



52 Windows a Great Success!

Thanks so much to the artists, volunteers, sponsors, caterers, musicians and attendees who made our annual *52 Windows* art sale and gala such a big success. Held at 701 Whaley in Columbia on Thursday, May 5th, the lively event drew more than 200 attendees. More than 70 works of art were sold, and after expenses, the *52 Windows* event raised approximately \$60,000 for the work of MIRCI.

Thank You, Midlands Gives Donors!

To the 60 donors who gave to MIRCI on Midlands Gives Day, the first Tuesday in May, we send a huge thank you. You helped us raise \$11,690!

Paying it Forward: A Client Story

In March 2019, David* moved from a local homeless shelter into MIRCI's Youth Home in Columbia. He needed a supportive environment to continue working on his education and employment goals. David soon got a full-time job and enrolled at Midlands Tech.

He was eventually able to save enough money to buy a car. In 2020, when he moved into his own apartment, we wondered, what would the future hold for David?

A few weeks ago, we found out. David stopped by the Youth Home to let us know how excited he was to be *graduating college* this summer.



"I'm going to graduate at the end of the summer in Human Services," David said. "I just have to do an externship and then I'll have everything complete. I can't wait to start working with people and giving back the way people have given to me."

David's determination to take what has been given to him and pay it forward to others in need is remarkable. The future is bright for him and for all those he will impact through his new human services degree.

We can't wait to see what comes next!

**Protecting client privacy is very important to MIRCI, and David is not our client's real name.*

[Learn more about MIRCI's Youth Services](#)

Why MIRCI?



MIRCI Board member Ted Pitts, a former S.C. legislator and President and CEO of Wilson Kibler Commercial Real Estate Firm, explains why he has donated his time and resources to MIRCI the past six years:

“My favorite Bible verse is Luke 12:48: To whom much is given, much is required. MIRCI makes a real difference in improving the lives of many in our community, so I know supporting MIRCI is one of the things He wants me to do.

Issues arising from mental health that impact society seem to be increasingly prevalent. If you've been around Columbia or other metropolitan areas, you see the effects of mental health issues on people throughout the homeless community. MIRCI works on the front lines of the fight, providing help to individuals who would not otherwise receive it. Their work is a real solution that addresses the root causes of homelessness. MIRCI's impact can be measured, and its results can be seen. MIRCI's intervention, behavioral health services and housing support transform lives and make Columbia a better place to live and work for all of us.”

Congratulations Mac for *Twenty Under Forty* Recognition!



Congratulations to MIRCI Youth Services Director Mac Caldwell, named one of The State Newspaper's "Twenty Under Forty." The honor spotlights 20 young adults who are making a difference in the Midlands.

[Read more about Mac's award](#)

Thank you, Lipscomb Family Foundation

We're grateful to the wonderful **Lipscomb Family Foundation** for its generous \$10,000 grant in support of MIRCI's Youth Services. Established by the late Margaret and Guy Lipscomb, the Lipscomb Family Foundation supports Midlands' charities that encourage young people to grow into creative, productive, loving, trustworthy, self-reliant, healthy adults. Margaret Lipscomb was a Columbia civic leader, art patron, gardener and musician. Her husband, Guy Lipscomb, was a successful South Carolina chemist and businessman who became a critically acclaimed watercolor and acrylic artist later in life. His book, *Watercolor: Go with the Flow*, is a staple in watercolor instruction classes.

Join MIRCI in providing

a way **FORWARD**

in the areas of:

Essential Needs
Behavioral Healthcare
Supportive Housing

Have you ever wanted to be a hero, to make a true difference in the world? Today, you can be a way forward for someone in the Midlands who is experiencing (or facing the possibility of) homelessness while also navigating the emotional uncertainty of mental illness.

By signing up for MIRCI's new monthly giving program at any amount, you can make an instant positive change in someone's life:

- \$10 a month provides 5 days of transportation for someone trying to make appointments, go grocery shopping or meet basic needs.
- \$25 a month provides medication for an individual with schizophrenia
- \$50 a month provides sheets, pillows and a comforter for a person exiting homelessness after months or years without shelter
- \$125 a month provides a housing starter kit that contains 20 essential kitchen, bath and laundry items.

To sign up for our 'A Way Forward' monthly giving plan, simply go to the link below and select "recurring gift". Then sleep well tonight and every night going forward knowing that you're using your blessings to bless another. Thank you for whatever you can do!

Provide a way forward today!



Register for our next MIRCI tour on July 28th [here](#).



Donate one of our most requested items [here](#).



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