



Pella Teen Challenge Women's Home Newsletter

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Prayer Requests

Pray for golf marathon coming up in September; sponsorship and golfers.

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.

Pray for continued financial support from individuals and community support financially.

Prayer for staff for wisdom, discernment and peace in the midst of challenging



Into His Arms, Shantell's Story

I never would have dreamed I could be as happy and as hopeful toward the future. A future with my Savior, a future with my boys and a future with my family.

A year ago before I came to Teen Challenge, I was a broken, hard and empty shell of a girl, although I would never had admitted it. I was adopted as an infant from Canada and raised as an only child in rural Iowa in a loving home. At a young age I found myself searching for my identity, terrified of rejection and abandonment. I struggled to please and appear put together even though I was scared and frightened. When I got out of high school, my life began to spiral out of control. Deperately seeking love and acceptance I began partying for the first time and soon found myself in a dark life of alcohol, drugs, men and convinced myself it was what I wanted.

By the age of 21, I had two beautiful boys, a failed marriage, depressed and had lost all hope. I began to run as fast as I could go...I drank, drugged, left my family. I did whatever I could to not feel the dark heaviness that always seemed to be right on my heels, threatening to snuff out my life. I was in and out of jail and at one point, homeless on the streets of Iowa City. I believed there was no hope for me and I came to accept it. The more I felt; the more I numbed out. I began dragging razors over my wrists, praying for the courage to press down harder. The world was better off without me in it. I found myself pregnant, running from a bad relationship, living in a homeless shelter with no more options. Thankfully the Lord intervened...I ended up making the hard choice to give my child up for adoption and then returned home. Yet I was still struggling and soon got picked up for my second OWI and knew something had to change. My boys deserved more and I deserved more.

I came to Teen Challenge looking for that change. This year at Teen Challenge has been the hardest, most painful year of my life. And you know what? I would do it all over again. There have been lots of tears, but even more laughter. There has been lots of anger and pain, but even more peace and joy. My Abba Father has pulled me from my pit of death and despair, and placed me next to him, clothed in white with a crown and a great big smile. He has restored the relationship with my boys and parents, who I am thankful loved and cared for my boys when I ran. Actually now instead of running from my life I get to run to Him for my life.

I complete in October and am excited to be the mommy my boys deserve and the mommy the Lord intends me to be. Praise the Lord, He is faithful, His love endures forever!

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
- Bicycle Tire Tubes
- New screen material for side door

DONATE!

[TCUSA Website](#)

or send to

Teen Challenge
714 Independence St
Pella, IA 50219

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Upcoming Events



August 2: Agape
Christian Family
Church, Clear Lake

September 14: TCMID
Golf Marathon

On September 14, 2009 we will be having our largest fundraiser of the year with the Teen Challenge of the Midlands Golf Marathon!

What makes this successful? YOU

- You become a golfer and help in raising support in your personal network OR
- You can donate to a student/staff golfer

Each center will be recruiting their own golfers, so the more golfers we get for Pella Teen Challenge the better.

What does this look like?

- Lots of golfing!
- Sharing about the mission of Teen Challenge: hope and freedom from life-controlling addictions through the power of Christ.
- You can have individuals give per hole (up to 100 holes) or lump sum for the entire day

of golfing.

Other Details

- Monday, September 14th, 2009
- Willowcreek Golf Course in Des Moines
- Golfing starts early at 7 am following a breakfast and ends at 4 pm with a dinner and prizes! Lunch is covered too...

If you are interested please contact Candace at c.wilson@tcmid.org or (641) 628-2808.

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 c.wilson@tcmid.org

Blessings,

Candace Wilson

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