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Teen Challenge Grads vs Secular Program Grads:

- Most successful recovery graduates in US, 86% vs. 7%.
- 72% continue education or voc. training.
- 90% employed after 2 years vs. 41%.
- 92% report good health vs. 59%.
- 87% of graduates have not needed further drug treatment.

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This Preacher's Kid Is a Prodigal Son Who's Come Home



Tim Heffler

I was born and raised in a loving pastor's home in Baltimore, so I have no excuses. At thirteen I started drinking and smoking weed. I continued this throughout my teenage years, until I dropped out of school and got a full-time job to support my habits.

At seventeen we moved from Baltimore to Frederick, MD, a real hick town to me, and I

hated it. I got in lots of trouble, both dealing and consuming drugs as much as I could. I had a lung collapse from smoking too much weed when I was 19. After this I made an effort to get clean and sober. I met a girl who loved God, but I corrupted her, and led her astray, for my own selfish reasons. We were together for a few years, fighting all the time, but I didn't care about the pain I caused in her life, because I was so consumed with my alcohol and cocaine addiction.

I moved to Ocean City by the time I was twenty-one, and could now legally hit the clubs and bars. I partied hard, spending everything I made. Within a year I got two DUIs, and the police were looking for

me, so I moved back to Frederick. Soon I was busted for distribution of cocaine, and I tried to get back to God, but instead ended up back with my ex-girlfriend.

After I violated my probation and went to jail, I applied to get help through Teen Challenge, and was accepted into the Baltimore program February 3, 2010. I'm learning how to live the life God intended me to live. I am completing the TCB program, and have enrolled in Global University online. I also plan to attend Faith School of Theology this fall. Jeremiah 29:11-14 explains that God has a good plan for me, and is fulfilling it as I put my full trust in Him. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

First Local Graduate Alive and Well in Connecticut Ministry



Calvin Ray Carr Jr.

After TC Baltimore, I spent eight months at the Training Center in Rehrersburg, PA. I was involved in the Prayer Chain, GED Room (as a tutor), and the Teen Challenge National Choir, which I was blessed to travel with in ministry throughout the Mid-West and New England. I desired to continue the discipleship I'd begun at Teen Chal-

lenge of Baltimore. I was unsure about God's direction after I graduated from the Rehrersburg program, and wanted to make the right decision. I didn't want to go back to my old pattern of getting clean for awhile, then falling back into my old habits.

God removed any doubt about where to go before I left Rehrersburg. I met several staff members of Pastor Meredith Payton's Christian Community Outreach Ministries of Danbury, CT, and was attracted to the ministry. I applied and was accepted into their 18-month Discipleship House re-entry program. I arrived here in early

October, and have become involved with many of the community ministries of CCOM. I presently work as an apprentice pressman for New Fairfield Press. I also work part time at Servpro, a janitorial service.

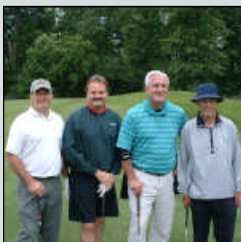
I keep busy with Bible studies and fellowship throughout the week. I still enjoy working out, and find time to play basketball and lift weights at the gym. I am working daily to continue in the charge I received at Teen Challenge: to let Jesus truly be Lord of my life, and to seek a stronger relationship with God. I want to thank all who prayed for me - Calvin.



Fundraising Committee:
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*"Behold,
how good
and how
pleasant
it is for
brethren
to dwell
together
in unity!"*

Psalms 133: 1



Golf Buddies

The Eighth Annual Teen Challenge Golf Tournament— Monday, May 23, 2011

Teen Challenge of Baltimore is excited to invite you to our 8th Annual Golf Tournament & Silent Auction on Monday, May 23, at the Country Club of Maryland in Towson— one of the premier golf courses in the Mid-Atlantic region.

This year we are providing a delicious cookout lunch and a fine dinner, along with beverage stations and carts on the course for your enjoyment. All levels of golfers, male and female, are wel-

come. Just come prepared to test your skills, have some fun, and enjoy a memorable day other friends of TC at a beautiful and challenging golf venue. Lots of prizes will be awarded, and our Silent Auction will be open after play. Please consider taking advantage of the available personal and business sponsorships, which support the cause of overcoming substance abuse, and build-



Pastors Got To Have Fun Too

ing new lives through the ministry of Teen Challenge. For more information about this event, or sponsorships, please call **Joan Adams at: 410-592-5203.**

Sponsorship Opportunities

Level Cost:	Players	Signage	Program Ad	Choice of 1 Extra
\$1,000	1— Foursome	1- Hole Sign	Half-Page	
\$2,000	1— Foursome	1- Hole Sign	Full-Page	Tees, Putting Contest, Driving
\$3,000	1— Foursome	1- Hole Sign	Full-Page	Towels, Hats, Lunch
\$5,000	2— Foursomes	1- Hole Sign	Full-Page	Balls, Cart, Divot, Dinner
\$7,500	2— Foursomes	1- Hole Sign	Full-Page	Towels, Hats, Lunch
\$8,500	3— Foursomes	18- Hole Signs	Full-Page Color	Shirts, Gloves, Umbrellas

The First Annual Bowl-A-Thon— Saturday, March 19, 2011

Thanks for being a part of the first Bowl-A-Thon for Teen Challenge. We hope everyone had a great time, had enough food, and enjoyed the fellowship. Please come again next year, and bring your friends with you.

We hope for more competition in future Bowl-A-Thons. Eastern Assembly Youth Pastor Bobby Bledsoe did better with one arm tied behind his back, than most with two hands. His best three-game

average was 139.

The results:

Personal high game (adult) Mark of Team Echo (Echo Community Church) scored 230, a great game. The highest student average was Madd Mike, from Eastern Assembly: 114.

Highest student (male) single game—Andrew from Echo Community: 125. Highest student (female) single game was Becky from Echo Com-

munity: 92. Highest Teen Challenge member single game score was Joe: 148.

The top four team average pin counts for three games were: TC Team 2: 98. Big Bad Bobby's team: 103. Paul Burke's team: 112. TC Team 1: 117.

We raised \$490 for Teen Challenge, with another \$200 pledged. The Eastern Assembly youth group were the top fund-raisers: \$215.

Report: Teen Challenge Visits the Dream Center in LA

I spent just three days at the Dream Center and my perspective about ministry was confirmed and revolutionized. I joined in ministry to the homeless, addicts, and alcoholics in one of 30 neighborhoods reached on Saturday morning, witnessing some of the greatest miracles I've seen. I rejoiced with a near-capacity crowd at the amazing Angelus Temple, "the Church that Never Sleeps."

From his teenage years, Pastor Matthew Barnett felt God was calling him to start a church in Los Angeles. It was not until he visited LA in 1994 with his father, Tommy Barnett, that he realized God had placed a love in his heart for the homeless and hopeless. Matthew had been pastor in a small, declining church for just a few months when the Lord dealt with him to spend a day with the homeless downtown on "skid row." He saw the pub-

lic rejection and witnessed the pain of those he met there, and He knew God wanted to start a new church from those addicted, dejected, dirty, and diseased souls he met on the streets. Thus, the vision for The Dream Center was born. Now it houses over 200 in a converted hospital, and numerous outreach ministries operate from the building.

Our Dream: The first year and a half has been great here at Teen Challenge of Baltimore. We completed the renovations, opened the center, and filled it to capacity, but there is so much more to do to reach the needy of Charm City. I met Jesus as a street kid myself many years ago, and have always felt called to street-level outreach.

In the short term, we are looking for an additional building large enough to house more adult men and women with life-controlling

issues. We also need transitional housing for our graduates. We would like to see several coffee houses in the city as Christian beachheads to reach and rescue as many as possible.

We are launching sidewalk SONday school for kids in many city parks and recreation centers to evangelize the next generation. We want to develop adolescent facilities to help divert youth from lifelong addictions.

These are just some of the ministries I envision for our Teen Challenge / "Dream Center" type ministry here in Baltimore. I hope you, your church, or your organization will partner with us by inviting our ministry to come and share the miracles already happening here at Teen Challenge, as well as God's vision for the future.

Closer to heaven in 2011,

Bill Parks
Executive Director



Los Angeles Dream Center

"Without prophetic vision people run wild, but blessed are those who follow God's teachings."

Proverbs 29: 18

2011 Calendar of Events:

Below are the public events sponsored by Teen Challenge and its partners.

- April 9, 23: Sidewalk Sunday School Training.
- April 16: Car Wash for Sidewalk Sunday School, 9am-3pm, TC Center
- April 23: Block Party noon to 5pm at the TC Center, 101 N. Potomac 21224
- May 7, Saturday: Launch of Sidewalk Sunday School Ministry to inner-city pre-teens.
- May 23, Monday: Annual Golf Tournament at Country Club of Maryland, Towson, MD.
- Impact Baltimore: Three Weeks of Urban Evangelism: June, July & August.
 - June 25: Orientation and Outreach Training
 - June 27-July 2: First week of Outreach
 - July 10-16: Second week of Outreach
 - August 7-13: Third week of Outreach
- September 23rd: Annual Crab Feast at Eastern Assembly of God, Dundalk, MD.

"Some want to live within the sound of church or chapel bell;

I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of Hell."

C. T. Studd



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SPECIAL NEWS AND UPDATES:

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Thanks to the approximately 150 friends who showed up for the pancake breakfast at Applebee's in Timonium. The Trinity Choir came in force, and were seated together on one entire side of the restaurant. Raising money to rescue souls can be a lot fun! Folks were asking probing

questions like, "Is that your third or fourth plate?" Again, thanks for coming and thanks to those who served gladly.

TC BALTIMORE EXPOSURE

The Assemblies of God are upgrading their media image and Baltimore has been chosen to represent Teen Challenge nationally in pictures, as one of seven facets of the AG's US Missions. We were visited by Dave Schmidgall, photographer for Bittersweet Creative, a DC design agency tasked with the mission. Dave took numerous pictures of the center, students and staff, and then intern Juan Delgado guided

him around Baltimore to get some gritty photos of Baltimore streets and parks. We are looking forward to receiving copies of these high-quality photos Bittersweet will share with us, for use in our media.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Sidewalk Sunday School ministry, a weekly pre-teen outreach to inner-city Baltimore, needs volunteers immediately. If you have a heart for the children of this city, don't wait any longer—volunteer now. Training meetings have begun already, and will be held twice-monthly on Saturdays at the TC Center through April. You don't

need a college diploma to do this, you just need guts and heart—though a little puppetry skill would be welcome too. Please consider this chance to be a part of changing the lives of children who don't have a church, by bringing it to them. **Call Dorothy now at 443-769-6847 to volunteer.**

Sidewalk Sunday School



Stage Truck Purchased