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**HOMELESS RECOVERY CENTER  
GRAND OPENING**

Columbia, SC – On **Tuesday, November 29, 2005, at 10:30 AM**, the Mental Illness Recovery Center, Inc. (**MIRCI**) will celebrate the **Grand Opening** of its latest endeavor – the **Homeless Recovery Center** at **1433 Gregg Street**.

The Homeless Recovery Center supports one of the Midlands' hardest to reach populations – mentally ill and/or dual diagnosed (mental illness and substance abuse) homeless. Managed under the ACT Model (Assertive Community Treatment), many of the services provided in an in-patient setting are offered by engaging and treating clients where they live. Open when other shelters are closed, the Homeless Recovery Center is open 365 days a year.

In Richland County, PATH (Projects for Assistance in the Transition from Homelessness) estimates more than 400 mentally ill and/or dual diagnosed citizens are homeless. The Homeless Recovery Center is an innovative solution to address the homelessness issue.

Please join us for the Homeless Recovery Center's Grand Opening and brief press conference on Tuesday, November 29, 2005 at 10:30 AM at 1433 Gregg Street. Scheduled speakers are Julie Ann Avin, Mary Winter Teaster and Liz Green.

*MIRCI – the Mental Illness Recovery Center, Inc. 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. This is accomplished through a variety of counseling, housing and financial management initiatives including Friendship Center, Representative Payee, HomeBase and Supportive Housing programs.*

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