



Miracles In The Making

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A Restored Heart and Home

Miracle Hill serves over six hundred people everyday. In the Greenville Rescue Mission, the staff reaches out to men caught in difficult circumstances who have found themselves without any resources or home of their own. Claude Padgett, 69, was no exception. He entered the facility with a tragic past that—through prayer and determination—gave way to a beautiful, restored future.

Claude was his mother's live-in caregiver for years. Though she was physically and mentally capable, Claude took care of everything his mother needed including paying the bills and managing the house. The Padgetts were content in their home and family life. However, a horrifying series of events changed everything.

A disastrous car accident left Claude in a coma for a significant period of time. Because he was bed-ridden for so long, Claude lost his home and his mother was sent to a nursing facility in Georgia. Inexplicably, Claude awoke from his coma, his doctors calling him a "walking miracle." However, he was bombarded with a storm of medical bills once he left the hospital. Claude also had a strong desire to reunite with his mother and find a new home, but could not feasibly do so. Claude was now homeless, penniless, and unable to walk thirty yards without collapsing. He had no place to call home—until he came to Miracle Hill.

Immediately, Claude was blessed by the support of the Greenville Rescue Mission. The staff not only gave him food, shelter, and guidance, but they also lived out the gospel by taking Claude to his appointments and caring for his special needs. They even strived to reunite his lost family. Claude asserts, "I knew if I went on the streets, I wouldn't have made it. But they knew how hurt I was and they did everything they could to help me." After ten short months, Claude finally got his mother out of her nursing facility and secured a new home for them in Seneca, SC. He now rejoices in the trials he went through, seeing that God carried him every step of the way through the ministry of Miracle Hill.

**Thank you for your support of our
banquet & cycling event.**

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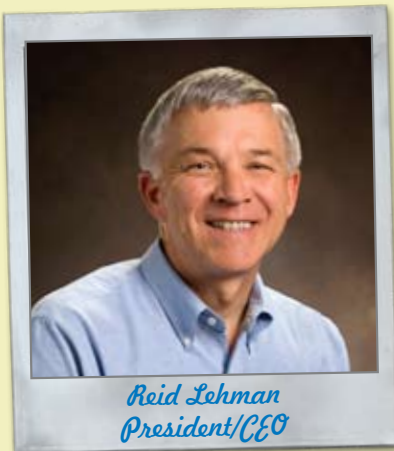
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... He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. ... to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed. Luke 4:18

Those named in this passage are helpless to deliver themselves—they can certainly provide few benefits to others. Many have been used up, taken advantage of and set aside.



*Reid Lehman
President/CEO*

It's a privilege to serve in an organization that targets those discarded by others. People come in isolated, weary, jaded—and in just a few weeks many are energized, living in hope and helping others.

We can't fix anyone, but your help provides an environment in which God's love and grace can be seen and experienced: where people feel safe and have their basic needs met.

A woman in our care recently shared that a song, "Not Guilty Anymore," had been used by God to help cleanse her and give hope.

"It doesn't matter what you've done; It doesn't matter where you're coming from - doesn't matter where you've been, hear me tell you I forgive - you're not guilty anymore, you're not filthy anymore, ...you're not broken anymore, you're not captive anymore. I love you, mercy is yours."

I was blessed that God had given her hope by whatever means, and I was moved that He had used this song, birthed in a collaboration between Aaron Keys and Andy Lehman (my son).

When you free those who are in bondage, when you befriend the friendless in the name of Christ, when you provide food and housing or counseling and encouragement, when you compose a song or share a gospel message, spoken or sung, that opens their hearts; you are doing the work of the Messiah. We are His hands and feet.

If you can't find a friend in the world, you can find one here.

Wish Lists

Miracle Hill is blessed to partner with a host of individuals, foundations, churches, and businesses to help us achieve our mission. The needs are many and we wouldn't be able to continue our services without the help of the community.



Each of our facilities typically has a capital needs list and a Christmas wish list that will help with infrastructure type requirements like roofing or computer upgrades plus desired items for residents staying with us during the holidays. The majority of these items are designed to make residents experience a safer, more up-to-date environment and to show that someone does care.

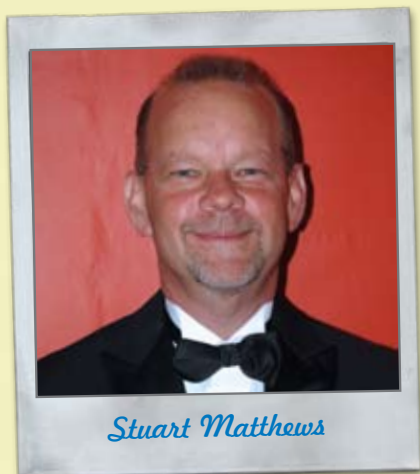
To learn more about the capital needs wish list please visit our giving page at www.miraclehill.org/give/capital.

The Christmas and regular wish lists can be viewed online at www.miraclehill.org/give/wish-lists. Your support will help someone rebuild their life.



The Beauty of a Second Chance

Many of the graduates from our drug rehabilitation facilities, Overcomers and Renewal, worry about finding jobs after they leave the safe halls of Miracle Hill. However, many companies have made the gracious decision to partner with our ministry in order to give graduates a chance to start their lives over.



Stuart Matthews, an Overcomers graduate of 2008, had an educational background of chemistry and engineering before he fell into a pattern of drug abuse. Stuart was skeptical that he would ever find a job again. However, **New Life Chemical**, a surplus chemical business in Greenville,

SC, reached out to Stuart after receiving his resume from three different sources. Because of their Christian foundation, New Life Chemical holds to biblical business ethics and has been supporting Miracle Hill for years. Stuart never hid his past from his bosses, but was still welcomed into their work environment with open arms. Stuart rejoices, "God is a god of multiple chances and it was certainly apparent in [the owners of New Life]. They gave me a chance that has changed my life in so many ways." Since he has been hired, New Life has also employed at least two more Overcomers graduates.

Several other companies including **MP Husky**, **McDonald's**, and **Liquid Highway** also partner with Miracle Hill graduates. Indeed, it is a great blessing to offer second chances to those who are desperate for a fresh start. If your business would like to partner with Miracle Hill, please contact us at 864-268-4357 or mhmi@miraclehill.org.

Summer-Filled Enrichment

At Miracle Hill Boys' Shelter, summertime does not indicate a break from learning. In fact, the shelter staff, summer instructors-- John McPherson and Trez Flemings, and summer intern--Maxwell Zinser, have made it a point to take their twenty boys out into the community every week to teach the children what resources are at their fingertips. This summer the boys visited the Humane Society, City Hall, Clemson University, and Fort Sumter among other fun activities. They have also heard from Upstate leaders such as Mayor Knox White and US Representative Trey Gowdy.

Along with their inspirational outings, the boys participated in Reading Enrichment, a program that allows them to express themselves through interpreting the written word. Through both the reading programs and community outreach, the staff and guest speakers have weaved the hope of Christ into every activity. Please visit our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/MiracleHill, to learn more!

It only takes \$2.58 a day to feed someone in our shelters.

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Upcoming Events

Annual Spartanburg Fundraising Banquet ~ September 15, 2011

Join us as we host a night of fellowship and inspiration at the Marriott Spartanburg from 6:30-8:30pm to benefit Miracle Hill Rescue Mission - Spartanburg. Special

guest Mike Minter, retired NFL Carolina Panther, will be sharing his testimony. As a motivational speaker, philanthropist, and aspiring pastor, Mike Minter tells his story of integrity in the midst of trial and carrying out the faith on the football field, the boardroom, and the altar. More information can be found at www.MiracleHill.org/banquet/Spartanburg.

Annual Cherokee County Fundraising Banquet ~ November 10, 2011

Guest speaker Carol Kent, author of *When I Lay My Isaac Down*, will share with us her dynamic and hopeful testimony. Carol Kent is vulnerably open, while still incorporating humor and encouragement into

her tales of grace. All activities begin at 6:30pm at Broad River Electric in Gaffney, SC. Find more information at www.MiracleHill.org/banquet/Cherokee.

Please contact Cindy Kelly at 864-631-0137 or ckelly@miraclehill.org for information about table host and underwriting opportunities, or to reserve your seat.



*Mike Minter,
Former Carolina Panther*

Gift Annuity Payment Rates Single Life

| Age | Fixed Rate |
|-----|------------|
| 65 | 5.3% |
| 70 | 5.8% |
| 75 | 6.5% |
| 80 | 7.5% |
| 85 | 8.4% |
| 90+ | 9.8% |

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To learn more please contact Greg Hynds at 864-268-4357 or ghynds@miraclehill.org.

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