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TeenLife
Challenge
NORTH TEXAS



JOURNEY TO THE LIGHT...

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might...” Eccl. 9:10

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men...” Col. 3:23

Friends, we appreciate all the support and we appreciate any encouragement you develop with

others to HELP US LIQUIDATE OUR INDEBTEDNESS! Thank You!

Your support and partnership give the Teen and Life Challenge team the privilege of helping those with life-controlling challenges build character as they travel from the path of destruction to the “Life of Light”!

In addition to completion of the national curriculum and learning through the ministry of a number of volunteer teachers, community service opportunities are presented to help the residents capitalize on things we all need to do well: things like treating others civilly and with respect...

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...and developing and/or refining vocational skills, work habits and excellence in work ethics.

Our team has been involved with a wide gamut of building/maintenance services for churches, businesses, widows and others. They have also served a multitude of organizations such as the North Texas District Council, North Texas Seniors Conference, North Texas Men's Ministry Conference, the National Convoy of Hope, Dallas Industry Foundation Toy Bank, Dallas Discovery Gardens' special events, participation with Rotary Club efforts at the State Fair of Texas and other opportunities such as Food Banks.

In his own words - here's how one of our students has grown in his travel to the light of life by participating in several of these activities!

"I was given the great privilege to help at the North Texas Seniors Conference. Although I missed the first night, I did not miss the blessing God had for me. We helped many of the seniors get around the campgrounds, helping them on and off the bus, opening doors - and most of all - enjoying the laughter of these 'friends' the whole time.

I was asked to share my life story with them and many of them shared theirs with me. It was uplifting to be part of that amazing event, to see

God's great works and the long-time faithfulness of many amazing followers of Christ. I will never forget the speakers' teachings... but honestly, I have to say 'I learned as much from the example of these seniors' lives'.

Pastor Crabtree shared how I must listen if I truly want God's will for my life - not my own! By the end of the conference I didn't want it to end.



Even a cold cup of water given in His name...

I didn't want to part from the relationships I had made. The seniors had provided such encouragement and wisdom. I was rejoicing in what they had shared.

I thank the seniors so much for their example, their love and encouragement and for laying a foundation in Jesus Christ for me and my generation to build upon and pass on to my children."

Jeffery

MANY THANKS

The Board and staff want to say thank you to all those who provide opportunities for these types of ministry to help us all practice "going above and beyond what is expected as we serve one another".

WE'RE HUNGRY!

TEEN CHALLENGE NEEDS FOOD...

At our last Board meeting this brilliant idea was mentioned to help with Teen/Life Challenge's ever-increasing food budget: Each month a unit (perhaps a section or two, or a number of churches or individuals) would accept the responsibility for needed (non-perishable) items.

EXAMPLES:

MAY: Coffee, Creamer, Tomato Sauce, Green Vegetables

JUNE: Laundry Detergent, Lysol Wipes, Glass Cleaner

JULY: Cereal, Canned Fruits and Vegetables...

SAM'S GIFT CARDS in any amount - ALWAYS WELCOMED!

For more information on specific food needs or details on how you can help feed the men of Teen/Life Challenge, call 214.824.6181 today! Man doesn't live on bread alone, but it sure is nice to have some. :)



Serving the attendees at the 2016 North Texas District Council



Brothers serving brothers.



Countdown...



Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might.



Good neighbors make good fences.



The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty... and to bless all the work of your hands.



THX, THX, THX...

To the pastors and churches where TLC ministered during July! We appreciate your hospitality and look forward to worshipping with you again!

Heritage Christian Center - McKinney

Gateway Church - Midlothian

University Church - Waxahachie

Dallas Metro Ministries

Glad Tidings – Palestine

Radiant Life Church – Grand Prairie

We also had opportunity to visit jails, be present to represent Teen Challenge at court proceedings and worked with probation and parole officers.

SHOP AMAZON SMILE

AmazonSmile is a simple, automatic way to support TeenLife Challenge. Go to the "While You Shop" page (link found under the "Support TLC" button on teenlifechallenge.com) and use the "AmazonSmile / TeenLife Challenge of Dallas Inc." special link. Select TeenLife Challenge of Dallas, Inc. as your charitable organization. Amazon will now donate 0.5% of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to TLC!

DONATE WITH PAYPAL!

Through the PayPal, Inc. connection you can now make contributions to TeenLife Challenge of Dallas with credit cards online! Just go to the TLC website (teenlifechallenge.com), Click support TLC and click DONATE from the drop down.

A NEW WAY TO BLESS TLC!

APPROVED / SIGNED BY CONGRESS... ANOTHER CREATIVE WAY TO BLESS TLC (and save you taxes!) If you are 70 1/2 or older, you may request the trustee of your IRAs to annually transfer up to \$100,000.00 tax free of your Required Mandatory Distributions (RMD) to Teen/Life Challenge, an "approved" 501(c)(3) organization. The funds must be transferred directly by the IRA trustee (bank or investment company) to Teen/Life Challenge in order for it to be tax free to the donor. We suggest you talk with your accountant / financial adviser who will be able to walk you through the process.

WHO WE ARE...

The Teen Challenge Lighthouse in Desoto, Texas, is a 501(C)3 non-profit, faith-based ministry, supported by area churches, businesses and individuals.. Currently we have many partnering churches and individuals that support us through prayer, donations and volunteers. We appreciate and need all the support we receive as we work to liquidate our LIGHTHOUSE indebtedness!

TEENLIFE CHALLENGE @ YOUR CHURCH?

We are a North Texas District "Home Missions" ministry. Call 214.824.6181 or email us at egh.tc@hotmail.com to schedule a choir and speaker. Contact us soon to get "your date" scheduled! YES, we are anticipating Wednesday evenings or other special activities. We will size the choir and our part to your schedule. Thank you!

NEED HELP?

1. Call 214.824.6181 to discuss your situation. Ask for Paul. If I'm "active", I'll get back to you later. My objective is to give others the opportunity to receive Christ.
2. If you live within 1 hour, you will be requested to come in for an interview in Dallas or Desoto.
3. If you live over an hour from these locations, you can order the application packet - \$25 - complete and mail in.
4. If the choir is scheduled in your area, you will be invited to attend the service and an interview can be scheduled after the service.

HOW 2 HELP?

We are in need of **Oven Cleaner, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Laundry Detergent** and **SAM'S Gift Cards** to purchase "convenience foods" for lunch on class days.

Shop with your **KROGER NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR** card or **ALBERTONS COMMUNITY PARTNER** card, and a portion of your purchase price can go to support TLC. Don't have a card? Call us today! Thank you Kroger & Albertsons!

