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Miracle Hill Foster Care and Group Homes Earn Three-Year CARF Accreditation

GREENVILLE, SC (March 20, 2018) — CARF International announced that Miracle Hill Ministries has been accredited for a period of three years for its Foster Family and Kinship Care and Group Home Care programs. This is the first accreditation the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities has given to Miracle Hill, and the decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be given to an organization.

"We are honored that CARF recognizes the excellent work of the staff and volunteers who serve the children in care at Miracle hill Ministries. I am blessed to lead such a wonderful team," said Beth Williams, VP of Children's Ministries.

This achievement shows Miracle Hill Ministries' substantial conformance to the CARF standards. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation has put itself through a rigorous peer review process. It has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit its commitment to offering programs and services that are measurable, accountable, and of the highest quality.

Miracle Hill Ministries has been providing Foster Family and Kinship Care since 1988. The organization's Children's Home opened in 1958, the Miracle Hill Boys' Shelter began operation in 1990, and Homes for Life, a shelter for homeless young men ages 16 – 21 began in 2012. Collectively, these shelters and programs served nearly 650 Upstate children last year. For additional information, contact Beth Williams, Miracle Hill's VP of Children's Ministries at bwilliams@miraclehill.org or 864.631.0134.

CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process and continuous improvement services that center on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF International, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services. For more information about the accreditation process, please visit the CARF website at www.carf.org.

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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 the <u>Association of Gospel Rescue Missions</u> (AGRM), 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 <u>CARF International</u>. For more information about Miracle Hill, please visit <u>www.MiracleHill.org</u> or call 864.268.4357. Find us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>.