

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 9, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Julie Ann Avin
Executive Director
Mental Illness Recovery Center, Inc.
(803) 786.1844
javin@mirci.org

**ELI LILLY PRESENTS HOME SWEET HOME AWARD
TO MIRCI's HOMEBASE PROGRAM**

WASHINGTON DC – On November 4, 2005 Eli Lilly presented the Mental Illness Recovery Center, Inc.'s (MIRCI) HomeBase program with the Home Sweet Home Award. HomeBase provides homeless mentally ill and/or dual diagnosed individuals with the stability and supportive services needed to assist them in making the transition from homelessness to permanent, safe housing in Richland and Lexington Counties.

Home Sweet Home was awarded based on a HomeBase resident's success story. MIRCI took home Second Place; a \$2,500 gift accompanied the award.

Ms. Dianne Williams, HomeBase Coordinator, says "HomeBase and its clients are proud to receive the award from Eli Lilly. MIRCI does much to assist in the stabilization of the severely mentally ill in the Midlands; it is wonderful to see companies like Eli Lilly responding."

The event was held at the Fairmont Hotel in Washington DC from November 3rd – November 5th. Recipients were treated to tours of the city, reception and awards dinners and first-class accommodations.

The Mental Illness Recovery Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide community based services to individuals recovering from mental illness and/or severe emotional problems in the Midlands of South Carolina. Established in 1960, MIRCI offers a variety of counseling, housing and financial management programs to help individuals become better adjusted and live independently in the community.

For more information about HomeBase or the Home Sweet Home Award, please call Julie Ann Avin at (803) 786.1844 or email javin@mirci.org.

###