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# Miracle Hill at Restoration Way



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## Miracle Hill Dedicates New Transitional Housing Village

**Greenville, SC. May 18, 2021-** More than fifteen years ago Miracle Hill Ministries started providing limited transitional housing for guests exiting their programs. Since then, the need for transitional housing has exponentially grown in the Upstate. The new transitional housing village, Restoration Way, allows graduates of Miracle Hill's Overcomers program to remain close to the addiction recovery center while they live in transition; as well as be close in proximity to jobs, transportation, outpatient services, and churches.

Miracle Hill believes its success rates in recovery and shelter are due largely to the provision of transitional housing, as well as healthy mentoring relationships. MHM's 2020 Addiction Recovery Survey showed that 66% of their program's graduates had not used any harmful substance since graduation, and those who had briefly re-lapsed (22%) were flourishing at the time of survey. Thus, transitional housing protects and enhances higher success rates by providing healthy, affordable community.

Graduates from Overcomers make a 6-month commitment to stay in transitional housing and some stay longer depending on their personal goals and needs. Men can move in once they are available to enter the workforce, and generally after they are employed. Additionally, all residents must remain clean, sober and continue in close contact with a volunteer mentor. Restoration Way will house up to 48 men by providing eight houses with six beds in each house. The program's cost is \$100.00 per week.

With the addition of the transitional housing at Restoration Way, Miracle Hill now has some transitional housing opportunities for all its adult shelters and programs across the upstate. Miracle Hill's CEO, Ryan Duerk stated that "...the creation of this housing village allows the ministry to re-allocate some of the existing housing to other projects and shelters". Moreover, the ministry is grateful for God's provision, through donors and community partners, to satisfy the necessities of the guests.

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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, and foster care. Miracle Hill's eight thrift stores provide employment opportunities for the community as well as former Miracle Hill guests. Miracle Hill has been awarded the Certificate of Excellence as a Certified Mission by City Gate Network, a distinction given to fewer than 30 missions nationwide. Additionally, Miracle Hill's foster care program has been accredited by CARF International. For more information about Miracle Hill, please visit www.MiracleHill.org or call 864.268.4357. Find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

# Pictures of the housing village







## Biography Ryan Duerk- CEO/ President Miracle Hill Ministries



Ryan has been working at Miracle Hill since 2008. He has served in various roles including Food Warehouse Supervisor, Overcomer Counselor, Program Manager, Director of Overcomers and Vice President of Adult Ministries. He began serving as CEO in January of 2020. Ryan holds a BS in Experimental Psychology from USC Upstate and an MBA from Anderson University. He is a Board-Certified Biblical Counselor through the American Association of Christian Counselors and an Ordained Minister of the Gospel.