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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.

A Men's Faith-Based Residential Recovery Center

PROGRAM UPDATES

Spring is in full bloom, and with summer just around the corner, our clients are making the most of the longer, warmer days. This season brings opportunities for cookouts on the grill, peaceful fishing trips, park outings, and plenty of outdoor recreation.

Through our program, clients are experiencing the joy of sober living and discovering the beauty and peace in God's creation. ***These moments of connection—with nature, with others, and with the Lord—are powerful reminders of the abundant life that comes with recovery.***



ONEWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Shoutout to OneWay Church – Booyah with a Purpose!

We want to extend a huge thank you to our friends at OneWay Church for hosting not just one, but multiple incredible booyah fundraiser events for **ATCNEW!**

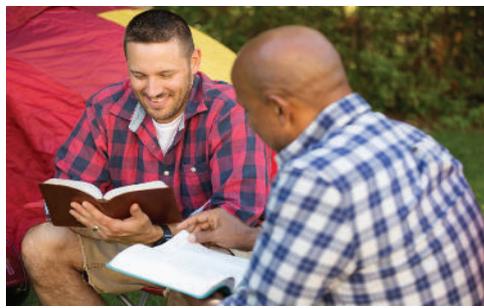
Your generosity is making a real impact, and we're so grateful for your support.

But it wasn't just about raising funds—it was about connection. Our clients had a blast partnering with the OneWay team to help prep for the events. It was a meaningful time of fellowship, teamwork, and purpose.

Thank you, OneWay Church, for being a blessing to our community!



THANKING OUR MENTORS



At ATCNEW, our mentors are beacons of hope, voices of encouragement, and trusted companions on the journey of faith and recovery. Their impact reaches far beyond the program—they walk alongside our residents through transformation and provide a steady, relational support system long after graduation.

We want to thank all our ATCNEW mentors (our first mentor onboarding group is pictured above) who continue to pour their time, passion, and heart into the lives of our residents. Your faithfulness plays a pivotal role in their healing and long-term success.

We honor your commitment and are deeply grateful for your partnership.

A STORY OF HOPE: MEET NATE

“God has given me a new identity. I’m no longer the lost, broken man I used to be—I am a new creation in Christ”



BEFORE



AFTER

Growing up, I never felt like I truly belonged. Even as early as six or seven, I was quiet and withdrawn. I didn’t have many friends. I was the tall kid with walls built sky-high—walls shaped by mistrust and pain I didn’t know how to talk about. I faced mistreatment from people close to me, including a family member and someone in our neighborhood. My older brother, who carried his own pain, often lashed out at me, both physically and emotionally. I didn’t know what feeling truly safe or loved without strings attached meant. I became a chameleon, changing myself to fit in, to get by. But no matter how hard I tried, I felt invisible. Alone. Unworthy. Unloved.

Home wasn’t a place of peace. My dad battled alcoholism and often felt emotionally distant. He and my mom had a strained relationship, and she wrestled with depression and prescription pill dependency. My grandparents stepped in as much as possible but could only do so much. My parents, especially my mom, tried to hold it all together, often focusing their energy on molding me into a standout basketball player. Love sometimes felt conditional, based more on my performance than on who I was. There was no unconditional love in our house, only expectations.

When I was just 8 years old, I took my first drink—alcohol I found at my grandparents’ house. It was a small act with massive consequences. That drink planted the seed of addiction that would grow for over three decades.

Throughout my childhood, the trauma didn’t stop. Abuse from my cousin, babysitter, and even a neighbor piled onto the damage already done. We moved across town just so I could play basketball at a different high school. I lost what few friends I had and was resented by others for moving.

At first, my addiction seemed manageable. It was just partying, or so I thought. But eventually, it led to real consequences—an OUI, credit card fraud, and retail theft. The loneliness only grew deeper.

Addiction followed me into adulthood and consumed me for 32 years. Twenty of those years were spent hooked on pain pills, heroin, and meth.

I was desperate to numb the pain and silence the brokenness inside me. I tried to fill the void with drugs, alcohol, women, and money. I never had a plan—just survival. Just the next high.

I racked up four drug felonies. I spent time in jail. I was on probation for seven years. My addiction cost me everything: my marriage, my relationship with my kids, my peace of mind. I wasn’t the father I should’ve been. I chose substances and chaos over my two sons. I overdosed four times. I should be dead. By the grace of God, I’m not.

I hurt so many people. I left destruction everywhere I went—like a tornado ripping through the lives of the people I loved. My relationships were selfish. I took what I wanted and left pain in my wake. I was lost, angry, and completely hopeless.

After years of bouncing through ten different treatment centers across Wisconsin and Florida—30-day programs, a few three-month ones—I never stayed sober. I always went back. Nothing changed. I was still empty.

Then something did change. I moved to Green Bay for sober living because there weren’t many options left in Sheboygan. While there, I met a woman who had graduated from **Adult & Teen Challenge** in Milwaukee. She connected me to someone affiliated with **ATCNEW**, and I applied. I didn’t know it then, but that decision would save my life.

Since entering **Adult & Teen Challenge Northeastern Wisconsin**, everything is different. God has given me a new identity. I’m no longer the lost, broken man I used to be—I am a new creation in Christ. I have joy and peace I’ve never known. I’m no longer running.

I’m no longer pretending. I know who I am—and more importantly, whose I am. Jesus is rebuilding what I thought was beyond repair.

My youngest son told me he loves me. I hadn’t heard those words in over a decade. That’s Jesus. That’s redemption.

Today, I serve as a client driver at **ATCNEW**. I’m a servant leader and an ambassador for Christ. The same man who once brought destruction now brings hope and testimony. And I’m just getting started.

I hope to intern at **ATCNEW** and continue to serve the Lord here. I want to share my story with schools and churches, especially with young people. I know what it’s like to feel alone and broken. I’ve been a state finalist in basketball, and I played Division 1 Ball at UW-Milwaukee to connect with kids chasing identity in sports, status, or acceptance. I want to show them there’s a better way. A truer identity. A Savior who sees them, loves them, and heals them. Whatever God has planned for me, I’m all in. I’ll keep building up the body of Christ, walking in obedience, and giving back what was freely given to me.

All glory to God. Thank you, Jesus, for saving me.



EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS

ATCNEW is Celebrating
NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH
 SEPTEMBER



Join **ATCNEW** on **Saturday, September 6th**, as we celebrate Recovery Month with our First Annual Road Rally Recovery Cookoff! This family-friendly event is open to the entire community and promises a day filled with fun, food, and inspiration.

Come to our facility to enjoy delicious eats like Breakthrough Burgers, Freedom Fries, and Faith Dogs, which are available for purchase. Bring the kids for exciting activities, bounce houses, and more!

The day will also feature: Live testimonials of hope and transformation, A special performance by the **ATCNEW Men's Choir**, Raffles and giveaways, And plenty of opportunities to connect and celebrate recovery together.

Mark your calendars and follow us on social media for updates on this event. ***We hope you can join us for a powerful day of faith, fun, and fellowship! All proceeds will go toward supporting our program.***



Fish For Freedom-June 14th

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Register A Team



Make a Donation



HELP US MEET OUR \$25,000 GOAL

ATCNEW is excited to announce our First Annual Fishing Tournament - ***and YOU'RE invited!***

- Form a two-person team
- Raise funds to support our life-changing ministry
- Catch the big one to win awesome prizes!
(Register today!)

OUR VISION

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Lives Transformed, Families Restored, Communities Strengthened

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