

What are people **SAYING**
about **Teen Challenge?**

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...in Texas there is a faith-based program (i.e., Teen Challenge) which has been remarkably effective in dealing with alcohol and drug addiction. It does not cost the taxpayers a cent.

-Peter Jennings
ABC World News Tonight

The Teen Challenge program succeeds where all of the government programs have failed.

-Chuck Colson

Of all the programs to help the drug addicts reported to the commission, the most successful is a religiously based program conducted by Teen Challenge.

-Dr. John A. Howard,
National Commission on Marijuana
and Drug Abuse

I thought the visit (during his campaign) to Teen Challenge in Colfax, IA was a highlight. It was just a wonderful experience for me.

-President George W. Bush ”



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HELPING People
Who **Hurt**

Do you know someone with a
life-controlling problem?

Do you have a problem that is
destroying your **life**?

Contact Teen Challenge of the
Midlands
and we'll share God's love.

"I don't believe you can make any better investment of your prayers, time and finances than investing them in our students and their families. Together we can make a difference in the Midlands."

Rev. Warren Hunsberger



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There is Hope!

We all want to help those struggling with life-controlling problems such as drug and alcohol abuse. Unfortunately, surveys show most treatment facilities to have discouraging results as low as 5% rehabilitation.

No wonder many people believe, "Once a junkie, always a junkie."

A study sponsored by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare showed that one program had an 86% success rate with a group of heroin addicts seven years after completion. That program is Teen Challenge – a program that offers real hope.

Why Teen Challenge makes a difference -

Our Basic Principles

1 There is hope for those bound by life-controlling problems.

2 Choosing to disobey God and to live outside of His plan is our real problem.

3 The only cure for our problem is Jesus Christ.

4 Christ *IN* us enables us to live according to God's plan and frees us from life-controlling problems.



The Teen Challenge Program

Phase 1. (Outreach)

We go directly to people who hurt—on the street and in jail or prison. We offer substance-abuse programs in schools, drop-in counseling, literature, and other education efforts.

Phase 2. (Crisis Intervention)

People with life-controlling problems are given a place to live to meet the immediate crisis. We meet their physical needs and love them with the love of Christ. They are evaluated to determine if they need or desire our long-term discipleship training.

Phase 3. (Induction)

The beginning of the discipleship process involves five months of foundational Bible study and character development.

Phase 4. (Training)

Needed life skills such as proper work habits, parenting, budgeting, and resumé building are added during this four-month phase. We have job training and classes in construction and auto mechanics. We also offer GED and Reading Enhancement classes if needed. The Wives Ministry reaches out to the spouses of our married students with the goal of building healthy marriages.

Phase 5. (Re-entry)

This six-month phase involves assistance in finding suitable employment, and vibrant church fellowship in a local congregation of their choice.



Who We Help

Teen Challenge is NOT just for teens. Nationally, our programs accept adolescents, men and women. Locally, we serve men, 18 years of age and up. We also help local churches establish support groups to help far more people than we can house in our residential programs.



Our History

Teen Challenge was founded in 1961 by Dave Wilkerson, author of the best seller, "The Cross and the Switchblade." Today, there are more than 150 Teen Challenge centers in the U.S., and 250 worldwide, including Teen Challenge of the Midlands, which began in Omaha in 1972.

Churches of all denominations and individuals from many walks of life support this program. The common thread is a deep concern for the addict, whose plight was considered hopeless until Teen Challenge began.

The ministry solicits your prayers, inquiries and financial support. All gifts to Teen Challenge of the Midlands are tax-deductible.
