

Teen Challenge Update

Teen Challenge of Nebraska

June 2008

2008 Graduation: A Time to Celebrate

What an exciting weekend! Every year we gather with students, staff, and friends of Teen Challenge of the Midlands to honor the accomplishment of our graduates. In order to graduate, these men have completed the Training, Induction, and Re-entry phases of our program and have lived successfully outside of Teen Challenge for one year.

We started out the festivities on Friday evening with a barbeque and concert in the Colfax park. The weather was absolutely beautiful as we worshiped along with Jeff Booth and the Glad Tidings Worship Band of Omaha, Nebraska.

As always, Saturday morning included a delicious brunch put on by the Colfax Training Center's kitchen. The day was passed playing games, drinking coffee, and sharing in fellowship together. We gathered Saturday evening at Point of Grace Church in Waukee, Iowa. The 2008 graduates entered the auditorium to *Pomp & Circumstance* dressed in cap and gown. They shared their testimonies through video, Tom Allen of Point of Grace Church shared a message with the graduates, and then Bob Larson, Executive Director, Colfax Training Center, and Isaac Hunsberger, Executive Director, Admission and Crisis Center, handed the graduates their diplomas. The 2008 Leadership Award was given to Brad and Nancy Janssen, owners of AQ Allstate Pest Control. The Janssens have blessed our Iowa centers with their services for many years. The 2008 Successful

Alumni Award was given to Curt Edgecomb, who was part of Teen Challenge of the Midlands' first graduating class. The evening was finished off with another feast put on by our Colfax center. Point of Grace church honored our graduates again on Sunday morning and provided a beautiful meal for our staff and students following the church services.

Thank you to all of our donors who helped put on this wonderful Celebration Weekend and congratulations and best of wishes to all of our graduates. We are so proud of you!

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A graduate and current staff member of the Colfax Training Center



Two of our graduates celebrate the day!

