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Helping People Who Hurt



(L-R) Iowa Governor Terry Branstad, Regional Director Warren Hunsberger and Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds. This photo was taken last month at a reception at Terrace Hill for newly appointed board and commission members. Warren Hunsberger was appointed to the Governor's Drug Policy Advisory Council in January.

Happy Thanksgiving!



(Some of our Colfax Students and Staff)

Happy Thanksgiving from Teen Challenge of the Midlands!

Thanksgiving is a great time around Teen Challenge every year. I am so thankful for all the individuals and church's who get involved to bless each of our students. I can only imagine where some of our students would be today if it were not for the saving power of Jesus Christ in their lives. I am truly honored to be able to see that change happen in each of them. God has blessed me with a beautiful wife, and three beautiful daughters who light up our lives. My family and I will never be able to display how appreciative we are of each person who comes alongside Teen Challenge in prayer and support. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! - Michael Hunsberger, Colfax Executive Director

Season of Thankfulness

“God has given me grace and mercy in my life by lifting me from the despair that controlled me, and I’m very thankful! God is bringing back the many disciplines that were once a big part of my life, and has shown me nothing is worthwhile if we don’t keep our eyes on Jesus.”
-John

“I’m thankful for restoration of my family, God’s unconditional love, and finding my true identity.”
- Michael

“I’m thankful for restored relationships, loving family, and God’s forgiveness.”
- Daniel

“God has restored relationships with my family and son. I’m thankful to be able to live a life for God, and the hopes and desires that God shows me; for new relationships and the way my life is now going.”
-Willy

“God gave me victory in many areas, and I’m very thankful! He graced me with the ability to be obedient and remain humble; not putting my desires first, but being led by the Holy Spirit.”
- Anthony

“I am experiencing a life change, and I’m truly thankful! I’m more obedient to authority, and more accepting of what I cannot change. I’m thankful for restored relationships with my family.”
- Michael

I thank God everyday for the new identity He’s given me. I’m thankful for Teen Challenge, and the restoration of my marriage.”
- Lee

“Teen Challenge has been such a blessing to me, and I’m so thankful! I can truly see how I was so lacking in many areas of my life.”
- Sam

“I’m thankful for God’s love, and that He shows himself sovereign in the smallest details. He leaves no stone unturned, and I know He has a plan for me.”
- Sam

“God has done so much in me! I can now look strangers in the eye, and be confident of who I am in Christ. I’m thankful God opened my eyes and ears to show me how to love others and not be judgmental or critical of them. I thank God for the trials I go through because when I put my trust in Him, I always persevere.”
- David

“I’m thankful for God’s peace, restoration of my family and friends, and confidence in knowing that what I am doing has an eternal purpose.”
- Dave

“I’m thankful for God’s provision, guidance, healing, and protection. Since becoming a Christian, each of these elements has allowed for the recovery of my mind and body.”
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“God sees past what I’ve done and loves me; the man He created me to be. I’m thankful for my relationship with Him.”
- Kenny



Our Omaha re-entry students have much to be thankful for this year! Thank you for partnering with us, and enabling us to minister to these men through the ministry of Teen Challenge! (Standing R-L, Lee, Dave, Greg (Staff), John, Jason (Leadership Team), Michael, Garner, Kenny, Shane (Leadership Team), Daniel, Peter, Anthony. Seated R-L, Willy, David, Sam, and Sam.

Pella Blessings

At the women’s home, we have many things to be thankful for! This year, we have seen three women graduate, two women complete, and lives that have been restored back into relationship with their heavenly Father. It is truly amazing to see lives changed and women restored, not only back to God, but also to their families! We can’t say thank you to God enough for the joy and hope that comes from each of their stories. This Thanksgiving, we want to say THANK YOU to everyone who has invested in our ministry! Your prayers and financial gifts are a blessing to us here at the Pella home.

Personally, I am thankful for women who say yes to God even when it means moving away from family and the familiar (thank you to our newest staff member, Amanda!), and for new life (particularly that which is growing in my own womb.)
- Pella Director, Candace DuRegger

There are several ways you can get involved in blessing Teen Challenge this holiday season! We are currently taking donations for the extra food we will need to buy for our holiday meals. Your church can sponsor a food drive, or you can personally donate. Another way to get involved is by adopting our students and/or their families this Christmas. Your church, small group, women’s groups, etc. can help us make each student’s Christmas special. Please contact Libby Avalos at (515)674-3713 ext. 254, or l.avalos@tc-mid.org, for more information. Thank you!

Here are what some of our other Pella staff and students have to say about what they are thankful for this Thanksgiving season...

When I’m at the end of my rope, God has the other end, and He never lets go. That’s what I’m thankful for!
- Staff Member, Mary Roozeboom

This Thanksgiving, I’m thankful for unanswered prayers.
- Staff Member, Amanda Barker.

I am thankful for my sons, and each of their unique gifts and personalities.
- Pella Student, Shari

I’m thankful that God took me out of a deep hole, and has taken me to places that are higher than I could ever imagine.
- Pella Student, Sammy

Happy Thanksgiving from the Pella Women’s Home!



Two of our Pella students, Shari (L) and Sammy (R) with the Pella home mascots.

