barriers encountered in the process," said Becky Weichhand, Executive Director at CCAI. "Members of Congress are then able to use their new experiential understanding of these issues to create policy improvements that better support these children and the families that open their hearts and homes to them."

The [Angels in Adoption](#)® Program is CCAI's signature public awareness event and provides an opportunity for all members of the U.S. Congress to honor the good work of their constituents who have enriched the lives of foster children and orphans in the United States and abroad. This year, more than 120 "Angels" are being honored through the *Angels in Adoption*® Program.

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In addition to the more than 120 Angels from around the country, National *Angels in Adoption*<sup>®</sup> honorees will be recognized at the gala for their dedication and commitment nationally and internationally to child welfare on a grand scale. This year's National *Angels in Adoption*<sup>®</sup> honorees are Scott and Tracie Hamilton. Former National Angels include Korie and Willie Robertson, Shonda Rhimes, Deborra-Lee Furness Jackman, First Lady Laura Bush, Patti LaBelle, Jane Seymour, Muhammad Ali, the late Dave Thomas, Steven Curtis Chapman, Bruce Willis, Alonzo Mourning, Rhea Perlman and Kristin Chenoweth.

**Photo:** Brenda Parks, Director of Miracle Hill Foster Care with Beth Williams, VP of Children's Ministries at Miracle Hill



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### **About CCAI**

CCAI is a 501(c)3 nonpartisan organization dedicated to raising awareness about the tens of thousands of orphans and foster children in the United States and the millions of orphans around the world in need of permanent, safe and loving homes through adoption. CCAI was created in 2001 by the active co-chairs of the bicameral, bipartisan Congressional Coalition on Adoption, one of Congress' premiere caucuses. The goal of the caucus is to eliminate policy barriers that hinder children from realizing their basic right of a family and more effectively raise Congressional and public awareness about adoption.

### **About Angels in Adoption Program**

The *Angels in Adoption*® Program was established in 1999 as a Congressional press conference to honor outstanding individuals. Since then, the program has developed into a yearlong public awareness campaign, culminating in an extraordinary awards gala and celebration in Washington, D.C. CCAI does not receive any government funding and relies on the generous support of foundations, corporations, and individuals to accomplish this mission. For more information, visit [www.ccainstitute.org](http://www.ccainstitute.org).

### **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](http://www.MiracleHill.org) or call 864.268.4357. [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#): @MiracleHill

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