



TEEN CHALLENGE
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The Proven Cure For The Drug Epidemic

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27 Years and Still Growing in Knowing

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I came from a broken family with a Christian background. At the age of 16 I left home to make my own way, not knowing what life would offer. Well, by age 19, I had been in and out of jail and was facing 14-50 years of prison time. Believe me, I was really scared.

Someone told me to write to local programs in order to try and get some help. So, I got the phone book ... prayed ... and began my search to get my life turned around. I wrote a few letters and prayed hard that God would connect me with the right place. Not long after that I got a visit from Jeff Baker from Teen Challenge. Mr. Baker went to court with me and helped me eventually get into the Teen Challenge residential program. The year was 1979 and at that time Teen Challenge was located on Vine Street in Cincinnati.

At Teen Challenge I found myself in a supportive, caring environment where they helped me identify my problems and get right with God. I learned that He had always been there for me ... just calling and waiting for me to turn to Him!

In the years following Teen Challenge, I still had struggles and at one point did go back to jail. But God was still knocking at my heart. With His grace and help, I've been able to change my ways and have straightened out my life. I am now married and between us we have 3 daughters, Brittany, Heather and Rachel.

In 2004 I had double hernia surgery and needed 8 weeks to recuperate. Sometime after that I became ill again and needed a second surgery. The results from all this was that I was diagnosed with a number of illnesses, including ulcers and suspected cancer. Every day and every night I would ask God to help me and my family through this hard time. Our finances were critical and more medical treatment was needed. God was faithful and provided a doctor who is helping us with my medical needs. And the results from a recent medical examination have showed that I do not have cancer after all! Praise God!

Through the years, I have turned to Romans 10:13 over and over ... *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."* Just knowing that I can call on Him any time has gotten me through some really hard times. I have knocked on God's door many times and He has always been there for me. And He has been there for me even when I wasn't knocking on His door!

My faith in God is stronger than ever. Through attending church and seeking Him, I grow a little more daily in knowing and understanding Him. I will always be grateful to Teen Challenge for being there for me when I was ready to reach out and ask for help.

I encourage you to remember always to thank the good Lord above for your health, family, friends and everything that you do in your daily life. Never stray far from the Lord. He is your rock. He is and always will be there for you!



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Students Visit National Underground Railroad Freedom Center



Students and staff this past January 16 (M.L. King Jr. Day) spent the day exploring at the Freedom Center in Cincinnati. The images and education offered at the Center made a noticeable and significant impact on all who attended.



Teen Challenge Golf Classic

This year's 8th Annual Teen Challenge Golf Classic will once more be held at Kenwood Country Club Monday, May 22.

Individual and Company Sponsorships are still available. For more information call George at 248-0452 x105 or email at geomartin@one.net



Pictured are Pierre Paroz (American Micro) event organizer and and Chairman along with Tony Maas (JTM Food Group)2004 and 2005 Event Sponsor. Teen Challenge is most grateful to the many corporate sponsors who help make this such a premier event.



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Did You Know?

In 2005 Teen Challenge provided 10 vehicles along with great career connections for students completing the program!

Email Your Newsletter!

Would you like to get this newsletter electronically? Also, what an opportunity to "forward" the work of the Ranch to your friends! Just let us know by emailing us at geomartin@one.net

"The Good Report!"

(We want to highlight noteworthy accomplishments from alumni. Please submit items for our next newsletter.)

Jim Howell~ (1984) stopped in to touch base. He and his wife Karen live in Mt. Orab and have been married 18+ years. Their 16-year-old daughter is a sophomore in high school and is just getting ready to get her temporary driver's license. Jim has worked for ABX Air (a delivery service) for the past 8 years and is part of their transportation lead team. He is doing very well and he and Karen recently became youth leaders at their church. He said he will always be grateful to Teen Challenge for being there to lead him to Christ in his time of need.



Travis Periman~ (1999) called and left the following message, "Just wanted to call and extend my gratitude to the entire staff, even though most of them weren't there when I went through the program. But as of today (Dec 2, 2005) I graduated 6 years ago and I just wanted to say THANK YOU! I praise God for all you guys. Love you all!"

Matt Parker~ (2001) is doing well, working and attending a Baptist church in the Mt. Carmel area.

Dave Dincler~ (2002-2003) is an electrician with Glenwood Technologies ... is buying a home in Springdale/Forest Park area ... is engaged to be married in 2006 ... and is on the worship team at his church. Doing well!

Tony Taylor~ (2003) has been serving with the US Marines since June, 2005.

Jim Hargis~ (2003) & **Patrick Kendall** (2005) called in to say they are doing well.

Ryan Blount~ (2005) is doing great and is living in Portland, IN with his family. He is working for FCC running a metal lathe machine making clutch guides for Hondas. He continues to play guitar and is active in the New Covenant Church.

"You're all a wonderful blessing. I'll never repay you for helping restore the sparkle to Brad's eyes and the smile back to his face. His presence at home is a joy. Thanks for the lives you're restoring and for sharing God's hope for all our lives." Love, SC

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU... Alumni of Teen Challenge (grads and non grads) ... we want to organize, come together in unity and lift each other up! Please call us with your contact information and an update on how you are doing.



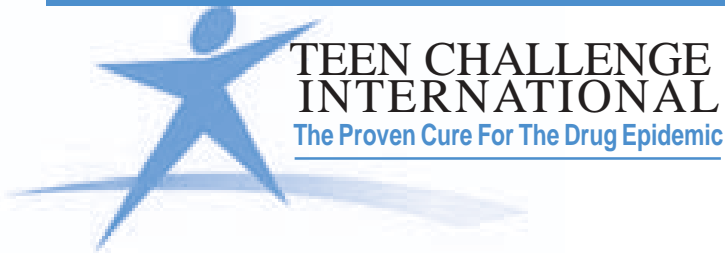
Who Are We?

Located on 165 acres of beautiful countryside in Milford, Teen Challenge Cincinnati is a mission of hope, offering a 9 -12 month residential treatment program to men ages 18-35 who are dealing with the problems of drug and alcohol addictions.

Mission Statement

Evangelize people who have life controlling problems and initiate the discipleship process to the point where the student can function as a Christian in society applying spiritually motivated biblical principles to relationships in the family, local church, chosen vocation and the community. Teen Challenge endeavors to help people become mentally sound, emotionally balanced, socially adjusted, physically well and spiritually alive.

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Our endowment fund, "*Securing their Destiny*" stands as an excellent opportunity for your giving consideration – be it wills, stocks, or as a named beneficiary to an insurance policy. This financially wise method of stewardship helps ensure the long-term financial stability of the Teen Challenge and helps to ensure that the Ranch continues its much-needed outreach to the lost, caught in the cycle of drug and alcohol addiction.

For more information call
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Needs List ... We Need Your Help!

Volunteer Needs:

Always needing drivers for several hours during the week.
Volunteer to teach Microsoft and general computer skills to students.

Financial needs:

\$4,000 for a new furnace for the gym
\$6,500 to replace all three heat pumps in the Admin Building
\$750 to remodel two classrooms
\$2,100 to install acoustic paneling in the gym giving it more versatility
Please consider sponsoring a student for an entire month - \$1,600

We can always use:

Nice, clean men's dress and work clothing and shoes
Cars or Trucks in good working condition
Garden tiller (heavy duty)
Automotive mechanic's tools
A working bobcat