

THE CHALLENGE REPORT

An update on your ministry through Adult & Teen Challenge New England and New Jersey

JUNE 2023

Camp Champion Update



Residents and staff had a wonderful time of fun and fellowship at Camp Champion in Glen Spey, NY.

Directors from each center shared devotionals and messages, and we were delighted to hear a special message from our CEO Pasco Manzo and our COO Oscar Cruz.

We held a talent show, "God's Finest," and enjoyed spectacular performances from residents! Ping Pong, pool, chess, and basketball tournaments kept the crowds cheering. Many enjoyed fishing, kayaking, the zip line and ropes course, and the climbing wall. Thank you Lord!



You who seek the Lord: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. - Isaiah 51:1

God Works in Mysterious Ways



From the outside looking in, Jake's life looked "charmed." He had a loving family. He grew up in church, where he served the Lord by volunteering and even going on mission trips. As he got older, he helped his dad grow the family business. All appeared well.

But Jake was hiding a secret that led to his undoing. He was abused by an older individual. His anger, and hurt, and pain bubbled under the surface for more than a decade.

He shares, "I was confused because I thought, '*How could a loving God allow that to happen to me?*'"

His internal struggle led him to experiment with drugs and alcohol in high school. And that led to a 14-year opioid addiction to hide the pain of his trauma.

Finally, at Adult & Teen Challenge, God restored his mind, renewed his heart, and saved his soul! He says ...

"The way I look at it now is that God works in mysterious ways. I've been able to work through my past and can freely talk about it to help other people.... I came through the doors of Adult & Teen Challenge broken, damaged, and scarred, *but I have put all my trust and faith in Christ.* Although I have done a lot of damage to the relationships in my life, my loving God is working to restore them; especially the ones with my beautiful loving family."

Jake is a testimony to your love and support! Thank you for making it possible for him to move beyond a broken past ... and find healing and hope through Christ.

Here's What's Happening Around New England & New Jersey ...

Bloom



On May 19th, Bloom hosted its 7th Annual Fundraising Banquet with the theme "Good Soil." We hosted over 200 people (our biggest banquet yet!), offered some amazing items for auction, and most importantly, heard incredible stories of what God has done in the lives of our graduates. *Thank you to everyone who was in attendance, as well as all of those who gave towards sponsoring this event.*

A giant "thank you" also goes to every individual, business, church, and organization who has sown good seed into this ministry for the past 7 years. Our students and graduates continue to "Bloom" because of your faithfulness!

Connecticut



We are continuing renovations and construction at our new campus in Moodus. Four cabins are receiving new foundations and framing, roofs, vinyl siding, and windows. We will also install new HVAC systems and plumbing. These newly constructed and furnished cabins will allow us to add 24 more residents to our life-changing program.

This year, we are grateful to be reintroducing our Golf Tournament on August 2, at 10:00 am, at the Portland Golf Course on 169 Bartlett Street, in Portland, Connecticut.

On June 5, at 11:00 am, we will be hosting a campus experience. This will be an opportunity for our friends of the ministry to come and learn about our program and the admissions process, complete with a Q & A session and light refreshments.

Massachusetts — Worcester



Our men had an amazing time at Honey Baked Ham this Easter season.

We laughed, we glazed, and most of all we had fun.

Thank you, Jesus, for allowing us to serve in more ways than one!

New Jersey



As spring arrives the guys are enjoying our peaceful surroundings with many games on the basketball court.

The Carpenter's Shop here continues to expand and grow with new equipment and changes in our sanding operations.

Massachusetts — Brockton



The 7th Annual Run to *End Addiction* 5k was a huge success! The recovery community came together, continuing the fight to end addiction. From the over 350 runners, to the 20 resource tables, and the over 100 memorial signs, it was a day that brought hope! Hope that people can change, hope for those struggling, hope that one day the war will be won. *Thank you to everyone who contributed in some way to make the day a success.*

Recovery Coaching is one of the newest and fastest growing programs. We currently have eight Recovery Coaches trained to provide peer-based support to the residents in a variety of ways, such as ...

- Acting as a role model for positive behaviors.
- Helping to form a plan of action.
- Providing accountability.
- Offering guidance.
- Assisting in the development of new behavior patterns and healthier life changes.
- Providing an objective view of progress.
- Guidance in building or rebuilding positive relationships.
- Directing toward the right resources.
- Helping to navigate the medical system.

The Recovery Coaching model has provided the residents with a consistent one-on-one advocate that is there for one purpose ... their long-term recovery.

Maine



Alumni BBQ. This month we had a BBQ reuniting current staff and former graduates that have been changed forever by Jesus Christ and the program of Adult & Teen Challenge Maine. It was a perfect spring Saturday without a cloud in the sky and the Holy Spirit was present everywhere.

The White House Project. Join ATCM as we embark on *The White House Project*, the restoration of a four-story farmhouse that will soon be our new home! After many seasons of prayer and fasting, a grant has been made available to us and construction has started. Sonny Dean, a loyal friend and supporter of ATCM has been putting his hand to the plow as our General Contractor.

Over the course of the project, we will be posting about the progress with pictures and updates. Thank you for your continued support and God bless!

New Hampshire



We are excited to announce our opening of The Carpenter's Shop located in nearby Hooksett. We have two floors and have begun producing cutting boards. The participating residents and staff are enjoying it, and we were all so pleased to see our first 140 boards come out beautifully.

We were overjoyed on April 14th to celebrate two more residents who completed our 10-12 month program, bringing our total so far this year to five. We are also excited that they both made commitments to do 6-month apprenticeships here at our NH center.

Vermont



NNE (Northern New England) Women

- We are beginning to prepare the gardens for yet another season of growing vegetables.
- Seven ladies were recently baptized at Vibrant AG in South Burlington.
- We continue to spread our wings visiting churches in Northern New England.

VT Men

- All renovations are completed in our dining room and kitchen.
- Architectural plans are being drawn for The Carpenter's Shop expansion.
- We are updating our sound and lighting system in our chapel.
- Ten men were recently baptized at Vibrant AG in South Burlington.
- Rutland Outreach Center is now back in operation doing admissions and outreach.

SNE (Southern New England) Women



We've just come through an incredible season of special celebrations with the residents at our Women's Home — a Staff and Resident Breakaway retreat, a wonderful Mother's Day Brunch, and attendance at the Women of Judah Conference.

Our residents also continue to enjoy Ladies Night every Wednesday, which includes dinner and fellowship with women from churches in our community and weekly Tuesday night Bible Study at Christian Fellowship Church.

Don't Put It Off Another Moment —
Build Your Life-changing Legacy TODAY!



Maybe you've thought about it. Put it on your to-do list. Set it aside for a better time. But when it comes to securing your legacy through a will or estate plan, there's *no time like the present*.

Don't put off what you've been meaning to do — move creating (or updating) your will or estate plan to the top of your to-do list!

As you do, please consider making Adult & Teen Challenge New England and New Jersey a part of your legacy with a bequest. This way, your ministry of changing lives and breaking the chains of addiction by the power of Jesus Christ will endure long beyond your lifetime — extending your impact today to make a difference on that day, for eternity!

You can designate a specific amount as a bequest or call for a percentage of the remainder of your estate after taxes and other fees.

Either way, your legacy decision today will make an indelible mark on eternity — one of lives changed, futures transformed, and addictions broken by the power of Jesus Christ!

Have questions or want more information? We're happy to help! Please contact Matthew LeBlanc at 508.408.4378 or mleblanc@tcnewengland.org. Thank you!

VISIT THE CARPENTER'S SHOP



The Carpenter's Shops across New England and New Jersey continue to produce beautiful handmade cutting boards and other wood products. All products are made by residents and graduates of the program.

Stay Informed!

Check out our upcoming golf tournaments, fall banquet and events!

