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Adult & Teen Challenge
Northeastern Wisconsin

Freedom from addiction starts here.

The Mission of Adult & Teen Challenge of Northeastern Wisconsin is to help individuals attain freedom from chemical addictions and other life controlling problems by addressing their spiritual, physical, and emotional needs.

PROGRAM UPDATES



As the days grow shorter and the nights become cooler, we begin to embrace the arrival of fall at **ATCNEW**. But before fully turning the page, we want to reflect on the fantastic summer we had. This past season, our clients enjoyed serving in the community, representing **ATCNEW** at the Recovery Rally in Madison, and participating in activities such as mini golf, fishing, *Lifest* in Oshkosh, museum & movie visits, and Packers Family Night, to name a few. We look forward to all the fun that fall has in store for us!



WOOD SHOP LAUNCH

THANK YOU!



What began as a vision has now become a reality—**ATCNEW** is excited to announce the launch of our wood shop! This space will serve as work therapy for our clients and a micro-business for the ministry. Clients will craft items such as crosses and cutting boards, which will be sold during their choir visits. None of this would have been possible without the generosity of our donors and volunteers. We'd like to extend a special thank you to Dave Payette, David K., and Marc Erickson. As well as members of Destiny Church and New Freedom Church, for their incredible support. Thank you for your unwavering dedication and support!

A STORY OF HOPE: MEET JEREMY (JJ)

"I believe God has great things in store for me, and I pray everyday, knowing He's with me and guiding me. God is good."



BEFORE



AFTER

I had a great childhood. My family took vacations and enjoyed outings together. My parents were always deeply involved in my life. I have an older sister, a younger brother, and two half-brothers. Being the middle child, I always felt my parents treated us equally. My biological father left when I was just six months old, so I didn't know him. My stepdad stepped in and raised me. He coached my baseball and basketball teams, led my Boy Scout group, and was a big influence on me. Family has always been everything to me, and I'm definitely a mama's boy. My mom always made sure I was cared for and supported.

Growing up, I realized I wasn't the popular kid. My appearance—bowl-cut hair, big glasses, braces, and acne—made me feel like an outcast. I never felt accepted and often fell into depression. I desperately wanted to fit in with any group.

At 14, I started smoking weed, hoping it would help me feel accepted. Unfortunately, it led me down a dark path. I got involved with the wrong crowd and spiraled from smoking weed to taking pills, and eventually became an IV drug user—mostly meth and heroin. What started as a need to belong turned into a full-blown addiction.

In 2012, during my addiction, I met the mother of my child. We both used meth together, but in 2014, she quit cold turkey when we found out we were having a baby. That May, our beautiful daughter was born. I kept using drugs despite giving me many chances to quit, but I never could. I entered and completed two inpatient short-term residential treatment programs but relapsed each time. The mother of my child put up with more than anyone should have. Sometimes, I wonder why she stayed, but it showed how much she loved and believed in me.

Right before Christmas 2023, my mom gave me an ultimatum: either go to rehab or be homeless. She helped me explore options, and I contacted **ATCNEW**. The program wasn't open until late January. **ATCNEW** kindly provided me with a few other rehab options in the interim, so I went to a 45-day treatment program in Manitowoc in early January. On February 20th, I walked through the doors of **ATCNEW**, and it was the best decision I've made.

Since then, I surrendered my life to Christ on March 3rd. I believe God has great things in store for me, and I pray every day, knowing He's with me and guiding me. God is good.

My daughter needs her dad in her life, and she deserves a sober, present father. My focus is on my two girls and my family, and I will not stop striving to be the person they need me to be.



FAMILY PICNIC & BAPTISMS



The Old Life is Gone, A New Life Has Begun - 2Corinthians 5:17 was the scripture that guided us during our 1st Annual **ATCNEW** Family Picnic and Baptism. Clients, staff, and their families gathered for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and celebration. It was an unforgettable day, made even more special as 8 of our clients chose to take the meaningful step of baptism.



OUR VISION

Our vision is to help struggling individuals break the addiction cycle to see...
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