

BRINGING WHOLENESS TO THE HOPELESS



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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

One of the values we consider essential to the ministry of PA Adult & Teen Challenge and Naaman Center is Compassion. Throughout scripture we see a calling to love and to serve one another just as Christ has loved us and came not to be served, but to serve.

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." (Colossians 3:12)

We know that we were all once lost and without hope until Christ changed us.

Our mission of bringing wholeness to the hopeless, is only accomplished as we

pour out the love and compassion that we have received ourselves from God. All our staff are trained with this view in mind and every aspect of our ministry from clinical programming to food services and maintenance is designed to serve our clients, patients, and students with sincere compassion.

This is what makes a difference in the lives of those who come to us in need. We are always humbled to hear stories from our program participants and their loved ones who are greatly impacted as they experience the love of Christ through simple gestures of compassion from staff, interns, and other students.

Your support is another example of compassion that directly impacts the men, women and families we serve and it is felt deeply. Thank you for being an essential part of this ministry!



Kris J. McFadden, Sr., M.A.R.
President/CEO

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YOUR IMPACT IS CHANGING LIVES

Are you hoping to make even more of an impact in the lives of PAATC students? As we head into the end of this year, these critical projects will help you touch lives and bring even more wholeness to the hopeless. If you would like to learn more about these projects and other available opportunities, please reach out to Julian Kopano at 717.933.4181 x1137

Rehrersburg Short-Term Program Room Renovation \$1,500 per room

PAATC's Short-Term Program (STP) is a vital part of our continuum of care. Each day many people who do not know Christ come to our STP seeking help for addiction. The care and Christian compassion that they experience in the STP provide opportunities for evangelism that point people towards Christ and our Long-Term faith-based discipleship program.

We currently have 17 rooms that we would like to renovate. Each of these \$1,500 room renovations include new flooring, drywall, painting, lighting, and furniture items. Room naming/dedication opportunities are also available.

Western Pennsylvania Chapel Renovations - \$15,000 total *Double your gift's impact with a \$5,000 matching opportunity!*

The chapel is the heart of each PAATC campus. It is the primary place where God's Word is proclaimed, bondages are broken, and people come to truly know the Lord. Our Western Pennsylvania Campus chapel is in need of renovation. We need your help. Today your donation can play a pivotal role in reaching those in the Western PA region.

Thanks to a wonderful partner like you, your donation can also be doubled with a \$5,000 match. Double your impact today and be a part of the chapel ministry by writing "chapel match" in your check's memo line or in the "Other" section on the online giving form at PAATC.org/donate.

TESTIMONY: CHUCK COCKRELL

PAATC: What's your name and where are you from?

CC: My name is Chuck, and I'm from Mississippi.

PAATC: What was your childhood like?

CC: I had a really good life growing up. My mother left when I was young, but my dad was always there for me. I also had an amazing grandmother that made sure I had everything I needed. I was loved.

I was a big baseball star in high school and was also a church goer. Every time the doors were opened, my grandma made sure I was in church. When I was about 13 years old, my dad went on to remarry a great woman that also helped to raise me.

PAATC: So how did drugs and alcohol come into the picture?

CC: When I went to college, I reconnected with an old high school sweetheart. At the age of 20, I ended up dropping out of college, going to work, and marrying her. Long story short, she left me, and it just destroyed my world. I put her above everything, even my relationship with God. When she was gone, I didn't have anything to stand on. One day a buddy came by the house and said, "Take two of these pills, man. They'll make you feel better." My pain did go away, but from then on, for the next 17 years, I took pain pills every single day. Eventually that led to using and selling methamphetamine.

PAATC: How did you find out about Pennsylvania Adult & Teen Challenge?

CC: I had been to jail a bunch of times. My dad and stepmom are 100%, across the board Christian. I had just gotten arrested and was looking at charges for selling drugs. The Lord laid it on their hearts that maybe this time I was serious about getting clean. They said the only way they would help me is if I went to Teen Challenge.

PAATC: What changed in you while you were in the program?

CC: Even though I was a Christian basically my whole life, I don't think I actually understood the Gospel. I didn't really grasp what Christ did for me or the fact that I certainly didn't deserve it. I was taught the Gospel at the Pittsburgh campus. Then, I went on to the Rehersburg campus where I was able to start to comprehend what Christ had accomplished for me. I began to apply it to my life.

God and I went through a bad time after my wife left. I was done with God. I felt like I deserved for Him to get me out of stuff. In the end, I came to find out that He never left me. He led me to Pittsburgh where I could really meet Him and then be used by Him to make a difference in the lives of other people.

PAATC: What is your life is like now?

CC: It's great. I went from the bottom of the bottom of the barrel to being blessed beyond belief. I went back to school, got my drug and alcohol counseling degree, and I even got remarried. Now I have a house, two cats, and a great job where I've helped hundreds of people get into the program.

PAATC: How were PAATC donors a part of your story?

CC: When I was an addict, I was the worst of the worst. I could tell you stories that would blow your mind. I lived in this one house where at night you had to keep covers over your head just to keep the roaches from getting in your mouth and in your ears. You'd turn the light on and there would be millions of roaches in the house. Millions. I sold

meth out of that house. Once I got deep in addiction, I became a very bad person.



Without the donors, I don't know where I could have gone, because there wouldn't be a Teen Challenge. I'd either be dead or in jail. I didn't have any more chances. PAATC's donors gave me a clean roof over my head, meals, and supplied me with counselors so that I'd have a safe place where I could get off drugs and learn about Christ and what He did for me.

PAATC: What would you say to a person who needs help with addiction?

CC: I would take them right back to what saved me, and that's the Gospel. They've got to learn to have something to stand on when everything else falls apart because everything else does fall apart. As long as you're standing on the solid ground that is Christ, no matter how hard it gets, it can get better again.

PAATC: What would you say to people who give to Pennsylvania Adult and Teen Challenge?

CC: I would say thank you first foremost. While you may not have had the chance to come to the campus to see it, you are changing lives every single day. PAATC donors like you save lives! I wish you could truly understand and feel the impact you're making.

PAATC: Is there anything else that you would like to say?

CC: My grandmother fought this addiction with me. She never gave up on me. She was really my everything, and we were best friends. All she ever wanted was to see me get clean. It didn't happen while she was alive. But I'm thankful that when we had a fundraiser a few years ago, my parents were able to donate money for a renovation project at the Pittsburgh campus. The short-term program wing of the program is dedicated to her. She has a picture and a plaque in that hallway now. I'm so grateful to her and know that she's proud of me. She's also a part of touching the lives of so many others on behalf of Christ.





Two students baptized at Allison Park, Russellton Campus with Pastor Vince Arnone.



Students attend the MAN UP Conference at Victory Family Church

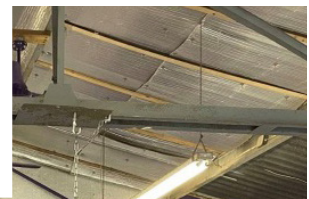
EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT PAATC WESTERN PA!



Every Monday night the students get to play basketball at Evangel Heights A/G in Sarver, PA.



Pastor Travis Richenderfer at the PB Gym Dedication



WPA visits Generations House of Worship Church in New Kensington, PA



Newly renovated PB Gym on campus



NAAMAN C E N T E R

RIBBON CUTTING AND OUTPATIENT EXPANSION

The grand opening of our newest Naaman Center location was celebrated at our site in Lebanon on August 19th. Mayor Sherry Capello and Lebanon County Commissioner JoEllen Litz shared proclamations and helped us cut the ribbon. An outreach event for the community was hosted through the afternoon with grocery giveaways, kids' activities, food, and the opportunity to tour the building.



**If you or someone
you know needs
help, call us at
844-260-7225**



LET'S BUILD HOPE TOGETHER!

PAATC and Naaman Center are participating in the ExtraGive and Giving Tuesday.

ExtraGive is the region's largest online giving day. Hosted by the Lancaster County Community Foundation, the **ExtraGive is on Friday, November 18, 2022.**

THE **EXTRA GIVE**
ORDINARY

GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world.

Giving Tuesday is November 29, 2022.

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