BRINGING WHOLENESS TO THE HOPELESS



FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Pennsylvania Adult & Teen Challenge (PAATC) and Naaman Center are excited to explore opportunities that the Lord is providing us to model our core value of Excellence in 2022. Our desire is to provide quality programs for individuals and families impacted by the drug epidemic throughout our communities. We strive to reach as many of these individuals and families as possible through consistent efforts to expand our service delivery model throughout the state of PA.

One of our goals in early 2022 is the launch of our women's program initiative in Rehrersburg, PA. Our women's program facilities have undergone a major facelift in order to provide quality living conditions conducive to a healthy environment for faith-filled recovery. We believe that the more we reach into our communities and expand our efforts, the greater our impact will be. Luke 9:35-38 speaks of the need for workers in the field because there is a great harvest. We are believing this text for 2022 as we continue to have ambitious plans for growth and expansion to reach more people in need.

Our supporters are our greatest ally in these times of need because they are able and willing to walk beside us and invest in the lives of men and women who are caught in the grip of addiction. Thank you to all of you that invest in our organization! Because of you, we are touching thousands of lives each year and together we are fulfilling our vision of "Bringing Wholeness to the Hopeless"!

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CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER THROUGH THE POWER OF PRAYER

by Rosemarie Sullivan Sandman

God hears and answers prayer. Consider the following: *"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."* Matthew 18:20

As an Advancement Officer I have the privilege of speaking with many of you and one thing I always ask is "do you need any prayer"? Many people respond back asking how they can pray for PAATC and Naaman Center.

Throughout the rest of the year please pray for a few of the prayer requests listed here from our staff.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM STAFF

- Pray for people to meet Jesus here.
- Pray for our counselors to be calm and patient when clients are not.
- Pray for our patients to be receptive to each other and build a healthy community, and to be receptive to counselor recommendations.
- Pray for family restoration for all our clients and families.

- Pray for the women's program as they expand.
- Pray for our interns as they embrace their new journey in the intern program.
- Pray for all our staff to have endurance to keep moving forward.
- Pray for unity and understanding among clients and staff.

We thank you for your ongoing support of our ministry. If you have a prayer request, contact Rosemarie at 717-883-8207 or RSullivanSandman@PAATC.org

A LIFE TRANSFORMED | CHUCK'S TESTIMONY

Chuck was raised in a Christian household in Los Angeles, CA. Despite encountering Jesus in his early teens, his life was characterized by insecurity and a lack of confidence.

"I was always extremely shy, and then things changed one night when I was 16. I went to a party and drank for the first time. The alcohol gave me a false sense of bravado. I drank, and then I could talk to the girls there and make my friends laugh. It was something that instantly appealed to me because I had always wanted the confidence to talk to girls and be more social, but I was way too insecure."

Chuck began drinking regularly and wherever he went he was the life of the party. By the time he hit his 20s he was a functional alcoholic, drinking every day and working in local bars and restaurants.

During a binge, Chuck was introduced to California's black tar heroin. Thinking he would never stick a needle in his arm, he decided to smoke it. An addiction to heroin grabbed him quickly. Defying his own expectations, he began shooting heroin and everything else in his life took a backseat to the drug.

In 2015 Chuck's parents moved to North Carolina to be closer to family. The plan was to have Chuck move out there as well, but he was entrenched in both his addiction and a long-term relationship. When the Adult & Teen Challenge choir held an event at the church Chuck's parents attended, they pleaded with him to come east and go to the program.

"I told them I might go to rehab, but there was no way I was going to a faith-based rehab. The whole time I had been running from the Lord and trying to convince myself that He didn't exist. I was trying to justify my own sin. It was easier to say there was no God so I could do whatever I wanted, than to say that I was willfully disobeying Him. Rehab didn't appeal to me, and certainly not a faith-based one!"

Eventually Chuck ended up homeless and squatting in an 8-person tent in the San Fernando Valley.

In time, his tent was destroyed and Chuck awoke one night to find three men stomping on him, stealing the last of his possessions. Beaten up and no place to go, Chuck reached out to his parents, got on a plane to North Carolina, and went to the Teen Challenge Sandhills Induction Center.

Shortly after entering the program, the Lord powerfully broke into Chuck's life. He was never the same. Chuck became a voracious Bible reader and the program's structure began to bear fruit in his life.

After induction, Chuck came to PAATC to continue the program. At PAATC he immersed himself in the various ministry teams led by Jon Thuer. With Jon as a friend and staff mentor further bondages were broken. Chuck was being transformed.

Chuck now walks in the security and confidence of knowing who he is in Christ. In December 2021, he received his BA in Biblical Counseling from Clarks Summit University and is now enrolled in their Master of Science in Counseling program.

Chuck also serves on PAATC's Patient Advocacy Team, impacting men and women in need of hope. He has found his calling and strives daily to point others towards the freedom and healing that radically changed his life.

PROGRAM EXPANSION

Exciting things are happening as we continue to provide more opportunities for individuals to find wholeness and hope. We recently expanded our women's programming at our main campus in Rehrersburg, PA.

Now, women looking for help with their addictions can access a full continuum of care including detox, short-term residential, longterm faith-based, and outpatient programs.

Thanks to the generous investment from partners like you, we were able to renovate one of our dorms to house the new women's long-term program.

Our hope is that the women seeking services will experience the consistency and comfort provided by staying in one location for the duration of their treatment.

SAVE THE DATE! **33rd Annual Golf Tournament** Friday, May 13, 2022 | Foxchase Golf Club



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 32nd Annual Golf Tournament year! We are looking forward to this year's tournament in May 2022.