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Giving to Teen Challenge

Teen Challenge of Baltimore is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit corporation; therefore, your gifts are tax-deductible. Because of your generous support, we offer low-cost services to those in need at a fraction of the cost of most substance abuse and prevention programs.

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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A Criminal is Reborn in Christ — Grateful for Another Chance



David Harmon

David Harmon is 47 years old. He was born and lived most of his life in Atlantic, Virginia. He is one of 17 children from a very poor family, who dropped out of school after the fourth grade to begin hustling a living. As he grew older he lived a life on the edge of society, addicted to drugs and alcohol. David did one ten-year stretch in the penitentiary for armed

robbery, and had numerous shorter term sentences for all kinds of lesser, usually drug-related crimes.

A little over a year ago, David was living in the woods, on the brink of starvation and entirely destitute. He had decided to commit another major crime, so that he could have 10 or 15 years of guaranteed room and board again. He was hanging out at a local convenience store, when a well-dressed woman pulled up in a nice car and entered the store. David decided to kidnap and rob her, but God intervened, sending His Spirit to restrain David. Under God's protection, the woman, Mrs. Gina Crocket, the wife of Robert Crocket, the County Sherriff, invited him

home and gave him food, clothing, and shelter – without asking anything in return.

The Crockets took David into their home for four months, then paid for him to attend a rehab program in Virginia. When that did not seem to do a complete work, they sponsored and paid for his entry into the Teen Challenge of Baltimore program, which he completed in March. David has now been at TC Rehrersburg for four months, and is excited to serve God. He is taking remedial education and looks forward to completing his GED after graduating from The Mountain, then continuing his service in Teen Challenge as an ETP. May God richly bless and sustain you in your recovery, David.

With Your Support, Two More Local Men Graduate from Advanced Training



Jerry Parks

In the less than two years that we have been open, 17 men have completed the four-month Induction Phase at Baltimore, and four, the full 14-month program. After Induction, Jerry Parks and Alex Luther spent ten months at the TC Advanced Training Center in Rehrersburg,

PA. Jerry is a grateful believer in Jesus who is recovering from a life of abuse, self-doubt, and alcoholism. He grew up as the son of an alcoholic, who always derided him and told him he would never amount to anything. Jerry began drinking heavily in his mid-twenties during a stint in the US Army and a failed marriage. Despite his continuous attempts to get off the bottle for the past twenty five years, Jerry was caught in a vicious cycle of rehab, recovery, relapse, and losing every job he had because of drinking.

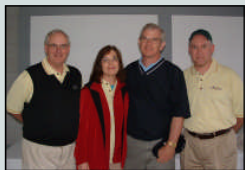
Though a believer for many years who really wanted to follow God's will for his life,

Jerry had been unable to follow through successfully, and secular rehab programs only afforded a temporary drying-out period. Jerry came into the Center in April, 2010 and completed the program. He matriculated to Rehrersburg in July 2010 and graduated from Teen Challenge in May.

Jerry is enrolled in a two-year technical college in Lancaster, PA. He is confident with God's help, and what he learned at Teen Challenge, he will graduate with skills that will allow him to "amount to something," breaking the curse of alcoholism that has troubled his family. God bless you Jerry.

"The sea is His, for it was He who made it, and His hands formed the dry land."

*Psalms 95:5
NASB*



Fundraising Committee:
Rick, Joan & Phil, Marc



Bob was blessed

Third Annual Teen Challenge Crab Feast & Silent Auction — Friday, Sept. 16, 2011



Teen Challenge of Baltimore invites you to our Annual Crab Feast, Friday, September 16th, 6:30pm at **Eastern Assembly of God, 7923 Wise Avenue, Dundalk, Maryland, 21222**. It is time to put on your bib, grab a mallet,

and chow down. The menu will feature medium to large #1 steamed crabs, pit beef and turkey, hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, snacks, fresh fruit, and deserts. Dinner costs are:

\$50 per adult, \$400 table of 8, \$25 age 6-12, 0-5 free with adult. For convenient online payment please use our new website: www.Baltimoretc.net/CrabFeast.html.

This year we will feature a new ice cream sundae bar for the kid in all of us. Beautiful music will be provided by Christian pianist Linda Kazmarek. Seat-

ing is limited to 300, so please call soon to reserve a place for you, your family, or your business at this fun and filling event.

Teen Challenge is supported by the generous contributions of our friends. Please consider making a contribution to fund one of the advertising sponsorships listed below, in support of this amazing ministry.

For more information about this event, or sponsorships, please call **Marc D'Anna at 410-661-7400** or email TCBCrabfeast@gmail.com

Sample Sponsorship Opportunities (see brochure for full list)

Name:	Tables—Diners	Promotional Offer	Level Cost:
TCB Crab Bucket Sponsor	1 Table — 8	Name/Logo on Buckets	\$1,200
TCB Coffee Mug Sponsor	1 Table — 8	Name/Logo on Free Mug	\$1,800
TCB Crab Mallet Sponsor	1 Table — 8	Name/Logo on Mallets	\$2,000
TCB T-Shirt Sponsor	1 Table — 8	Name/Logo on Free T-Shirts	\$3,800
TCB Blue Crab Sponsor	1 Table — 8	Recognized Blue Crab Sponsor	\$4,000
TCB Dinner Sponsor	2 Tables—16	Name/Logo on All Tables	\$5,000

11th Annual Teen Challenge Golf Tournament — Monday, May 23, 2011

Thanks for being a part of the 11th Annual Teen Challenge Golf Tournament. We hope everyone had fun. Because of your generous sponsorships, the tournament was the most successful ever. The weather was perfect, the food was great, and we could not have asked for a better crowd. Please come again next year, and bring your friends.

This year attendance was up to 112 golfers, from 82 the previous year. We raised a net

figure of \$23,512 for Teen Challenge of Baltimore ministries, after expenses.

A hearty thanks to Rick and Calla Merkle for their hospitality and Rick's untiring labor to organize the event. Marc D'Anna, Joan Adams, and Roz Johnson played invaluable roles in persuading sponsors to join in, despite the depressed business climate. Please review the insert for a full listing of the numerous churches, business and or-

ganizations that supported this effort, and show appreciation for their contributions by patronizing their businesses. We couldn't have done it without you.

Tournament Champions:



Bob, Ron, Fred, John

Report: Teen Challenge Summer of Love—Urban Service & Outreach in Baltimore

Can you believe summer is nearly over already? It has been so busy at Teen Challenge that we have hardly had time to notice.



In May we launched Sidewalk SON-D School, a drug and gang diversion outreach to inner-city pre-teens in two neighborhoods, near Bocek Park and Clifton Park. Kids now expect the stage truck on Saturday morning, with all the fun and encouragement this group supplies. We call the kids to enjoy puppet shows, sing songs, dance, and play games that teach them about Jesus.

We need sponsors to help complete the signage and graphics on the stage-truck to improve our presentation. Please prayerfully consider sending a special contribution towards the \$2,500 needed for this noble effort.



Each year TC participates in

ServeFest, a city-wide service outreach. Collecting garbage from neighborhood streets, grooming flower beds, tidying up school playgrounds, and showing God's love through service.



TC students and believers from various churches came together on June 25th and July 16th to give away groceries and services such as health screening, haircuts and housing consultation.



Teen Challenge directs another powerful outreach event in the city: Impact Baltimore. This is our second summer of conducting a dynamic three-week series of outreaches in local parks and neighborhoods. Each week the target neighborhood is flooded with handbills. Efforts have concen-

trated around these inner-city neighborhoods.

- Bocek Park - June
- Madison Square Park - July
- Patterson Park - August.

You are invited to come to Patterson park for the week of August 7-13, to join in the remaining outreach. Get details at our website listed below.

Volunteer coordinators have recruited teams of clowns, magicians, dancers, puppeteers, preachers, and musicians to stir up people's hearts and souls with the joyful and healing message of God's love for us all.

At the end of each week we have a great block party for the neighborhood and a free Movie in the Park, courtesy of Echo Church in White Marsh.

Literally thousands of lives have been touched with the Gospel message and a compassionate gift of service by Teen Challenge and our partners. Your support alone allows us to sponsor events like this, and to follow up on these deeply hurting areas in the city with recovery ministries.

For more information, or to sign up for the next outreach please see the website:

www.ImpactBaltimore.com

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

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

Evangelist C. T. Studd

“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who is wise wins souls.”

Proverbs 11: 30

2011 Calendar of Events:

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

- Sidewalk SON-D School—every Saturday morning, Bocek and Clifton Parks.
- Impact Baltimore: August 7th–13th, Patterson Park Community Outreach.
- September 16th: Annual Crab Feast Benefit, Eastern Assembly of God, Dundalk, MD.
- November 18th: Annual Fall Partner's Banquet, with Nicky Cruz, at Martin's West.



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SPECIAL NEWS AND UPDATES:

The Crab Feast is Coming!



Nicky Cruz at Fall Banquet

TC Baltimore will host the well-known author and speaker, Nicky Cruz, the first convert in David Wilkerson's epic outreach to the teen gangs of New York. Our Annual Fall Benefit Banquet will take place at Martin's West, Friday, Nov 18th at 6:30pm;

please place this event on your calendar.

Nicky Cruz



TC Baltimore is Comcastic

In July we began a test marketing campaign with 30-second ads on Comcast Cable. We could not have done it without the skilled assistance of Intern Adriel Kroneberger, a young musician and film-maker from Baltimore who recently

graduated from Towson University's film program. Adriel has produced five complete ads, plus a new video, "This is Baltimore," for our website. Look for us on **BET** and **TVOne** in Baltimore City, and on **Fox News Channel** in Baltimore County North, or view them from our homepage. Please let us know what you think.

Adriel Kroneberger



Twin Baby Alert!

Alex and Angel DeGrasse are the proud parents of Shiloh Alexandria, 5lb 5 oz., born 8:42am, and Sanaa Aubrey, 4lb 8oz, born 8:54am, July 29, 2011. Everyone is healthy. Congratulations to the DeGrasses! Baby girl's clothing and nursery supplies are needed urgently.

Volunteers Needed!

We need technical helpers who can donate a little time, with expert web skills in Flash, JavaScript, HTML/XML, SQL, Joomla 1.6, or Drupal. Want to help?

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