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## **Ellis & Bradley Turkey Fry for Miracle Hill Ministries to Feed Thousands** *More than 500 turkeys needed in preparation for “Fry Day”*

SPARTANBURG, SC (October 31, 2019) – It’s time for the Upstate to count blessings and turkeys as Miracle Hill Ministries seeks community support for the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Ellis & Bradley Turkey Fry for Miracle Hill on November 26<sup>th</sup>. The ministry expects to feed over 3,300 homeless and impoverished people who otherwise might go hungry on Thanksgiving.

“Every year we are overwhelmed by the community’s generosity in support of this event,” said Kaylin Leopard, Event Coordinator. “It’s a day that is purely about giving and letting people who often feel invisible know they are loved.”

In preparation for this holiday tradition, Miracle Hill will host two frozen turkey drop-off dates: November 15<sup>th</sup> from 12 p.m. – 7 p.m. and November 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Donations may be dropped off at Miracle Hill’s food warehouse located at 725 Keith Drive in Greenville or at the Spartanburg Rescue Mission located at 189 N Forest Street in Spartanburg. Turkeys should weigh at least 15 pounds.

In addition to feeding the guests living in Miracle Hill’s eight shelters and some of the organization’s foster families, Miracle Hill is partnering to provide turkeys for the following organizations:

- [Salvation Army Carolinas](#)
- [The Bridge](#) in Spartanburg (for low income families)
- Archibald Rutledge ([Spartanburg Housing Authority](#) low-income housing)
- Miller Place (assisted living facility in Spartanburg)
- [Greenville Church Without Walls](#) and [Long Branch Baptist Church](#) (distributing Thanksgiving dinner to housing projects and motels -- Shemwood Crossing, Fleetwood Manor, In-Towne Suites, Savannah Suites and Motel 6).

The Upstate community is invited to participate in the Turkey Fry by volunteering, donating turkeys and other items, or sponsoring the event. Current volunteer opportunities include manning the turkey drop-off locations, “Fry Day” set up, cleaning and prepping turkeys, and clean up after the event. Event information, volunteer sign-ups and donation links are available at [miraclehill.org/turkeyfry](http://miraclehill.org/turkeyfry).

WSSL 100 morning show hosts [Bill Ellis and Beth Bradley](#) will broadcast live at the event which will be held at [Miracle Hill’s Spartanburg Rescue Mission](#). The first turkey will be dropped into a fryer at 6:30 a.m., and an experienced “Fry Team” will oversee the cooking as it progresses throughout the day.

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**PHOTO 1: Bill Ellis samples fried turkey**



**PHOTO 2: Volunteers man the turkey cooling station**

### **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, foster care, and a food relief ministry. 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 [miraclehill.org](http://miraclehill.org) or call 864.268.4357. Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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