

# Connections

## North Central Indiana Teen Challenge



**I have found  
the love of Jesus  
doesn't stop;  
it overwhelms  
and heals!**

My name is David Anderson and I am 48 years old. A large part of what takes place at Teen Challenge is to help me identify the root cause of a life spent in bondage to sin. My root cause was fear. At a very early age, because of the environment in which I was living, I believed that there was no safe place and no safe person. I believed that the sole purpose of life was to inflict pain and fear. I was introduced to drugs and alcohol and I believed that it would offer at least a temporary relief from the pain and anxiety. I carried this flawed thinking into my adolescence and part of my adulthood, effectively perpetrating a life wasted on ruthless concentration of self. Maintaining my comfort level Continued on back

## Grace House Teen Challenge

**God spoke very  
clearly to me and  
said, "Each of these  
ladies are wounded  
and need to feel the  
love of a mother."**



I have been volunteering  
for 9+ years.

**Tandy Burr**

I was first exposed to Teen Challenge while with our church youth group at Lake Placid. There was a group of ladies there from Central Indiana Teen Challenge. I came home and told my husband, "Some-day we're going to be involved in Teen Challenge". Little did I know that He was already working on that with Grace House.

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## Wabash Valley Teen Challenge

**Psalm 34:6 "Those who look to Him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame"**



My name is Cy. I am 21 years old. My childhood was very normal. I didn't start hanging out with the wrong crowd until my freshman year of high school. It started with drinking and smoking pot, and quickly escalated to an intense addiction to prescription pain killers within months. I went through numerous rehab centers, but none of them were doing the trick.

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Drug Prevention  
Program to Middle  
and High Schools



became my primary goal in life. I didn't know how to handle rejection, praise, hate, love, or responsibility. Unfortunately, the drugs and alcohol to combat my feelings of worthlessness, almost destroyed my mind, body and spirit. I had many trips to the hospitals, psych wards, rehabs. The older I became, the more serious the physical consequences became. I tried suicide attempts, went through a divorce, had ruined opportunities.

But now comes the part that brings praise to God! Unbeknown to me, God continually placed people in my life to make me aware of Him. Eventually, I was adopted by John & Wanda Anderson. My entire life, they told Satan, "In the name of Jesus, hands off!" "This one belongs to Jesus, and you will not have him." In a very real sense, they spent their lives fighting for me and my soul. They raised me, believing a promise of God: "Raise a child in the way he should go, and he will not return from following after it."

After many battles, failures, victories, tears, and times of surrender, here I am! I have been redeemed to the flock! My shepherds here on earth are Andy Collins, Eric Swanson and the staff here at Teen Challenge. They fight for me in the spiritual realm like none other and they have taught for me to fight for myself.

**The blood of Jesus has healed my once tortured mind, body and soul!**

### **Stay Sharp Drug Prevention** **Some of the many comments.**

"The open and honest sharing from the girls in the program makes a huge impact on our students." (teacher)

"Thank you so much. You give me hope." (student)

"My mom did drugs for about 15 years... I've been around this long, and just seeing what can happen, I never want to do it." (student)

"The program does the best job of reaching students that are currently users or at-risk of becoming users of any program I have brought into class so far. (teacher)

**The last rehab, I was introduced to heroin, which led me to an overdose, where I died for two minutes, and then brought back to life. I arrived at Teen Challenge on March 3rd, 2015. From that day on, my life has changed completely.**

**God has given me purpose and hope in my life. Through this program, I have restored relationships with family members that shouldn't want to have anything to do with me, which is something only God was capable of doing.**

**Upon completing this program, I plan to stay at this center to work as an intern.**

I knew that it was but by the grace of God that I had avoided falling into that lifestyle. I had experienced the true freedom and deliverance that forgiveness brings and that this was just part of my journey.

When I first started I was asking God, "I know you spoke to me about being here .... but what is my purpose?" **God spoke very clearly to me and said, "Each of these ladies are wounded and need to feel the love of a mother. I want them to feel like a mom has been there when you leave." I have taken that to heart and it has helped me to hang in there even in challenging times. He is truly at work!!!!**

