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## Miracle Hill Ministries CEO Awarded Order of the Palmetto

GREENVILLE, SC (August 29, 2018) – Miracle Hill Ministries' longtime President/CEO, Reid Lehman, was awarded the Order of the Palmetto by SC Governor Henry McMaster at a ceremony held on August 27, 2018 at the Greenville Rescue Mission. The <u>Order of the Palmetto</u> is a once-in-a-lifetime achievement and the state's highest civilian honor awarded to citizens of South Carolina for extraordinary lifetime service and achievements of national or statewide significance.

The Governor commended Lehman for being a force for good in the Upstate and said, "Reid Lehman is not a man who says 'we have problems, how do we fix it?' Instead, he has a vision of where we want to go and says 'Now let's get there'." He added, "When you have strong people who are determined to get something good done, it is an unstoppable force. "

Lehman has provided leadership for the non-profit for nearly 35 years and has established numerous community partnerships to ensure that homeless children and adults receive compassionate care and resources to help them re-integrate into society.

Deb Richardson-Moore, Pastor of <u>Triune Mercy Center</u> in Greenville, spoke at the award ceremony about Lehman's efforts to coordinate the closure of 'tent city' and promote collaboration among agencies serving the homeless. The resulting <u>Homelessness White Paper</u> and <u>Greenville Homeless Alliance</u> demonstrate "a partnership of funders, service providers, city and county in a way that would have been unthinkable a few years ago," she said. "Our community is poised to create affordable housing, and I believe it's because of Reid's foresight."

More than 100 people attended the award ceremony, which was held in the gymnasium at the <u>Greenville</u> <u>Rescue Mission</u>, the first of nine shelters spread across the Upstate. Upon receiving the award Reid said, "The sacrificial work at Miracle Hill is done by the folks on the front lines – those visiting foster homes, serving in cottages at the Children's Home, the counselors and case managers at the missions. This much-appreciated recognition represents the people who really deserve it, the people who give their lives away every single day."

## **About Miracle Hill Ministries**

Miracle Hill Ministries 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 City Gate Network, a distinction given to fewer than 30 missions nationwide. Additionally, Miracle Hill's foster care program and group homes for children have been accredited by CARF International. For more information about Miracle Hill, please visit <a href="https://www.MiracleHill.org">www.MiracleHill.org</a> or call 864.268.4357. Find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

## PHOTOS:



Reid Lehman with SC Governor Henry McMaster



Reid Lehman and family with SC Governor Henry McMaster

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