



A NOTE FROM THE CEO

Throughout the past few years, Mirci's strategic planning has concentrated on providing safe and secure environments for our staff, residents, patients, and visitors.

Recently, a professional safety assessment was conducted at all our facilities to evaluate our level of risk, resulting in the recommendation for creating one safe facility to consolidate all our programs and services that have spanned four buildings across the City of Columbia. We'll be moving into a newly upfitted medical park building on the new downtown MUSC Midlands campus in late May. Stay tuned over the next couple of months for the announcement of our grand opening to the community.

This month, amid all the excitement of watching the upfit of the building and the anticipation of the move into our new safe space, I've been regularly reminded of the need that youth and young adults have for safe spaces and places.

In 2017, Mirci added housing options for young people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, coupled with behavioral healthcare for those needing it. Early disruptions in the family home, such as homelessness, foster care placement, or the death of a parent often interfere with development, school and building positive relationships. These kinds of experiences can lead youth to turn to substance misuse, mental health issues, and in turn housing instability.

Mirci has been providing permanent supportive housing through scattered site

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apartments to youth and young adults experiencing chronic homelessness; as well as a transitional living program for young men aged 17 to 22 in a 10-bedroom home.

We've been working to create a similar transitional program for young women and have finally hit a home run. Later this year, we will be breaking ground for a youth home for females! These homes intervene early to provide safe housing and services to prevent long-term effects of trauma, mental illness and homelessness.

The common theme for me this spring is creating safety – through safe spaces and places – whether for our staff and patients, for adults in our behavioral healthcare, or for young people who've experienced violence or family disruptions. As a community, our young people are our greatest asset. I hope you'll join us in creating safe spaces and places for them to grow and become our leaders in the future.

Julie Ann Avin
President & CEO

MIRCI WELCOMES NEW HIRES

Ti Barnes, Chief Operating Officer

As the former Executive Director of Bowers-Rodgers Children's Home in Greenwood, Ti led a dedicated team in providing a safe haven and comprehensive support services for abused and neglected children. His role involved strategic planning, fundraising, and program development to ensure the holistic well-being of every child in their care. Transitioning to Allen University as the Associate Vice President for Development, Barnes spearheaded initiatives that helped to increase the institution's funding capacity, enhanced educational opportunities for students through scholarships and improved facilities

Now, as the COO of MIRCI - Mental Illness Recovery Center Inc., Ti aims to leverage his expertise in strategic planning, fundraising, and program development to strengthen our services and outreach.

"My goal is to ensure that individuals and families facing homelessness as well as mental health challenges receive the support, care, and resources they need to recover and thrive, fostering a community where these issues are prioritized and stigma is eradicated."

Ti's personal and professional journey has been guided by a commitment to service and community. He holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina, an MPA from Strayer University, and a CFRL from the Lilly family School of Philanthropy at Indiana University. Ti is a 28 year member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., a devoted husband and father of three.

LaToya Edwards, Quality Assurance Director

"I am so excited to be a part of the MIRCI family! I recently started with MIRCI as the Quality Assurance Director. I am a Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor with experience working in a variety of different settings to include therapeutic foster care, group home care, a psychiatric residential treatment facility, and community-based services. I am hoping to use my knowledge and experience to compliment the great work already being done at MIRCI."

Taylor Treacy, Marketing & Development Officer

"As a native to Columbia, SC, I couldn't be more excited to join MIRCI's team. My background is in digital marketing and event management, with a focus in media and nonprofit work. As a yoga instructor and advocate for mental health, I find myself in perfect alignment with the mission of MIRCI. My goal is to amplify MIRCI's presence at the local and national level, shedding light on our impactful programs through meaningful partnerships, community events, and an enhanced online presence. I'm truly grateful for the opportunity to contribute to MIRCI's mission and eager to grow alongside our amazing team."



Ti Barnes, LaToya Edwards, Taylor Treacy

52 WINDOWS

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