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Honea Path Welcomes Selah House for Women

HONEA PATH, May 2, 2018 – Friends and neighbors of Selah House, a home for women recovering from addiction, held a moving dedication and open house on Wednesday. Members of the First Baptist Church in Honea Path and other local churches led a prayer circle and offered encouragement to the Selah House leaders and newest resident.

The Selah House is part of the Cross Anchor Ministries, located in Greenwood. Cross Anchor builds discipleship homes, like the Selah House, to assist men and women with addiction issues transition from rehab centers to productive lives in the local community. Cross Anchor provides a 12 month program for residents which commits them to a sober and Christian way of life. The program offers practical life skills, such as budgeting and job interviewing. Residents must complete volunteer hours every month and pay a small rent. Residents must also attend the Celebrate Recovery program held at the First Baptist Church.

Bryan and Michael Ashley are members of the board of the Cross Anchor Ministries and lead the program in Honea Path. “This program means the addict does not just survive in recovery, but thrives,” said Ms. Ashley, who is the director of operations for the house. “Our residents discover who they are and their purpose in life through Jesus Christ.”

The Selah House gained its first resident on April 14. It has a total capacity of six residents. Residents are referred by rehab centers in the area. Bryan and Michael are already thinking about setting up a second home in the near future. Ms. Ashley was asked about the reaction of people of in the community to the new residents with their past problems. Considering the residents’ commitment to a productive, meaningful and Christian life, she in turn asked, “Why would you not want to welcome these women into the community?”

Cross Anchor Ministries is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Donations are tax deductible and may be dropped off at the church office of the First Baptist Church, or mailed to PO Box 1269, Greenwood, SC 29648. Please put Selah House on the memo line of the check. If you would like more information about the Cross Anchor Ministries and the Selah House, contact Ms. Michael Ashley at Ms.michaelashley2015@gmail.com.

[Photo: Ms. Michael Ashley, director of operations, considers the tree of life, a symbol of hope for the Selah House residents.]

[Photo: Local pastors led a dedication of the Selah House on Wednesday. Represented are (l-r) Travis Dyar, Southside Baptist; Mike Moody, First Baptist; Jimmy Lewis, Honea Path Church of God; Ronnie

Powell, Chiquola Baptist, Eric Shuler, Honea Path Church of God; and Dennis Castellano, Chaplain, SC State Parks.]