



Adult & Teen Challenge  
Oklahoma

## NEW CREATION CHRISTMAS 2019 newsletter

### *Miracles at Adult & Teen Challenge Oklahoma from 2019*



#### *Kelley Good- Freedom House*

My life began in a dark place. Being raised by a father who was miserable and struggled with depression, I found my dad dead when I was 18 and remember thinking that if God really loved me then why would he let this happen to me. I spiraled into a variety of drug addictions, but when I was introduced to meth, my life really got bad. I clung to relationships that I knew were no good for me. After one ex-boyfriend beat my son, I found myself in a jail cell, where I was told I would never again see the light of day. Adult & Teen Challenge picked me up from that jail, and from that moment on my life changed. When I entered the doors of Freedom House, I stopped craving cigarettes and drugs! I learned about God's grace and that I wasn't condemned by my past mistakes. I will never forget the freedom that I found after releasing unforgiveness in my life. I now know that God loves me and will always be there for me. Life is a gift; I look forward to being the mother to my sons that He intended me to be!

#### *Tony Roberts- Central Oklahoma*

From a young age, I dealt with substance abuse, starting with alcohol at twelve and progressing into harder drugs. Throughout my adulthood, I continued to use drugs even after the birth of my children, I was stuck in bondage. After my marriage fell apart, I fell deeper into addiction, causing me to break my families trust through lying and stealing. My family eventually distanced themselves. If not for Central Oklahoma Adult & Teen Challenge, I would still be out there using drugs, in prison, or dead. Being offered this program was a blessing and gave me the tools I need to cope with depression and addiction. They showed me how to walk with Christ by discipling and mentoring me over the course of a year. I have developed a much more thorough understanding of the Bible. I've had full restoration with my family and they have shown me that I am starting to rebuild my trust with them. God has shown me my true purpose, and I am now looking forward to the future. I am currently serving in the ministry that helped turn my life around.



#### *Jeff Delaney - Sunrise Ranch*

From cocaine, to pain meds, to methamphetamine; the downward cycle of drug use slowly took control of my life. Drugs caused me to lose my marriage, children, job, house, and car. I was ashamed of who I had become and filled with guilt and condemnation over the hurt and disappointment that I had caused to the loved ones in my life. This only deepened my desire to use drugs. After being arrested, I came to terms with who I had become, and I was determined to change. At first, coming to Sunrise Ranch seemed like a low point, but this place has been beyond beneficial, allowing me to come to a place where I have been discipled and put into right standing with the Lord. Adult & Teen Challenge of Oklahoma gave me hope when I had none. They taught me that if you are in Christ, everything will work out for the good, even in the midst of struggles and hardships. Well, I am now a new creation in Christ. I learned how to have a true intimate relationship with Jesus. After graduating, I plan to stay plugged into this ministry and help others in their walk.

#### *Carter Brown - Brush Creek Ranch*

From a young age, I struggled with depression. After my best friend died when I was 10 years old, I was left with a deep void of misery and bitterness. I fell into a deep depression, and even stopped eating. On top of that, I had to deal with an uncomfortable situation at home, where my parents were always arguing. I did not feel love or affection from my Dad, so this led me to look for love and affection in other places, and as a result, my life suffered. Slowly I became a rebellious teenager, and my life spiraled out of control. I was suspended and expelled from school multiple times. After spending some time at Brush Creek Ranch, I submitted my life to God and allowed Him to have His way and transform me. Not only have I progressed mentally and spiritually, but I am also physically healthy and much more active. God has humbled me through Adult & Teen Challenge and has shown me a better life. I now strive for success, after rediscovering true joy in life. I hope to become a pastor someday and help others who have struggled like me!





## *Merry Christmas to All!*

For many people, the holidays are a time of joy and festivities – spending time with family, reconnecting with friends, enjoying holiday food and gifts, and—best of all—celebrating the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ! But for those who are struggling with drug and alcohol addictions, the joy and festivities are often overshadowed by feelings of depression, isolation, and loss.



Here at Adult & Teen Challenge of Oklahoma, we are offering hope! Hope that lives can be transformed, marriages restored, and families reunited. With more than 300 residents currently enrolled in our eight programs, the message of hope rings loud and clear to these individuals and their families.

You, our partners, are the reason why we can extend hope to the youth and adults that come to us for help. Your prayers and financial support help make all this possible. Thank you! As the Christmas season draws near, we are reminded of the gift of God, Jesus Christ. I'm writing to ask that you join in with that spirit of giving and help us spread the healing and restoration power of Jesus!

Will you consider a year-end gift to Adult & Teen Challenge of Oklahoma? Your generous gift will bring healing, hope and life transformation to our residents. Now is the best time to give!

Nearly 25% of our support arrives during the last 45 days of the year. Your support is critical during this time to help us finish 2019 strong and provide for the new year. Your year-end gift will help us reach more individuals and families like Kelly, Tony, Jeff and Carter, whose stories you can read on the back of this page.

Your gift invests in the mission we pursue of successfully transforming lives through Biblical counseling, study, and discipleship.

Will you partner with us today to make new life possible? Please send in your tax-deductible gift today or by Tuesday, December 31 to help transform more lives in 2020.

We are truly excited to see what God has planned for us in the upcoming year and look forward to reporting the success stories and testimonies back to you in 2020.

Thank you in advance and have a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

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Rev. Wayne Gray, State Director



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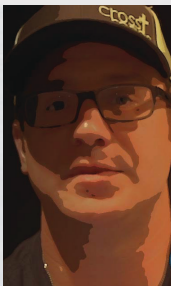




## Consider an End-Of-Year Gift To Help Make Stories Like These Possible in 2020!

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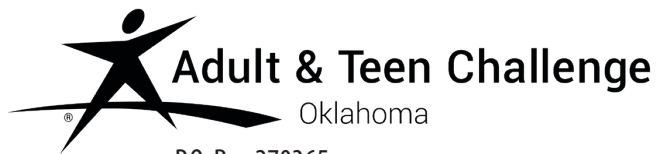
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**78% of graduates from Adult & Teen  
Challenge remain sober and substance  
free post-graduation!**







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**Christmas Newsletter - Miracles in Oklahoma**

