

GREETINGS FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Appalachian Teen Challenge, Inc.

Dear Friend:

You have been given this letter by an individual who is in desperate need of help. Without this much-needed help she will most likely succumb to her life controlling issue, something none of us want to see. To get help she has applied for admission into our long-term rehabilitation program. At her request, and because you are important to her, she and I are asking for your assistance in making it possible for her to participate in our Teen Challenge program. You can do so by becoming a Student Sponsor.

By making a monthly pledge to Teen Challenge you can help to cover the cost of her rehabilitation. The cost to Teen Challenge for caring for her will be around \$1600 per month. As a faith based ministry, and since we do not receive federal or state aid of any type, we must depend on the support of caring friends like you to help cover these costs.

Because we care, our staff will work hard to raise the money to cover \$1300 of these monthly costs. All we have asked her to do is obtain three friends or family members who are willing to help by making a \$100 monthly pledge to cover the rest. By becoming a sponsor, and because you are an important part of her rehabilitation, you will be permitted to visit with her, speak with her via phone, and write letters to her. By doing so, you can keep abreast of her progress. And we only ask you to honor your pledge while she is participating in our program.

So, I am asking you kindly, on her behalf, will you help her by completing the sponsorship form she has given you? Will you help by giving her an opportunity to overcome the life controlling problems that led to her having to ask for our help? I believe you will, and I am thanking you in advance.

Since she has asked for your help, you are obviously a person who cares.

Yours in saving one more life,

Brad Rose
Program Director

For your information:

Visitations with female students are Fridays from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM or 7:15 PM to 9:15 PM. You must arrive 15 minutes prior to the scheduled visitation time.

First time visit

Once the student has completed the first phase of the program she will be contacting you via phone to arrange a meeting between you, if you wish, her, her advisor, and our Program Director or a staff person whom he may appoint. The purpose of the meeting is to acquaint you with our staff, the inner workings of the program, and to discuss her progress. Once the meeting is adjourned you will be permitted a 1½ hour personal visit with her.

Scheduling a visit

As a student sponsor who has made a monthly sponsorship commitment to Teen Challenge you will be given priority visitation status. Should you desire to schedule a visit, you must call our office at 304-384-3307 or 304-384-9074 between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM on the Thursday prior to your visit. When prompted, you should press extension 310. Calls placed after 12:00 PM cannot be received.

We take care to assure that we are available during this time; however, a situation may occasionally occur that will require our absence from the phone for a few minutes. Therefore, if you receive a voicemail message you should wait a few minutes and call again. Leaving a message on our voicemail will not automatically approve your visitation, so it is necessary that you speak directly with the staff in charge of scheduling.

Visitor donations

As you are probably aware, we do not participate in any federal or state food assistance program. Therefore, we will be requesting your help in a small way during each visit. When you place your call you will be asked to bring a \$35.00 gift card from Walmart or Sam's Club on the day of each visit.

You may bring additional food items to donate if you wish. Food will be received by staff on duty and transported to our food storage area for cafeteria use or as the Food Services Supervisor determines is needed. Please note that food items are optional and are only in addition to the \$35.00 gift card. Remember it is your loved one that we are feeding.

During the visit

Upon arriving, please report directly to the administration office and sign in. Visitation with students fewer than eight months in tenure will be closely monitored and several students are randomly selected for a full body search before and after each visit. You should, therefore, take extra precaution that you do not participate in bringing unapproved mail, obscene reading material, weapons, illegal drugs, tobacco products, contraband, or any other unapproved items to the student or attempt to take unapproved items off campus for him or any other student. To do so will result in the revocation of your visitation privileges and his probable dismissal from the program. We will contact the proper authorities and demand the prosecution of individuals who bring illegal drugs onto our campus.

Any and all items (including money, tapes, books, etc.) intended for the student will be received at the beginning of your visit, carefully inspected, and given to him by staff following the visit. Letters or any other types of written message from unapproved persons (girlfriends, etc.) are not permitted; therefore, you may not bring these for the student to read during the visit. Any money received that is intended for the student's personal account will be placed into his/her account in accordance with program policies. Money given for or mailed to a student for his/her personal account must be in the form of **cash or a money order only**. Money orders **must be made out to the student**. Personal checks intended for the student's personal account will be refused.

During your visit, you should remain at your assigned visitation site. You should refrain from visiting or communicating with any other student while on campus.

Ladies, please dress modestly and with propriety. Braless attire, low cut dress or blouse with part of the breast exposed, tight pants, short shorts, or short dresses, etc., are prohibited. Any visitor who violates this policy will be denied the visit.

It is unfortunate that some visitors will attempt to smuggle drugs and/or alcohol onto our campus if given the opportunity. To prevent this from happening we must therefore prohibit food or drinks of any kind from being brought to our students during visitations.

Mailing packages and letters

Packages and letters must be mailed to Appalachian Teen Challenge, Inc., 1651 Unity Road, Princeton, WV 24739. The student's name must be clearly legible on the front of the package and letter.

Phone calls

Each student is allowed one 10-minute phone call per week to immediate family members or their student sponsor after completing at least 30 days of the program.

Attending On-Campus Church Services

After your loved one has completed the induction phase of our program you are invited to join us in our on-campus worship service the third Sunday of each month. The Sunday morning service will begin at 10:00 A.M. We believe that a strong spiritual emphasis in worship is vital to the student's recovery and spiritual growth and to healing for the entire family.

Only adults and children who are on your loved one's approved visitor list are permitted to attend our on-campus services. We ask that you arrive no earlier than 30 minutes prior to the service. Please remain in your vehicle until 25 minutes prior to the service time. You may then enter the sanctuary where you will sign in. You will have 5 minutes to chat with your loved one; however, when a call to prayer is given and during the prayer time all students and their family members are expected to refrain from talking with others and enter into an attitude of prayer. Please note that this is a time for you to worship with your loved one and not a time for visitation. Talking will not be permitted during praise time, preaching, or during altar time until after the service adjourned. Failure to abide means that the student is written up. Going in and out of the church service will not be permitted in case of emergency. You will have a maximum of 5 minutes to bid your loved one goodbye after the service is completed. Once you have been dismissed from the service you are asked to sign out and return directly to your vehicle.

Engaging in any type of conversation with another student besides your family member or giving any item to them is prohibited. Giving items to your loved one must be done during regularly scheduled visits. Staff will not receive items before or after the service. No exceptions.

As you are probably aware, our services are charismatic in nature. We worship freely with much enthusiasm. We preach the truth with love and without apology, and we allow the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be operational as He wishes in accordance with New Testament teachings. Please feel free to join us in worship. We are confident that you will be glad you did.

STUDENT SPONSORSHIP

NOTE: If you have already completed an Admission Sponsorship Agreement (\$100- \$300 per month) you may disregard the monthly pledge section below. Please check here if this applies to you. _____

We need your help to care for your loved one and you can do so by becoming a student sponsor. Teen Challenge depends entirely on donations from family members, community contributors, and churches to cover the cost of caring for your loved one. To house, feed, and instruct your loved one alone will cost Teen Challenge approximately \$1,600 per month, which totals \$19,200 for 12 months of training. Appalachian Teen Challenge is a non-profit organization and does not receive government support in any form for the services we provide. **Your help, therefore, is necessary.** **Family members who pledge their monthly sponsorship will be given priority visitation status.**

The Student Sponsorship portion of this agreement only needs to be completed by adults age 18 and older. Children under 18 do not need to complete this portion. Are you age 18 or older? _____

You must check one of the following. If left unchecked, the form will be considered incomplete and **will not** be processed.

Please indicate the monthly amount you wish to pledge:

___ \$1600	___ \$1200	___ \$800	___ \$500	___ \$300	___ \$200	___ \$150	___ \$100	___ \$50
100%	75%	50%	31%	19%	13%	9%	6%	3%
\$ Other _____								

Please check one:

___ I have checked one of the above because I am happy to help my loved one.

___ I do not wish to help with the expenses of caring for my loved one.

___ The amount I checked is the **total combined amount** my spouse and I wish to give each month.

Before submitting this form please check it thoroughly to assure that you have completed every part of both pages. If any part is left incomplete you will be informed that it could not be processed when you call for your first visit. Your request to visit will then be denied and your loved one will be unable to correspond with you via mail or phone until you have resubmitted another form that is completed.