

Teen Challenge Update

Colfax Training Center

March, 2010

Staff Snapshot



Gretchen Good

How long have you worked at Teen Challenge?

I have worked here for 17 years.

What is your favorite thing about working here?

My favorite part is seeing lives changed, and entire families healed. Teen Challenge doesn't just reach the students here, but also their families back home.

What is one interesting fact about yourself?

I have knitted almost 50 baby blankets for friends and family. It's one of my ministries and hobbies.



Scott Reddish

How long have you worked at Teen Challenge of the Midlands?

I completed the program in 2006, and have worked here 3 1/2 years.

What is your favorite thing about working here?

Seeing men and women restored, watching them fall in love with Jesus, and lay down their lives for Him. When they become passionately hungry for God, get filled with the Holy Spirit, live with impact and purpose for His glory and change everything around them for His Kingdom.

Name one interesting fact about yourself.

My bulldog puppy is my most favorite possession, hands down.



Brandon Avalos

How long have you worked at Teen Challenge of the Midlands?

I completed the program in 2009, and have been an intern since January.

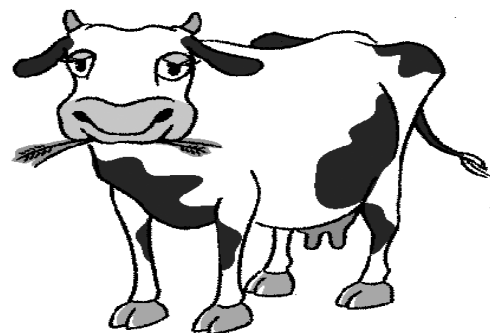
What is your favorite thing about working here?

It is my passion to teach these men how to be ALL that God has called them to be. It is such a blessing to have the opportunity, day in and day out, to pour life into each of these men's lives, which were once dead and hopeless. Introducing these men to a new LIFE in CHRIST alone is worth living for!

Name one interesting fact about yourself.

My hometown is Corpus Christi, Texas, and I played football/baseball for the University of Alabama.

THANK YOU!!



Last month we asked for donations of meat for our kitchen. THANK you to all our faithful supporters who helped meet this need! We thank God for men and women like YOU who stand beside us in this ministry. God bless each of you! If you would still like to donate, please contact Isaac Hunsberger at (515)674-3713.

Set Free From the Pit of Hell!

I was raised by a good and loving family who cared a lot for me. I have one older brother who is five years older than I am, and we both had a good childhood. It wasn't until my teenage years that things began to get bad. I started having problems, and was struggling with depression. Instead of talking to someone about it I turned to drugs, and began experimenting with marijuana. I continued to use that, and also popped pills and uppers which only made things worse. As I got older, I moved onto harder drugs. I experimented with cocaine and meth which eventually drove me insane. I just wanted to end everything, and kill myself. At this time,



Kyle Colfax, Iowa Student

I was in a relationship with a girl, and we had a baby. I was the main caretaker of our son for a year and a half. When the mom and I broke up, I got a paternity test done, and found out that he wasn't mine. This was devastating to me, and sent me into a downward spiral at which point I attempted suicide twice, and ended up in a psychiatric hospital. When I was released I wanted help so bad because I felt that Satan was dragging me down into the pit of hell. My mom found out about Teen Challenge, and she discussed it with me. I told her that it sounded good. I would try anything to get out of the place I was in. If anything, I thought it would be like a vacation. Satan still did not want to let me go, as it took about a month for me to get everything in order, and get accepted into the program. During this time I was struggling, but I was also anticipating leaving everything behind, and starting a new life. When the time came, my mom drove me to the Teen Challenge center in Colfax. When she dropped me off I didn't know what to think. As time went on I started to see how God had tried to speak

with me so many times, but I didn't believe it was Him. Since I have been at Teen Challenge I have learned to speak with God, and to have a genuine relationship with Him. I have grown so much in my faith, and am doing things that I never would have done in the past. There have been times when I know God withholds things from me until I confess a certain sin. I want to hear the voice of God, and He is teaching me to be accountable for my actions. I just hope that everyone has the same opportunity to have such a beautiful revelation, and allow God to transform them into a man of God, instead of being a child of Satan.

With the love of a good family, and the power of the Lord in me, I no longer fear anything but Him. I used to always worry about bills, and how much my paychecks would be. Now, I know that if I put my faith in the Lord everything will be OK. I was recently directed to the following scripture, 1 Timothy 4:12, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity." I love this scripture because I am only 23, but yet very mature for my age. The Lord has told me to be a leader on more than one occasion, but just now am I learning how to lead. It feels great, and I tell you that being high on God is the best high ever! I will never trade it for anything. I am hearing God more and more. He spoke to me this past weekend and told me that I would be speaking in front of a group of people. Not only that, but He also told me that I would be aiming my speech towards a younger group of people and guess what? I got called into my pastor's office, and he told me that I had to give my testimony to a youth group. Praise God!

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