

WINTER 2025



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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

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thank You for Walking With Us Into a New Year

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we step into a new year, I want to sincerely thank you for standing with **Adult & Teen Challenge Northeastern Wisconsin**. I pray you and your family enjoyed a joyful Christmas season and are entering the New Year with hope and peace.



Reflecting on 2025, our organization's heart is filled with gratitude for God's faithfulness and for you. Because of your prayers and continued generosity, men battling addiction have found freedom, families have been restored, and lives have been transformed through the power of Jesus Christ.

This year, we celebrated multiple client graduations, each marked by a powerful and heartwarming testimony of our graduates' sobriety, perseverance, healing, and renewed purpose in Christ. We also achieved a significant milestone with the completion of our 8-bed Transitional Housing renovation and its launch, providing program graduates with a safe and sober environment as they prepare for independent living. These victories are only possible because of your support and belief in the long-term recovery solutions we provide.

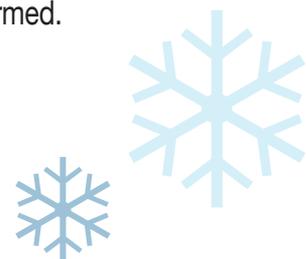
Beyond our walls, our clients have continued to serve our community, partnering with churches and local organizations while growing in faith, responsibility, and purpose. One of the most meaningful highlights of the season was our December 6th First Annual Christmas Benefit Concert featuring Stephen McWhirter which marked a powerful evening of worship and testimony celebrating the hope of Christmas and the redemptive work of Christ being fulfilled through this ministry.

As we look ahead, we are excited to launch All Things Clean Auto Spa this spring, a full-service auto detailing and handwash micro-business. This new venture will provide men in our program with hands-on job training, continued development of work ethic, and real-world experience, while also creating a sustainable source of support for our mission.

The need for faith-based recovery continues to grow throughout Northeast Wisconsin, and thanks to your partnership, we remain committed to serving men who are ready for genuine, lasting transformation in 2026. We also remain hopeful of gaining continued support that will help us establish a women's residential program in the near future.

Thank you for believing in this mission and for being part of every life that is transformed.
We can't do it without you!

With gratitude,
Vaushawn Johnson
Executive Director



PROGRAM UPDATES

Winter is a season of giving and connection here at **ATCNEW**! Our clients have been making a meaningful impact through community service projects, spreading joy during choir outings, and taking time to reflect on the many blessings in their lives. They've also embraced the holiday spirit by preparing for Christmas and decorating our facility, making it beautifully festive for all to enjoy.



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS & DONORS



ATCNEW is overflowing with gratitude this holiday season! One Way Church generously provided Christmas presents for all of our client's children, while The Mission Church ensured that our clients had gifts to unwrap under the tree. We are deeply thankful to both organizations for their incredible kindness and the blessings they have brought to our community.



ATCNEW ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On December 6th, the ATCNEW Choir welcomed Stephen McWhirter for our annual Benefit Christmas Concert. This year's theme, "The Sound of Redemption," set the tone for an evening filled with worship, powerful testimonies, beautiful music, and the true spirit of Christmas.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Destiny Church for graciously hosting the event, and to all the volunteers whose dedication made the night possible.

A sincere thank you to the New Life Worship Band for opening the concert with such beautiful Christmas spirit. Your music set the tone for a meaningful and joy-filled evening, and we're grateful for the heart you brought to the stage.

A very special thank you to our cookie sponsors—Stuart & Ronda Brink, U-Bake, and Creative Cake Supplies—and to all the incredible volunteers who baked and decorated cookies for this event. Your creativity and hard work helped make the night even sweeter.

If you were unable to join us this year, we encourage you to mark your calendars for next Christmas season—you won't want to miss the 2026 ATCNEW Christmas Benefit Concert!



DARRELL'S STORY OF HOPE

“Seeing the joy on my praying grandmother’s face reminds me that God truly hears every prayer.”



BEFORE



AFTER



I grew up poor on the east side of Detroit, in a small, crowded home shared by my four sisters, cousins, aunts, and anyone else who didn't have a place to go. We often slept in the same room, sometimes in the same bed, because there wasn't enough space or money. Food, clothes, and stability were never guaranteed, but one thing was—we stuck together. We didn't have much, but we had each other.

My grandmother was a missionary and made sure we attended church regularly. Church was one of the few places that felt safe and consistent. At home, things were very different. My dad was mostly absent, in and out of jail, and deeply involved in the drug trade. He had a respected name in the streets, but he wasn't present as a father. I watched other kids get guidance, protection, and affirmation from their dads, while I learned early on how to fend for myself and not expect much.

When I was five years old, my four-year-old sister died during surgery. She never came home, and our family was shattered. My mom was overwhelmed with grief and fell deeper into addiction, and my dad disappeared entirely into the streets. At that age, I didn't understand loss—I just knew home no longer felt like home.

As the years passed, poverty and instability shaped my choices. By the time I was twelve, I was already exposed to alcohol, drugs, and survival on the streets. I started hustling just to help get by and quickly fell into selling drugs, drinking, and gang life. I was searching for belonging, protection, and worth—things I never received from my father or the broken environment in which I grew up.

Even then, my grandmother kept me in church. Sitting in those pews, I felt something different—hope, peace, and the sense that I was made for more. But I also felt unworthy, believing God couldn't accept someone living the double life I was living.

As I got older, the streets consumed me. I wore a tough exterior but inside I was still that scared little boy who never felt chosen. After moving to Green Bay, my addiction grew worse. Jail, drugs, and alcohol became my routine. I hit rock bottom more than once.

God eventually stopped me in my tracks, and I gave my life to Christ. I married, had a daughter, and believed things would finally be different. But when my mom passed away, I turned back to addiction instead of God. I lost my family and spent years trapped in darkness, even after trying multiple treatment programs.

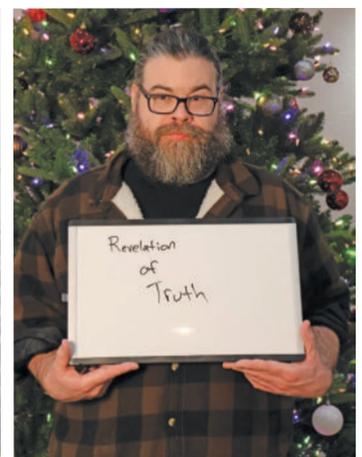
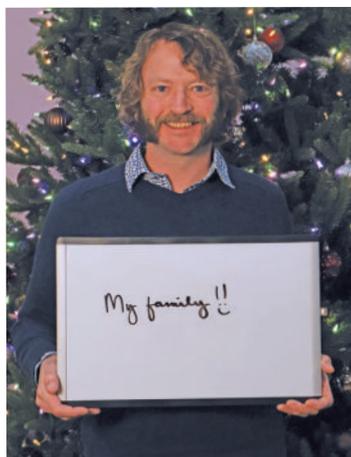
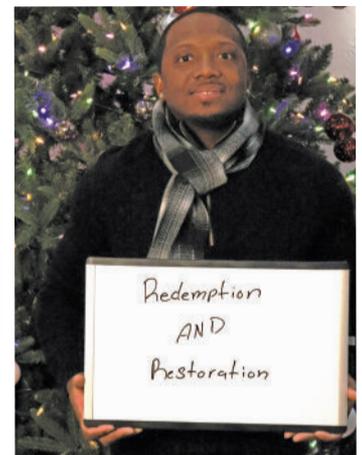
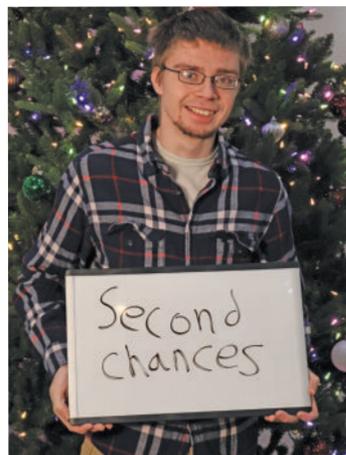
At my lowest point, a pastor reached out and pointed me to **Adult & Teen Challenge of Northeastern Wisconsin**. I made the call—and that decision changed my life.

Since entering the program, everything has changed. I'm closer to God than I've ever been. My health is restored, my relationships with my daughters are being healed, and my family is filled with gratitude. Seeing the joy on my praying grandmother's face reminds me that God truly hears every prayer.

Today, I know I'm walking in God's purpose. I believe He's calling me to teach, preach, and help others who grew up like I did find the hope and freedom I found through Christ at **Adult & Teen Challenge Northeastern Wisconsin**.



WE ARE THANKFUL FOR...



*"Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior,
who daily bears our burdens."*

Psalms 68:19



ATCNEW LOOKING FORWARD TO 2026



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ATCNEW Choir Trips



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Adult & Teen Challenge
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OUR VISION

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

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Communities Strengthened**



*“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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