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LEADERSHIP COLUMBIA CLASS OF 2018 ANNOUNCES CLASS PROJECT

Leadership Columbia partners with MIRCI

COLUMBIA, S.C. – As part of the Leadership Columbia program, each class chooses a project that makes an impact in the community. This year, after receiving RFPs from 14 non-profit organizations in the greater Midlands area, the LC Class of 2018 has chosen a project that benefits Mental Illness Recovery Center, Inc. (MIRCI). MIRCI's project is Project HEAT, which is the construction of a house in downtown Columbia which will serve up to 10 young men in need of transitional living. The LC Class will assist in the furnishing and landscaping of the home, marketing the project, and recruiting volunteers.

The house is currently under construction and is in need of furniture, appliances, and essentials to make Project HEAT a true home for future young men. To help furnish the home, the 2018 LC Class is hosting house warming parties to collect donations for the MIRCI home. Individuals interested in participating can visit MIRCI's registry online at <https://www.myregistry.com/giftlist/mirci> to purchase a gift.

For questions, please contact Charlotte Bian-Lingle at cbian-lingle@columbiachamber.com.

About Leadership Columbia

Leadership Columbia is an educational program offered through the Columbia Chamber. The 10-month program provides emerging and existing leaders in the Midlands area with an opportunity to enhance their civic knowledge and network. For over 40 years, Leadership Columbia has helped participants better understand the local community, while building relationships with the region's current and future leaders.

For more information on Leadership Columbia, visit www.columbiachamber.com or contact Charlotte Bian-Lingle at 803.733.1146.

About Columbia Chamber

The Columbia Chamber is a private, non-profit, partner-driven organization comprised of 1,200 business enterprises, civic organizations, educational institutions and individuals in Calhoun, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Newberry and Richland counties. The Columbia Chamber serves as the voice of its Partners and the business community at large on matters of economic, educational, social, cultural and political concern, as well as supports and promotes the success of its partners through networking, professional development, advocacy and leadership. The organization has represented the interests of the local business community since 1902.

To become a Partner or to learn more about the Columbia Chamber, as well as its events, programs and initiatives, visit www.ColumbiaChamber.com.

About MIRCI

MIRCI – the Mental Illness Recovery Center, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to assist individuals with mental illness to recover in the areas of their impacted by their illness through housing, behavioral healthcare, and assistance with obtaining and managing their disability income.

For more information about the transitional housing program for young men contact MIRCI's Youth Services Director, Daniel M. "Mac" Caldwell, Jr. via phone at (803)799.0331 or via email at DCaldwell@mirci.org.

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