

# **MICAH HOUSE at the Hill**

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On February 20, 2009, I had the honor and opportunity of a lifetime, to attend the Presidential Inauguration of Senator Barack Obama, held in Washington D.C... This visit made possible through Micah House sponsorship.

So there I was at President Obama's Inauguration ceremony in Washington D.C., a dream come true! Most importantly, I was there sober and clean. Upon graduating last year from The Micah House, a faith based rehab and treatment program, I set out on a journey to live some of my dreams. Many of which did not come with a high cost ticket. This trip, however, did have associated cost, which were covered by so many who have faith in me and my dreams, including Pastor Lockett and the good staff and alumni of the Micah House..

I truly believe that my addiction, at an early age, was fueled by my quest for power. I wanted to be president and often prayed and wished I were white, in order for that to come true. Later in life, I never-ever imagined, especially through my crack addiction, I would live to see this country with a Black president. Today, Barack Obama, a Black man, is the 44<sup>th</sup> President of The United States of America.

So there I stood, among masses of people, in celebration of this historic event! Realizing that it is OK to chase your dreams, even in recovery, which I will be a part of the rest of my life. But we must pace the race, and remember that dream chasing is still one day at a time.

The Micah House is so unique in its family connectedness approach to recovery. Yes, at Micah, WE ARE FAMILY, and I say much thanks and praise for the ongoing memories.

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