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Miracle Hill Ministries Earns Coveted Four-Star Rating from Charity Navigator

GREENVILLE, SC (May 4, 2018) – Miracle Hill Ministries' strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency have earned the nonprofit a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator. This is the fifth consecutive time that Miracle Hill has earned this top distinction.

"Miracle Hill's exceptional 4-star rating sets it apart from its peers and demonstrates its trustworthiness to the public," according to Michael Thatcher, President & CEO of Charity Navigator. "Only a quarter of charities rated by Charity Navigator receive the distinction of our 4-star rating. This adds Miracle Hill Ministries to a preeminent group of charities working to overcome our world's most pressing challenges. Based on its 4-star rating, people can trust that their donations are going to a financially responsible and ethical charity when they decide to support Miracle Hill."

"Integrity is one of our core values at Miracle Hill, so it's important our donors trust that we're using their donations wisely to accomplish our mission of compassionately caring for the Upstate's homeless," said Reid Lehman, President/CEO of Miracle Hill Ministries. "Our 4-star Charity Navigator rating demonstrates to our supporters our good governance and financial accountability."

Since 2002, using objective analysis, Charity Navigator has awarded only the most fiscally responsible organizations a 4-star rating. In 2011, Charity Navigator added 17 metrics, focused on governance and ethical practices as well as measures of openness, to its ratings methodology. These Accountability & Transparency metrics, which account for 50 percent of a charity's overall rating, reveal which charities operate in accordance with industry best practices and whether they are open with their donors and stakeholders. On June 1, 2016, Charity Navigator upgraded their methodology for rating each charity's financial health with CN 2.1. These enhancements further substantiate the financial health of four -star charities.

<u>Miracle Hill Ministries' rating</u> and other information about charitable giving are available free of charge on www.charitynavigator.org.

About Charity Navigator

Charity Navigator, www.charitynavigator.org, is the largest charity evaluator in America and its website attracts more visitors than all other charity rating groups combined. The organization helps guide intelligent giving by evaluating the Financial Health and Accountability & Transparency of more than 8,000 charities. Charity Navigator accepts no advertising or donations from the organizations it evaluates, ensuring unbiased evaluations, nor does it charge the public for this trusted data. As a result, Charity Navigator, a 501 (c) (3) public charity itself, depends on support from individuals, corporations and foundations that believe it provides a much-needed service to America's charitable givers. Charity Navigator, can be reached directly by telephone at (201) 818-1288, or by mail at 139 Harristown Road, Suite 101, Glen Rock, N.J., 07452.

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>.

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