



# TEEN CHALLENGE OF THE MIDLANDS

## Pella Teen Challenge Women's Home Newsletter

October 2009

A Note from the Director:



Ahhh...that is me expelling a big sigh. September was full, we had our biannual garage sale, golf marathon and Cursillo, and all were a great success! Thank you for helping make that happen. October has finally allowed for some space to sigh. Yet, I find that just when I think I can breathe there is more on the horizon. We are undergoing a season of transition here at the Women's Home, and are in need of increased support in the way of monthly donors, volunteers for supervisory staff, and men and women who will consistently stand alongside of us in prayer through this season and beyond.

This month also brings more opportunities to partner with us...upcoming events will be our **online Silent Auction that will run from October 30th-November 30th. Great way to support Teen Challenge and buy your Christmas gifts!** We will also be having a brunch on November 7th to share more about what God is doing here and partnering with us more in the day to day realities of bringing the truth of Christ to women.

With all of that said, I am finding the value and necessity for experiencing the peace of God and

### In This Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

### Prayer Requests

Pray for women in the program. Courage to face pain, and that they will experience the healing power and freedom in Christ.

Pray for women who will leave impacting their families and communities for Christ.

Pray for women who leave the program as they transition outside of these walls, and to keep pressing on even in the midst of struggles.

Pray for families of women, many have children and need prayer as they deal with being away from their mothers.

knowing His rest. Rest is a beautiful thing and what I find so amazing about God is that even in the midst of chaos He allows us to experience His rest. I also love that he calls us to take a day of rest...do you ever think he created that day just for you...to remind you to stop and remember to breath? I do.

I pray that as read Pam's story you will be encouraged and reminded of the God we serve, and remember that He is the God of the impossible...even giving us rest in a chaotic world.



### *Walk with me...Pam's Story*

Drugs and alcohol destroyed everything in my life. It began with smoking pot and progressed to narcotic pain pills, alcohol and anything else that would temporarily relieve the pain. As a child I learned about God, but not that I could have a relationship with Him. The lies from Satan began and I felt undeserving of God. "People who do the right things are blessed, but not someone like you." As I look back, there were so many times in my life when God told me: "Here I am. Stand up and walk with me." However, I kept stumbling and falling away from Him. While in jail for precription fraud the Lord came to me, and an overwhelming

Pray for continued financial support from individuals and the community.

Prayer for staff for wisdom, dicernment and peace in the midst of challenging situations.

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORUNTITIES**

Supervisory Staff  
(Weeknight & Weekend Shifts)

Mentors

#### **NEEDS**

- Finances for new air conditioning/furnace unit
- Laundry Detergent / Dishwasher Detergent/Dishwashing Soap
- Fresh Fruit (oranges, bananas/apples)
- Meat
- Coffee
- Serger Sewing Machine
- Canner
- Glass Casserole Dishes
- Dutch Oven
- Reusable grocery bags

feeling of peace came and I knew everything was going to get better. One of God's miracles was bringing me to Teen Challenge.

Since coming here, I have detoxed off all prescribed medication and I feel fantastic. The Lord is healing me physically, mentally, emotionall and spiritually. Tears have been another big part of this journey. For years I stuffed things instead of dealing with them. When I cry, it cleanses my soul.

Reading and studying the Word of God is changing my entire outlook on life too. I am a big fan of the Apostle Paul's writings in the New Testament. In Romas he says: "...because we know that suffering produces perseverance, perseverance, character and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us." (Romans 5:3-5) I feel His love and for the first time in a long while I have hope.

There are so many thing in my life for which I am grateful. My two wonderful sons and a family who loves me unconditionally make this road easier to travel. Also, the outpouring of love and support from the people in Pella has made a tremendous impact on my heart. My plan for the future was simply put by Paul: "Forgetting what it behind and straining toward

- Kitchen clips (for chip bags)

**Online Silent Auction:**  
**Oct 30-Nov 30**  
[Teen Challenge Auction](#)

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[TCUSA Website](#)  
or send to  
Teen Challenge  
714 Independence St  
Pella, IA 50219

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### **Upcoming Events**

**October 31st:**  
New Sharon AG's  
Community Outreach

**November 7th:**  
WOMEN'S FALL  
BRUNCH

**November 8th:**  
Church-Leighton  
Reformed

what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." (Phil 3:13-14) This program is such a huge gift in my life.

Thank you to everyone who supports Teen Challenge.

*All Women, You're Invited to...*

A Brunch for the  
*Teen Challenge Women's Home of Pella*  
Saturday, November 7, 2009  
9:30 am -11:00 am  
Third Church Fellowship Hall

Please join us as we celebrate God's work at Teen Challenge and share about the opportunities for partnership that would allow our ministry to grow!

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If you have questions on how you can help the women of Teen Challenge by donating or volunteering, please contact me at (641) 628-2808 or email me at

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**Blessings,**

Candace Wilson

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