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Ellis & Bradley Turkey Fry for Miracle Hill Ministries Continues Despite COVID-19 500+ Turkeys to Feed Homeless and Needy Families in the Community

SPARTANBURG, SC (October 20, 2020) – Miracle Hill Ministries will continue the tradition of frying up miracles for the homeless and needy through its 14th Annual Ellis & Bradley Turkey Fry for Miracle Hill event scheduled for Tuesday, November 24, 2020. The event will look different this year to lower the risk of spreading COVID-19, but the non-profit still plans to fry over 500 turkeys to feed more than 2500 adults and children in the Upstate who might otherwise go hungry.

"Even though we won't have as many volunteers this year, we have a great team and will be able to serve everyone safely," said Kaylin Leopard, Event Coordinator. "We wouldn't be able to do this without all of the people who come together to make it a community event."

Miracle Hill is not asking for volunteers and will be working with reduced staff to avoid unnecessary risk associated with COVID-19. Instead of volunteers, the organization is requesting donations of turkeys and canned goods. Financial contributions are also welcome to help provide for ongoing care of the guests living in the shelters. Turkeys and other items may be dropped off Friday, November 13th, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. or Saturday, November 14th, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at either the Miracle Hill Food Warehouse or Spartanburg Rescue Mission. Donors may also purchase items from an Amazon needs list and have them shipped directly to the ministry.

Thanksgiving dinners will be provided at Miracle Hill's five homeless shelters and two recovery centers, and turkeys will be distributed to Miracle Hill foster families. Miracle Hill is also partnering with Greenville Church without Walls, <u>Salvation Army</u>, Miller Place, Archibald Rutledge, and New Life Baptist Church to distribute turkeys to additional people in need.

In order to limit COVID-19 exposure for those living at Miracle Hill's shelters, this year's Thanksgiving celebrations will not be open to the public. However, the <u>Greenville Rescue Mission</u> will prepare over 100 dinners-to-go to serve people in the Greenville area.

For more information about the event, visit <u>miraclehill.org/turkeyfry</u> or contact Kaylin Leopard at 864.631.0148 or knleopard@miraclehill.org.

About Miracle Hill:

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 Children's Ministries have been accredited by CARF International. For more information about Miracle Hill, please visit miraclehill.org or call 864.268.4357. Find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.







