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*Helping People Who Hurt*

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*Is it a hole in one?*

## Regional Golf Marathon a Great Success

What a day. Our staff and students began setting the stage for our Twelfth Annual Valley Bank/Teen Challenge of the Midlands Golf Marathon around four in the morning on September 14th. By 6am breakfast was served, the Van and Bonnie Show of WHO Radio in Des Moines began airing live from the golf course, and our golfers were off to the tees. Many of our golfers raced to finish around 100 holes in one day.

This year, the Van and Bonnie show held a "Van and Bonneville" contest. Callers phoned in pledges and for each pledge, Van Harden tried his best to make a hole in one. Although he did not succeed in his attempts, many prizes were given away such as \$600 worth of chiropractic appointments.

Midday a delicious sandwich lunch was served, and the day was wrapped up with a mouth watering stuffed pork loin dinner prepared by Bobby Mekiney, Executive Chef of Vivace Contemporary Italian Restaurant and M's Pub in Omaha, NE.

A big THANK YOU to our event sponsor Valley Bank and Valley Bank President, Denny Hanson. Because of their generosity, every dollar that came in was able to go straight to Teen Challenge. Thank you to all of our hole sponsors, Realm, Inc. in Newton, The Dental



*Michael Hunsberger, Ex. Dir. Colfax, IA, Bonnie Lucas, Van Harden, and Warren Hunsberger, Regional Dir.*

Practice, S. G. Rabedeaux DDS in Newton, Davidson Family Dentistry in Des Moines, Consumer Credit of Des Moines, Coburn's Car Center in Des Moines, and Vermeer in Pella. Thank you to Van Harden and Bonnie Lucas, Dan Livengood with Spartan Promotional Group, Inc., Iowa Telecom, Weitz Corporation, and



*Students enjoying the golf marathon*

last but not least we want to thank all of the golfers who went out of their way to build new relationships and raise money.

Together, we raised nearly \$85,000 for the ministry!

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## SET FREE! — A Testimony of Hope



Troy, Colfax, IA Student

I started drinking when I was 14. I dropped out of school when I was 16 and went to work to buy beer and cigarettes. As I got older, the drinking continued to get worse. I stole from friends and family to support my habit, not caring who I hurt.

At the age of 17 I had my first D.U.I., and spent 7 days in jail. Through the years I went through ups and downs. I went to short term treatment centers and spent time in jail. I tried to do right, but I would always go back to my old ways. I became mad at myself and everyone around me.

My pastor suggested Teen Challenge and with the blessing of my wife, I came to TC in August of this year. Since then the journey has been life changing. I pray throughout the day and night. If I let God take control, I know things will go right.



Shantell, Pella, IA Student

I was adopted as an infant from Canada and raised as an only child in rural Iowa in a loving home. At a young age I found myself searching for my identity, terrified of rejection and abandonment. In college I began partying and soon found myself in a life full of alcohol, drugs, and men.

myself pregnant, running from a bad relationship, living in a homeless shelter with no more options. I ended up making the hard choice to give my child up for adoption and then returned home. I knew something had to change. My boys deserved more and I deserved more.

I came to Teen Challenge looking for that change. There have been tears, anger, and pain, but even more laughter, peace, and joy. My Abba Father has restored the relationship with my boys and parents, who loved and cared for my boys when I ran. I complete in October and am excited to be the mommy my boys deserve, and the woman the Lord intends me to be.

By the age of 21, I had two beautiful boys and a failed marriage. I was in and out of jail and I found



Nathan, Omaha, NE Student

I grew up in a Christian home. When I was 5, I accepted Christ as my savior and my life was pretty normal until I was 15 and began to look at pornography. I knew what I was doing was wrong and wanted to change but didn't know how. My parents caught me a few times but they never really knew how deep I was into it.

I loved God but couldn't let God have complete control. By the time I turned seventeen I was tired of asking God for help. My parents told me they were sending me to Teen Challenge. I didn't know what that was and didn't care. I didn't want to go.

Out of respect for my parents, I went to TC and by my fourth month God really began to work on my heart. My desires began to change. Now my first priority is my relationship with God. While at the Re-Entry Center in Omaha I've learned how to apply the principles taught to me during earlier phases of the program.

## New Teen Challenge Mechanic Shop



Jason Riggs, ASE Certified Mechanic

Here's yet another innovative way to support Teen Challenge of the Midlands. Come visit our Colfax, IA center, take a tour of our facilities, and while you're at it, let our new ASE Certified mechanic work on your vehicle. We will have the capability to perform oil changes, tune-ups, diagnostic testing, brake

installation and repairs, radiator flushes, and minor repairs such as starters, alternators, etc.

Jason Riggs, our mechanic, is a new TC staff member, but he's not new to Teen Challenge. Jason completed our program earlier this year, but before he entered

the program in 2008, Jason was an Automotive and Diesel Technician in Flagstaff, AZ. Jason completed 2 years of training, receiving his Automotive Diesel and Industrial Degree at the Universal Technical Institute in Ph, AZ. Now Jason is pioneering this new "mechanic shop ministry." Through this ministry, not only will your vehicles be serviced, but Jason will also be training our students. They'll learn important life skills that they can take home with them or use in a future employment situation. We hope to establish a certification program in the near future as well.

So if your vehicle needs any type of service please keep us in mind. Not only will you be well taken care of, but your patronage will bless the ministry of Teen Challenge of the Midlands. Please call (515)674-3713, ext. 229 to speak with Jason Riggs for any pricing or scheduling.

## Ready, Set, Bid - Online Auction Coming Soon

Teen Challenge of the Midlands is running a new race as we get set to hold our first ever online action. Get ready for bidding wars and tons of fun!

The auction will begin October 30th and end November 30th. Go to [www.teenchallengeauction.com](http://www.teenchallengeauction.com) and take a peek at the wide variety of sale items such as cars, quilts, autographed baseballs, autographed jer-

seys, and much, much more.

This is a great opportunity for you and those around you to support Teen Challenge and have a great time doing it. Tell all you know about the website and don't forget that the proceeds of this online auction will help men and women make a 180 degree change!

## Vehicle Donation Program in Iowa & Nebraska

Do you have an old junker sitting around? Don't forget about Teen Challenge of the Midlands' vehicle donation program in both Iowa and Nebraska.

The money goes toward the ministry, we do all the work, and you benefit from a tax deductible donation.

Call 1-888-344-HOPE or go to [vehicles@tcmid.org](mailto:vehicles@tcmid.org) for more information.

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