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GIVING HOPE AND HELP TO THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SUBSTANCE ADDICTION.

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A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the 2025 Impact Report, a reflection of Teen Challenge’s mission and our efforts to bring hope, freedom and transformation to individuals and families impacted by substance addiction.

As we look back over the year, we are grateful for God’s provision and guidance as we saw more men and women experience a new identity in Jesus and find freedom from life-controlling addiction. We are grateful to have witnessed stories of resilience and transformation at all our centres across Canada.

The addiction crisis continues to ravage communities across the nation, but we remain confident that through our Christ-centred, 12-month, in-residence program individuals will continue to be healed and restored.

The pages of this report showcase a year of growth, celebration, and anticipation. We completed the Ontario Men’s Centre residence building, saw the introduction of our Facing Addiction/ Embracing Recovery presentation and watched as 67 brave men and women completed the program, building restored relationships with their families and communities.

We are honoured to serve this ministry, each day witnessing amazing change through Christ. Thank you for partnering with us in 2025 through your prayers and financial support as we demonstrate God’s love by helping individuals become free from substance addiction and equipping them to live full and meaningful lives.

Sincerely,

Janice Drysdale,
Editor
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MISSION & CORE VALUES

OUR MISSION STATEMENT ...

To demonstrate God's love by helping individuals become free from substance addiction and equipping them to live full and meaningful lives.

OUR CORE VALUES ...

We Are Christian

We believe that God is the catalyst for change in people with substance addiction.

We Are Committed to Those in Addiction

We believe that a balance of love, accountability, and training are required to prepare an individual for successful re-entry into society.

We Value All People

We are all created in the image of God.

We Are Stewards

We are committed to managing wisely all resources entrusted to us, recognizing that we are ultimately accountable to God.

There Is Hope!

Substance addiction can be permanently overcome!

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

“Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain.” (Psalm 127:1)

At Teen Challenge Canada, our ministry is built firmly on our foundation of faith. Jesus is the cornerstone of our recovery program, and we must align our decisions with His Word, or we will be labouring in vain.



Glen Smeltzer

This year, we are celebrating God's faithfulness in sustaining our organization through challenging economic times. We saw the finishing touches on the new residence at the Ontario Men's Centre, continued traction with our pilot Addiction Recovery Office in Sudbury and the development of new addiction education resources for communities everywhere.

Every aspect of our ministry is intended to demonstrate God's love by helping individuals become free from substance addiction and equipping them to live full and meaningful lives. We witness God's transformative work each day in the men and women at our centres and it is the fuel for us to continue the work we have started.

We are grateful for God's provision as we help clients rebuild their lives, reclaim their identities, renew their joy, and restore their relationships.

As we look ahead in 2026, we know our newly-expanded Ongoing Care program will be a great support to our graduates as they step into the next chapter of recovery. By supporting one changed life, we also support their family, friends, and communities. That's an investment with great and enduring dividends!

We couldn't complete our mission without you, our caring supporters. From corporate sponsors to individual donors, volunteers to prayer warriors, each person connected with our mission plays a vital role in fulfilling God's work. Thank you all!

Together, we can provide help and hope to those who need it most.

Glen Smeltzer
CEO, Teen Challenge Canada

TEEN CHALLENGE CANADA

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

With thousands of families and communities across our country touched by addiction, Teen Challenge Canada provides much-needed hope and healing through our Christ-centred recovery program.

It is a privilege to serve as board chair alongside this dedicated group of volunteers, each with a heart for our mission. This has been a year of change as we thanked Brent Larsen for eight years of service and said goodbye to our dear colleague Drew Byers. In turn, we welcomed Julie Emmerson Johnston and Luke Day to our board, each bringing their own rich skillsets and valuable perspectives.



Irene E. Pfeiffer, CM

We are proud to offer 218 addiction recovery beds across Canada and watch new initiatives like our Addiction Recovery Office, Facing Addiction/Embracing Recovery presentations, and Ongoing Care program take root.

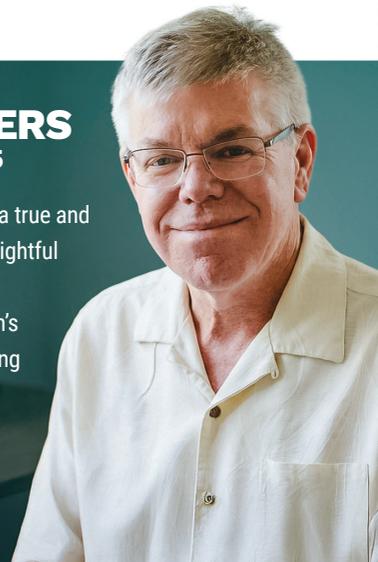
We believe God is using Teen Challenge to reach hearts, touch lives, and restore relationships. Each Teen Challenge Canada team member – whether kitchen staff, addiction counsellor, or development team – plays a vital role in the success of this ministry.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we thank you for your prayers and support, and for sharing in the mission of Teen Challenge Canada. Together we can make a difference, one life at a time.

Irene E. Pfeiffer, CM
National Board Chair

REMEMBERING DREW BYERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER 2005-2025

It's always difficult to say goodbye and this year we lost a true and loyal friend when Drew Byers passed away. His wise, insightful contributions will resonate for years to come. Drew was instrumental in establishing both the Saskatchewan Men's Centre and the Prairie Hope Women's Centre – an ongoing legacy to his love and determination. We are incredibly grateful for Drew's many years of service and his strong, consistent voice that inspired action.



TEEN CHALLENGE CANADA

OUR NATIONAL BOARD

Demonstrating God's love by helping individuals become free from substance addiction and equipping them to live full and meaningful lives.



BOARD CHAIR

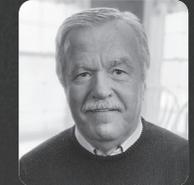
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2025 BOARD MEETINGS

March 31 – Virtual Meeting

June 10/11 – Ottawa, ON

June 27 – Virtual Meeting

September 11 – Virtual Meeting

November 13/14 – Calgary, AB

AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE

March 24, 2025, June 25, 2025 & December 3, 2025

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TEEN CHALLENGE CANADA

STATE OF ADDICTION IN CANADA

For the past decade, Canada has experienced a drug crisis with countless individuals, families, and communities impacted. People from all walks of life and from every region of our country are facing addiction.

While national data shows a slight decline in opioid deaths, the situation remains critical. Toxic drug supply, stimulant use, and extreme alcohol use are all a concern for those experiencing addiction.

The substance use crisis puts considerable strain on our emergency services, both EMS and hospitals. Addiction is typically compounded by other related issues like homelessness and mental health struggles. This makes the road to recovery challenging and many individuals feel trapped.

Teen Challenge Canada is committed to providing a comprehensive program that supports physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual healing. Our caring staff provide individualized care for each client as they work to break the cycle of addiction.



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stats & resources

NATIONAL ADDICTION STATS



Across Canada, there are 17 deaths per day on average from apparent opioid toxicity.

<https://health-infobase.canada.ca/substance-related-harms/opioids-stimulants/>



In 2025, 57% of substance use deaths involved fentanyl.

<https://health-infobase.canada.ca/substance-related-harms/opioids-stimulants/>



Nearly 18% of Canadians 15 years and older will meet the criteria for Alcohol Use Disorder in their lifetime.

<https://www.camh.ca/en/camh-news-and-stories/treating-high-risk-drinking-alcohol-use-disorder-new-canadian-guideline>



After alcohol, marijuana is the most used substance with 32% of Canadians using in the past 12 months.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/canadian-alcohol-drugs-survey/2023-summary.html>



Women fighting addiction are 54% more likely to die prematurely because of drug use than men.

<https://www.addictionhelp.com/addiction/canadian-statistics/>



There are an average of 59 emergency room visits per day in Canada due to opioid-related poisoning.

<https://health-infobase.canada.ca/substance-related-harms/opioids-stimulants/>

CENTRES OF HOPE

Our centres are a place of refuge where weary men and women can step out of the chaos of addiction and into a peaceful place of healing. Each location is in a rural setting – away from triggers and temptations.

Bringing our centres and program to life are the dedicated staff who compassionately serve our clients. Through their commitment and faithful service, they create an environment where transformation is possible!

Each with their own unique elements, our centres offer a safe place to strip away the hurt and discover forgiveness and healing. **Addiction touches lives across the country, but we are committed to lasting recovery – one life at a time.**

ATLANTIC REGION



ATLANTIC MEN'S CENTRE

Location: Memramcook, NB **Director:** Kent Carter
Number of Program Beds: 28 **Year Opened:** 2006



ATLANTIC HOPE WOMEN'S CENTRE

Location: St. John's, NL **Director:** Elizabeth Pearcey
Number of Program Beds: 8 **Year Opened:** 2019

ONTARIO REGION



ONTARIO MEN'S CENTRE

Location: London, ON **Director:** Sid Rolo
Number of Program Beds: 59 **Year Opened:** 1990



ONTARIO WOMEN'S CENTRE

Location: King City, ON **Director:** Jennifer Hay
Number of Program Beds: 26 **Year Opened:** 2008



EASTERN ONTARIO MEN'S CENTRE

Location: Renfrew, ON **Director:** Misheck Muzanhamo
Number of Program Beds: 16 **Year Opened:** 2021



NORTHERN ONTARIO MEN'S CENTRE

Original Location: Sault Ste. Marie, ON **Relocation:** Sudbury, ON
**For more information, go to www.teenchallenge.ca/nomc-relocation-update*

PRAIRIE REGION



ALBERTA MEN'S CENTRE

Location: Priddis, AB **Director:** David Yang
Number of Program Beds: 30 **Year Opened:** 2004



SASKATCHEWAN MEN'S CENTRE

Location: Allan, SK **Director:** Chris Randall
Number of Program Beds: 25 **Year Opened:** 2005



PRAIRIE HOPE WOMEN'S CENTRE

Location: Hague, SK **Director:** Robyn Arcand
Number of Program Beds: 26 **Year Opened:** 2019



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 Teen Challenge Organizations

ONE MINISTRY, MANY CENTRES

In 1958, the streets of New York City were ruled by gang violence. Drug addiction and youth crime were out of control. After seeing an article in *Life Magazine*, David Wilkerson felt God prompting him to help the boys in the article.

Arriving in NYC, the young pastor was shocked by what he discovered but he did not turn away. He brought the message of Jesus with compassion. Later that year, Wilkerson started Teen Challenge – not only to get young people off the streets, but to give hope for a transformed future. The program offered faith-based rehabilitation, discipleship, and community.

This led to the establishment of Teen Challenge centres across the USA and eventually around the world. With over 1,400 centres in 140 countries, Teen Challenge is a family of ministries that share the same focus, with each independent and unique to the local culture and community.

At the heart of all Teen Challenge centres, you will find:

- Christ-centred recovery
- Long-term, in-residence programs
- Comprehensive healing – physical, emotional, mental, spiritual
- Community reintegration

THE IDEA OF A YEAR AWAY AT TEEN CHALLENGE WAS TERRIFYING. BUT I KNEW HOW BADLY I NEEDED THAT YEAR TO WORK ON MYSELF.

Teen Challenge Canada Graduate

I was surrounded by staff that were rooting for me, while pushing me to better my way of thinking and form positive habits. All while being in a beautiful environment that made all the difference in staying with the program.

Teen Challenge Canada Graduate

Teen Challenge Canada operates eight centres with a ninth under redevelopment.

While each centre is run by local staff, we share a senior leadership team, finance department, a call centre, a marketing & communications team, and a board of directors. As we continue to grow, so does our capacity to support more lives, restore more families, and build stronger communities. We are committed to overcoming addiction one life at a time.

Additionally, there are three other Teen Challenge organizations in Canada:

- Adult & Teen Challenge Central Canada
- Défi Jeunesse Québec
- Adult & Teen Challenge Society of BC

In 2025, the leadership teams for all four organizations met for a conference. This was a wonderful time of collaboration, sharing ideas, and resources. Each of these organizations and centres operate with the heart behind David Wilkerson's original ministry.

While each centre, region, and country may have a different feel, Teen Challenge is a global ministry, united by one mission and one message of hope. We are so grateful for your support as you join us in this vision.

THIS PLACE GIVES YOU THE TOOLS TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE. THE STAFF CARE ABOUT YOU AND WANT YOU TO GET BETTER. THERE'S NO JUDGEMENT THEY JUST LOOK AT US AS HUMAN BEINGS WHILE SOCIETY SEES US AS PEOPLE WITH NO VALUE.

Teen Challenge Canada Graduate

The staff at Teen Challenge were literally made for their jobs! They were beyond accommodating and truly care for their clients' needs. They understand what they are going through and are compassionate.

Teen Challenge Canada Graduate

2025 GRADUATES

ACROSS OUR EIGHT CENTRES: OUR 12-MONTH PROGRAM GRADUATES

CONGRATULATIONS

AS YOU START YOUR NEXT CHAPTER.



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Kigali, Rwanda



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Irma, AB



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JAMES V.
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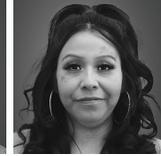
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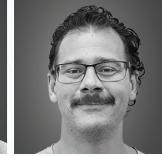
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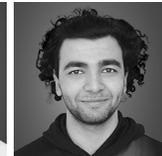
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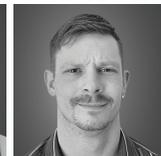
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHO DOES TEEN CHALLENGE HELP?

Teen Challenge Canada is committed to helping men and women over the age of 18 who are struggling with substance addiction. Our 12-month, in-residence recovery program offers a faith-based approach focusing on physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual healing. We provide a supportive environment where individuals can rebuild their lives, restore relationships, and discover purpose through faith.

To see stories of lives that have been transformed, visit www.changedlives.ca

WHY IS TEEN CHALLENGE MORE AFFORDABLE THAN OTHER PROGRAMS?

Because of the generous donations of our faithful supporters, clients are charged a one-time fee of \$1,100 for the 12-month program. However, no one is turned away due to financial reasons. We can only offer this incredible opportunity because of our financial partners – individuals, churches, and businesses. We do not receive government funding. This enables us to continue providing comprehensive recovery services at an accessible cost while maintaining our faith-based approach.

When you give to Teen Challenge Canada, you are helping us provide a place of refuge, addiction counselling, education, spiritual formation, life skills training, and pre and post care resources.

See [pages 26 - 27](#) for more on our faithful supporters.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED TO HELP TEEN CHALLENGE CANADA?

You can support our mission in a variety of ways:

- **Support us financially** by becoming part of 'The Journey'. Recurring monthly or annual gifts are the lifeblood of our ministry, providing critical services to those who need them most. Connect with our staff to discuss how you can support us with securities, stocks, and legacy gifts.
- **Get involved** with your local centre by volunteering or booking a ministry team to visit your church.
- Support one of our annual **fundraising events**.
- **Pray** that God would strengthen and encourage our clients and staff.

Send an encouragement to clients and staff at: teenchallenge.ca/encourage

HOW MANY TEEN CHALLENGE CENTRES ARE THERE?

There are over 1,400 Teen Challenge centres in 140 countries supporting thousands of people breaking free from addiction. Teen Challenge Canada operates eight centres throughout Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, New Brunswick, and Newfoundland. Our centre in Northern Ontario is being relocated. There are three other TC organizations within Canada, operating an additional 10 centres.

Read more about 'One Ministry, Many Centres' on [page 12](#).

HOW IS THE PROGRAM STRUCTURED?

Our 12-month recovery program is highly structured. Each day includes time for personal devotion, counselling sessions, academic classes, life skills classes, hands-on experiences, recreation activities, and study time. All meals are provided, and the day ends with personal prayer time in the dorms.

You can learn about the five elements of our Recovery Model on [pages 28 - 41](#).

DO CLIENTS NEED TO HAVE A FAITH BACKGROUND TO ENTER THE PROGRAM?

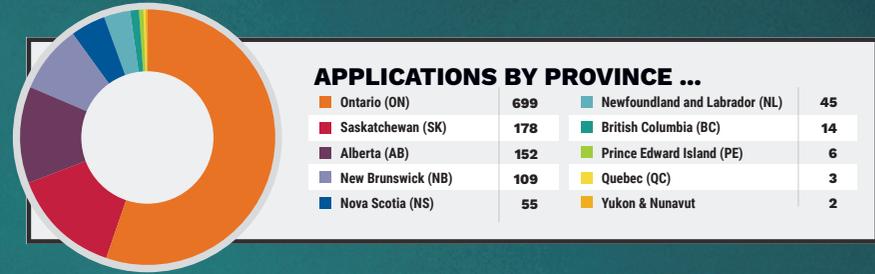
Although our program is faith-based and focuses on biblical teaching, anyone can attend. We ask that our clients be open to participating in all aspects of the program. Research indicates faith-based programs lead to more successful recovery through reduced anxiety, better coping skills, higher resilience, and increased social supports. We believe that faith in Jesus is the ultimate transformation; becoming a new creation in Christ.



PROGRAM STATS

Teen Challenge Canada helps people recover physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually through our 12-month program. From the first time someone reaches out until after graduation, our staff are there to support those looking to break free from addiction.

Behind every statistic is a person, a family, a community. Each transformed life, restored relationship, and new chapter, brings hope to those who need it most.



Applications received	1,151	# of Provinces with applications	11
Interviews/ Assessments	567	Graduations	67
Admissions (Core Program)	238	Admission to a Refresher Program	6
Applicants reporting a co-occurring mental health concern			321

Average # of days in the program	160	Nights of shelter provided	38,000+
Hours spent in addiction counselling	7,997	Number of frontline staff facilitating core program	97
Average number of clients per week	105	Graduates who participated in a Phase4 Program	55
Number of meals provided	114,000+	Number of hours of education and spiritual formation provided	65,000+

These statistics tell a story – one that encourages us in our mission. The current drug crisis in Canada means the need is great. Every step toward recovery is a step in the right direction. With each life that is touched at Teen Challenge Canada, so is a family and a community.

Our Recovery Model is designed to minister to the needs of those in recovery, providing structure and support for lasting change. Through counselling, spiritual mentoring, skills training, and post-care resources, men and women develop the tools they need to step forward with confidence.

See pages 28 – 41 for a deeper look at our Recovery Model.

FACING ADDICTION/ EMBRACING RECOVERY

GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITIES

After more than 50 years of helping to break the strongholds of addiction, we want to share our knowledge and experience.

In 2025, the **Facing Addiction/Embracing Recovery** presentation was developed. During this 90-minute presentation, churches, businesses, and community groups across Canada are coming together to learn more about the addiction crisis, discover practical tools and learn how, together, we can make a difference in the lives of individuals, families and communities.

This presentation will help provide:

- ✓ A greater understanding of addiction
- ✓ Insights about recovery
- ✓ Ways to support those struggling with addiction



WE ARE EAGER TO PARTNER WITH COMMUNITIES AS WE HELP THEM DEVELOP TOOLS TO SUPPORT THOSE BATTLING ADDICTION.

- ✓ We will work with local community groups to give access to as many people as possible.
- ✓ A trained presenter will speak with attendees and answer questions.
- ✓ Each presentation will last approximately 90 minutes and include testimonials, a slide show and Q&A.
- ✓ Several versions are available, tailored to the general public, high school students, middle schoolers, and business owners.
- ✓ This resource is perfect for churches, businesses, schools, community groups or anyone interested in learning more about addiction and how to help.
- ✓ The cost is completely free.

We are passionate about helping those struggling with addiction and are pleased to offer this resource to communities across Canada. If you would like more information or to book an event, please contact facingaddiction@teenchallenge.ca or by phone at **519.652.7353**.



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to learn more

Facing Addiction/Embracing Recovery is an addiction and recovery presentation in partnership with Teen Challenge Canada.

2026 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Our strategic priorities guide our organization's investment, growth, and development serving as a roadmap for the upcoming year. Our current objectives focus on education and support for our clients, their families, and communities.



INFORMATION AND SUPPORT FOR CLIENT FAMILIES

The Need: Addiction puts emotional and psychological strain on families. Loved ones often feel helpless and without guidance, relationships can deteriorate.

Our Response: We are developing a **resource library for families** that includes scripts, videos, and guides to help navigate addiction and recovery. In addition, **our new blog** offers inspirational client stories and educational articles. To provide easier-to-access resources and a streamlined process for applying to our program, **our website will be relaunched in 2026.**

The Benefit: Effective online resources make it easier for people to find help and hope when they need it most. Families armed with the right tools can not only navigate more confidently but support their loved one in the process.



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to visit our blog



CHRIST-CENTRED ADDICTION AWARENESS WORKSHOPS

The Need: No community is untouched by addiction and churches are often the initial touch point for those seeking help. However, many pastors and church leaders feel ill-equipped to provide support.

Our Response: This year we are **launching our Facing Addiction/Embracing Recovery workshops** (see pages 20 - 21) to provide a faith-based understanding of addiction and recovery to churches, communities and businesses and share practical tools for support. We have trained a team of presenters and are **ready to reach a minimum of 50 community groups this year.**

The Benefit: Our team has created versions tailored for high school students, middle schoolers, and business owners. These resources will help churches, companies and a variety of community groups identify addiction, understand recovery, show compassion, and connect people and families with helpful resources.



ONGOING CARE PROGRAM EXPANSION

The Need: Transitioning from the structure of treatment back into the community can be challenging. We understand that recovery is a lifelong journey and our Ongoing Care program helps sustain sobriety as our graduates rebuild their lives.

Our Response: Our **Ongoing Care pilot project** offered structured support and guidance to clients in Saskatchewan and New Brunswick. The response was overwhelmingly positive and in 2026 will **expand to include clients at all our centres** (see page 42). Through experience and feedback, the program has been refined with expanded key focus areas and extended mentorship.

The Benefit: Through this program, graduates develop the skills to maintain sobriety, succeed in their careers, and cultivate healthy relationships. This allows them to step into their communities with confidence!



JOB READINESS

The Need: Making a fresh start after completing an addiction recovery program can be difficult. We want to help our clients transition into their next chapter with their best foot forward.

Our Response: Work Therapy has always been a part of the Teen Challenge Canada Recovery Model; providing an opportunity for clients to contribute to their community while also **developing essential skills** (see pages 38 - 39). This year, our focus is to **enhance our program and curriculum** to ensure our clients are as ready as possible to re-enter the working world.

The Benefit: The Teen Challenge program results in a kind of growth only possible through its unique rigor and commitment. An individual with these practical qualifications paired with effective soft skills can strengthen their community and be a benefit to many employers.





HOPE IN ACTION

A GLIMPSE INTO LIFE AT OUR CENTRES IN 2025

Follow along on our social media.



   [teenchallengecanada](https://www.instagram.com/teenchallengecanada)



THE HEART & SOUL OF OUR MINISTRY

Our partners are the backbone of our ministry. Without their generosity, we would not be able to support the men and women across Canada that need it most. Whether it's a church, a business, or an individual, our financial supporters have a passion for the mission of Teen Challenge Canada.

The cost for a 12-month, in-residence recovery program far exceeds the one-time \$1,100 fee our clients pay but God provides the balance through generous hearts.

WAYS TO SUPPORT TEEN CHALLENGE:

THE JOURNEY Recurring sponsors provide financial stability while walking alongside our clients on their "journey" to recovery.

CORPORATE SPONSORS Businesses generously cover the cost of events so that all funds raised go directly to our program.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS An opportunity for those with a heart for Teen Challenge to come together and support our ministry.

VEHICLE DONATION PROGRAM Each vehicle donated benefits men and women in recovery.

THRIFT STORE DONATIONS Through our storefront, all household donations are repurposed to support our centres.

GIFTS IN KIND We are so grateful for the many donations that help in our daily operations – from food to sports equipment, it all contributes to our ministry.

LEGACY GIVING You can also support us through giving securities, stocks, and legacy gifts.

OUR 2025 PARTNERS ACROSS CANADA

- 12,211 Financial supporters
- 733 Church Partners
- 136 Event Corporate Supporters
- 4,063 Recurring Sponsors
- 1,705 Vehicle Donations
- 104 Gift in Kind Supporters

THE HEART BEHIND OUR PARTNERS

From coast to coast, our supporters make hope possible. Meet three who inspire us.



THE ROGERS CHARITY CLASSIC

Each year, a philanthropic group of Calgary business leaders host **The Rogers Charity Classic Golf Tournament**. We are proud to be included among the 290 groups benefiting from this community-driven event.



HARMONY FOR HOPE

North Metro Chorus and **York Harmony Chorus** joined forces to present *Harmony for Hope*—an evening of music in support of the Ontario Women's Centre. This beautifully collaborative evening included client testimonies and several songs with our own choir.



SHERRY McCLUSKEY

For twenty years, **Sherry McCluskey** has supported our Atlantic Men's Centre. A monthly donor, she also hosts an annual Christmas dinner/party at her church and faithfully attends graduation events. God has given Sherry the gift of encouragement and she loves to invest in the lives of these men. She has always had a heart for people and will never stop praying – even when it seems there is no hope.

RECOVERY MODEL

Our approach at Teen Challenge Canada is comprehensive – focused on physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health. We know that overcoming addiction isn't just about sobriety but embracing a new way of life.

It is difficult to focus on recovery if your physical needs are not being met or you feel unsafe. As our clients move into our centres and find structure and routines, they start to feel secure. Only then can they start to heal.

Our program also focuses on counselling to uncover the underlying motives for addiction as well as spiritual disciplines and skills development.

The Teen Challenge Recovery Model includes five essential elements. They all work together to equip our clients with the tools they need for lasting recovery.



PLACE OF REFUGE

Teen Challenge Canada offers more than just shelter; it provides a substance-free *place of refuge* where individuals can escape the triggers and temptations that have defined their past, focusing instead on healing and restoration.



ADDICTION COUNSELLING

Substance addiction is more than a habit; it's an outward expression of an inner problem. Our accredited addiction counsellors help our clients understand the underlying causes of their addiction and develop the tools they need for long-term recovery.



EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL FORMATION

True recovery means equipping individuals with the knowledge, skills, and spiritual foundation to build a fulfilling life. Our curriculum provides a comprehensive approach that nurtures both intellectual growth and spiritual development.



EQUIPPING & LIFE SKILLS

On the road to recovery, there are milestones along the way, but the destination is integrating back into everyday life. To get there, we equip individuals with the practical skills they need to thrive every day.



PRE & POST CARE

Recovery is a journey that begins even before a client enters one of our centres and continues long after they leave. Pre & Post Care services ensure individuals have the necessary support at every stage of their recovery process.

RECOVERY MODEL



1

PLACE OF REFUGE

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger, and you invited me in.” (Matthew 25:35)

God calls us to provide for those in need. Teen Challenge Canada not only helps men and women overcome addiction, but we also provide a safe place to start the healing process. Our rural properties are removed from temptations and triggers allowing our clients to unload their burdens and begin the road to recovery.

We’ve heard many clients share that walking through the doors of our centres brought an immediate peace.

Our caring counsellors and loving staff welcome clients to their new “home” for the next 12 months. With healthy meals, consistent routines, and faith-centred guidance, this is more than just a residence, it’s a **place of refuge** - a quiet place to rebuild their lives with dignity.



2025 PLACE OF REFUGE STATS

114,000+

HEALTHY MEALS SERVED PER YEAR

38,000+

NIGHTS OF SAFE SHELTER

218

PROGRAM BEDS ACROSS CANADA

Having a safe and supportive environment really helped me to see and know that I am worth it and I do deserve a good future. The staff at Teen challenge are so supportive and encouraging, they truly did love me back to life. - TCC GRADUATE

Providing a place of refuge is crucial for clients starting their recovery journey. We strive to make our centres a safe, comfortable home for the duration of the program.

There has been a lot of excitement surrounding our Ontario Men’s Centre which opened the doors of a new dorm in October 2025, but all of our centres have had additions, renovations, or expansions.

- 2009** ✓ Ontario Women’s Centre opens (with substantial renovations from 2022 - 2025)
- 2017** ✓ Addition was completed at Saskatchewan Men’s Centre
- 2018** ✓ Atlantic Men’s Centre expands
- 2019**
 - ✓ Atlantic Hope Women’s Centre opens
 - ✓ Prairie Hope Women’s Centre opens
 - ✓ An addition was added to the main building at the Eastern Ontario Men’s Centre. (The centre opened in 2021)
- 2020** ✓ Banman Hall Cafeteria opens at Ontario Men Centre
- 2021** ✓ Two new buildings completed at Alberta Men’s Centre
- 2022** ✓ Major repairs and renovations at Atlantic Men’s Centre
- 2025** ✓ Ontario Men’s Centre new dorm completed

See pages 32 & 33 for more about the opening of our brand-new building at the Ontario Men’s Centre

RECOVERY MODEL

1

OPENING THE DOORS OF HOPE

When Teen Challenge Canada opened its doors in London, Ontario in 1991 the nursing home on the property was retrofitted to operate as the men’s centre. For 35 years the buildings served their purpose, each year a little more worn than the year before.

Recognizing the limitations and repairs needed on a century-old building and aged additions, a multi-phase plan was cast to upgrade the Ontario Men’s Centre in phases. In 2020, phase one was completed with the opening of Banman Hall – serving meals to clients and staff from a commercial grade kitchen.

The vision for phase two included a new dorm, complete with a lounge, workout room, and laundry facility. In October 2025, the building was complete, and our clients moved in!

We built with our clients in mind; careful consideration was given to understanding the program and what our clients might need as they went about each day. This is their home for a year, and we want them to be comfortable.

The new dorm needed to feel warm and welcoming, not “institutional” while also considering cost and durability. With a capacity of 59 beds, our choices need to endure wear and tear for many years to come. At times, it was a balancing act, but we feel the outcome fulfills our vision of an inviting space that will withstand the test of time.

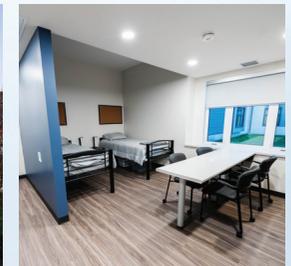
THIS BUILDING IS MORE THAN A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT — IT’S A SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN OUR CLIENTS. THIS DORM REPRESENTS THE MANY PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO CARE ABOUT THEM AND THEIR RECOVERY.

Moving from 12-person dorms to 4-person rooms is a welcomed change for our clients. Each room has a built-in study desk as well as ample storage space. A cozy lounge is the perfect spot to relax and connect with others. The building also houses a fresh laundry room and a well-equipped workout space.

As part of our post-care, we created a space for graduates that need a little more time before moving back into the community. This separate living area blends freedoms with a safe space.

Marilyn Guilford, Director of Facilities, spearheaded this project and shares the aspect that brings the most pride is “...the community support to enable this vision to become a reality. The final stretch of the project required a lot of volunteers and quite often when I asked for help, I was told ‘Tell me how I can help.’ ”

We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of those that helped make this vision a reality. Your investment in these men is truly life changing.



Scan to have a “virtual walk-through” of our new Ontario Men’s Centre.



RECOVERY MODEL



2

ADDICTION COUNSELLING

No one uses a drug for the first time thinking it will one day control their life. But, with repeated use, a chemical reaction in the brain triggers undeniable urges to use again and again. Over time, substance misuse can rewire the brain – making quitting extremely difficult.

Misusing substances is often the symptom of a deeper, emotional hurt and an addiction counsellor can help identify and address those underlying issues.

Through individual and group counselling, our clients deal with past trauma, discover their triggers, and develop coping strategies that don't rely on substances.

Our accredited addiction counsellors compassionately guide clients through a structured approach that is built on honesty, self-reflection, and accountability. Our focus on Christ's forgiveness and grace, gives clients the hope of a transformed life.

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2025 ADDICTION COUNSELLING STATS



Addiction counselling helped uncover the myriad of behaviours and thought patterns that were underneath the addiction and do triage.

Chris -Teen Challenge Canada Graduate

It has helped me to talk about /process things (I really needed healing from The Addiction Counsellors really helped me in my recovery journey. They challenged me and talked me through some difficult moments.

Destiny -Teen Challenge Canada Graduate

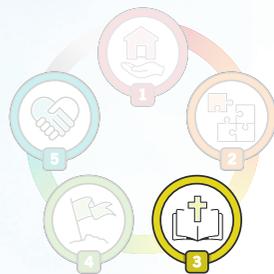
Counselling has helped me to overcome my fears. It was the first time I was honest about my feelings, and it has been very freeing.

Melissa -Teen Challenge Canada Graduate

Drugs and alcohol were a band aid for what I really needed which was counselling.

Skyler -Teen Challenge Canada Graduate

RECOVERY MODEL



3

EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL FORMATION

The education aspect of our recovery model is a comprehensive approach that nurtures both intellectual growth and spiritual development.

Teen Challenge is built on the foundation of faith in Christ, so Bible study is an essential part of our program. We also focus on equipping our clients with skills that give them confidence and purpose in financial literacy, communication, and job readiness.

"WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE RETIRED MINISTERS THAT REGULARLY SPEAK TO OUR MEN, CHURCH GROUPS WHO COME IN AND SHARE, AS WELL AS VOLUNTEERS WHO LEAD ALPHA AND RELAPSE PREVENTION GROUPS, ETC. IT ADDS VARIETY TO OUR CORE CURRICULUM."

-WAYNE FLONDERS, SPIRITUAL FORMATION COACH

During the one-year program, clients have a variety of opportunities to build a foundation of faith and deepen their understanding of who God is. Whether it's correspondence work, in-class lessons, chapels, or special speakers, each element is designed to help our clients get to know God and themselves while helping them deal with the issues they're facing.

2025 EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL FORMATION STATS

9

EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL FORMATION STAFF ACROSS CANADA

1,248

HOURS OF CHAPEL ANNUALLY

1,258

AVERAGE HOURS / WEEK CLIENTS ARE IN EDUCATION & FORMATION CLASSES

We would like to give a special thank you to the many volunteers, pastors, speakers, and musicians that give their time to invest in the men and women at our centres.

Everything in the program is amazing! We are so lucky to have the program and all the extras like special speakers, Alpha, Celebrate Recovery, etc.

Teen Challenge Canada Graduate

God gives me hope that I am not the person I told myself that I was. I can be more than that.

Teen Challenge Canada Graduate

I HAVE LEARNED ABOUT WHO I AM IN CHRIST. THIS IS DEFINITELY ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS I'VE LEARNED FROM THE PROGRAM.

Teen Challenge Canada Graduate



RECOVERY MODEL

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EQUIPPING & LIFE SKILLS



Our yearlong recovery program gives time to heal and grow in many respects. Stepping into dorm-style living and helping with everyday tasks requires our clients to show humility and a willing spirit but it's also an opportunity for personal growth.

While completing the program, men and women are building essential life skills like responsibility, self-discipline, and confidence - building blocks for a stable and meaningful future. While these soft skills may seem difficult to "teach", they can be cultivated through work therapy.

Giving back and serving others helps our clients to develop a strong work ethic, teamwork, and a sense of purpose. Whether it's cutting grass or serving supper, they are developing and refining skills for their next chapter.

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IMPACT OF EQUIPPING AND LIFE SKILLS

Strong communication skills are essential for job interviews and beyond! Honest, respectful dialogue indicates self-control, confidence, and consideration of others. When disagreements arise with coworkers or complaints from customers, it's a great asset to navigate conflict calmly and constructively. This is vital for all relationships – at work, but also at home and in the community.

2025 EQUIPPING & LIFE SKILLS STATS

97

CLIENT LIFE AND FRONT-LINE STAFF WORKING ALONGSIDE OUR CLIENTS ACROSS CANADA

1,258

AVERAGE CLIENT WORK THERAPY HOURS PER WEEK IN 2025

280

MEN AND WOMEN DURING THEIR TIME IN PROGRAM PARTICIPATED IN WORK THERAPY

Working as part of a team within the program prepares graduates for collaborative work environments – sharing responsibility and exercising humility.

After graduation, these skills are a great asset in many workplaces. For example, good time management not only means showing up to work on time but accomplishing tasks efficiently.

SKILLS CHECKLIST:



TIME MANAGEMENT



TEAMWORK



CONFLICT RESOLUTION



ACCOUNTABILITY



FINANCIAL LITERACY



CONFIDENCE



GOAL SETTING



SELF-CONTROL



COMMUNICATION



RECOVERY MODEL



5

PRE & POST CARE

The road to recovery is a lifelong journey which is why we focus on providing support before and after our core program for clients and families. Pre & Post Care services ensure that individuals have the necessary support at every stage of the recovery process.

Our pre-care services are provided by compassionate staff who guide and encourage, answer questions and help potential clients and their loved ones navigate the application process. We also recognize that our 12-month, in-residence program may not be a solution for everyone. Whether individuals seek treatment at one of our centres or not, we are still able to be a resource for individuals and families by providing information for other recovery program options if needed.

Before graduating, clients work with staff to establish a recovery plan, identify potential risks and triggers, and are encouraged to proactively set decision-making strategies. This comprehensive plan helps build confidence and resources for clients after graduation.

If available, graduates may choose to enter our Phase4 post-graduate program where they stay at a Teen Challenge Canada centre for an additional 6-12 months and work alongside staff, mentor current clients and continue their personal development.

2025 PRE & POST CARE STATS

567

NUMBER OF APPLICANTS INTERVIEWED

780+

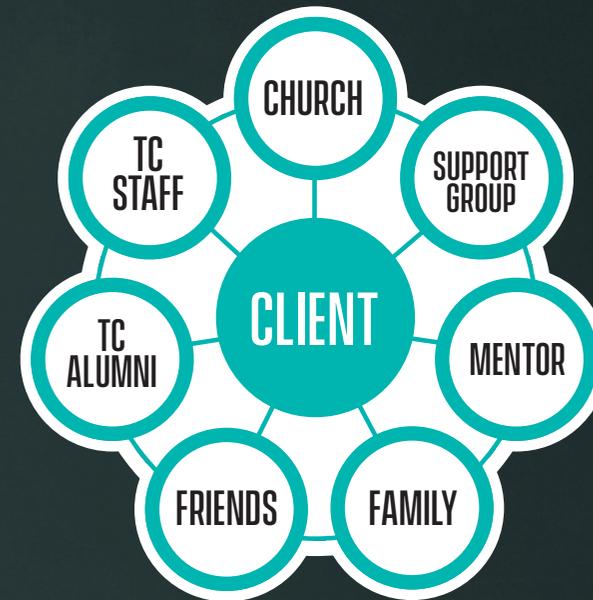
HOURS OF CONTINUED SUPPORT POST PROGRAM (CORE & REFRESHER)

55

CLIENTS PARTICIPATED IN A POST-GRADUATE PHASE4 PROGRAM

AFTER THE PROGRAM...

A caring support network is key to the success of our graduates. These men and women can stand strong in their recovery journey when they are connected and accountable with people in their circle of influence.



Our **Ongoing Care Program** is a pivotal resource for clients transitioning from the program back into the community. In fact, one client called it "life-changing".

Read their full story by scanning the QR code.



I've been met with a lot of support and truths about the difficulties of life outside the program in recovery. The wisdom that's been gifted to me through those sessions is invaluable.

- TEEN CHALLENGE CANADA GRADUATE

RECOVERY MODEL

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CONTINUING THE JOURNEY: ONGOING CARE

We recognize that recovery is a journey and it does not end on graduation day. So, we launched a pilot project to extend dedicated ongoing care to our grads.

Teen Challenge Canada's Ongoing Care Program provides structure and support to our clients as they prepare to transition back home. Graduates leave the predictable environment of Teen Challenge and move back to their communities, where they will face real-life pressures and challenges. Having someone walk with them through that transition helps in a practical and meaningful way.

Starting with clients in our New Brunswick and Saskatchewan centres, over the past year, **Zach Drew, our National Ongoing Care Manager**, has developed the program to have more structure, and consistency. Drawing on his knowledge and experience, Zach creates customized post-care plans for each of our clients, so they have a step-by-step process for the transition from the centre back into the community. This plan includes community connections, housing, employment-related skills, and relapse prevention strategies.

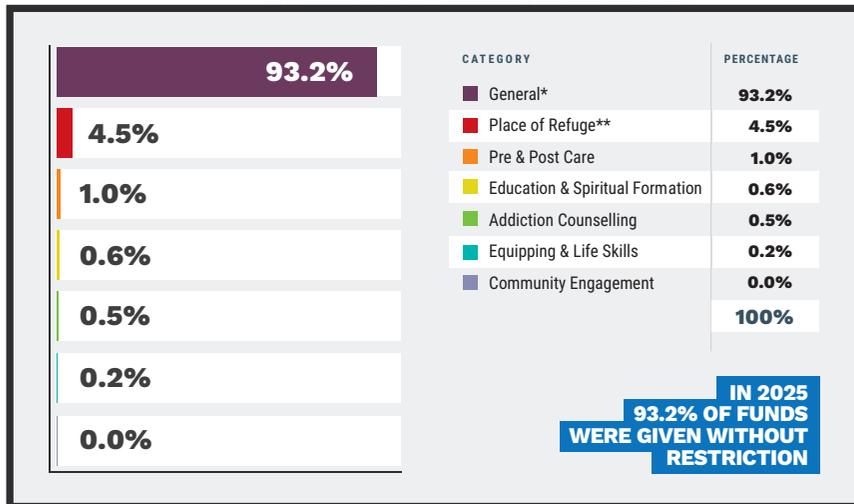
This pilot has been such a success, in 2026, we are expanding this service to clients at all our Teen Challenge Canada centres. As we look to the future, we will continue to consult the latest research, seek feedback from clients and collaborate with other professionals in our field. We are pleased to support our clients through this crucial program and beyond.

“HE WHO BEGAN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL CARRY IT ON TO COMPLETION UNTIL THE DAY OF CHRIST JESUS.” Philippians 1:6



RECOVERY MODEL ELEMENTS FUNDING DISTRIBUTION FOR 2025

Our financial partners believe in the mission of Teen Challenge Canada and give generously. In 2025, unrestricted donations accounted for 93.2% of all giving, allowing us to respond strategically to emerging needs and apply designated gifts to the specific recovery initiatives they were given to support.



Notes:

* General includes net revenue from Thrift Store and Vehicle Donation Programs

** Place of Refuge includes funds for new and expanded program facilities.

“Each donation to Teen Challenge is an investment into the lives of our clients and their families, giving them hope for a changed future.”

– Glen Smeltzer, CEO, Teen Challenge Canada

RECOVERY MODEL ELEMENTS EXPENDITURES FOR 2025

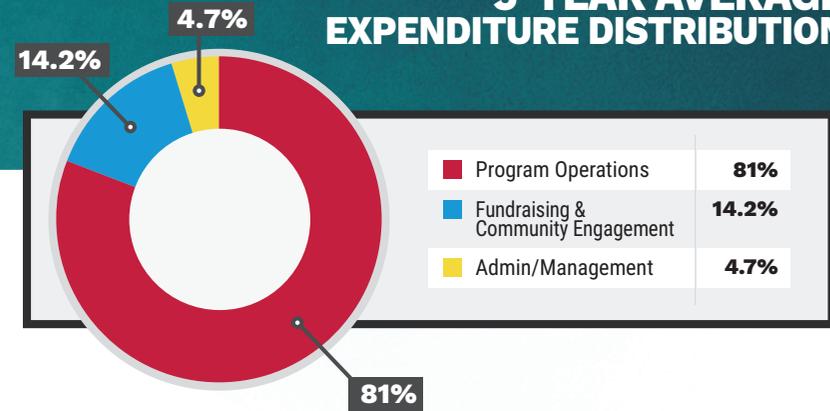
Teen Challenge Canada directs funds to the elements of our Recovery Model which ensure a comprehensive rehabilitation. These areas of focus provide in-depth support for addiction recovery and long-term transformation.

	2025	2024	2023
 PLACE OF REFUGE Includes the cost of construction of a new residence building, providing around the clock care & supervision, food, and shelter.	\$6,626,200	\$6,370,900	\$4,738,000
 ADDICTION COUNSELLING The costs to provide certified addiction counselling that provides clinical supervision, mental health, trauma, and other care.	\$755,200	\$706,400	\$596,500
 EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL FORMATION The costs include Education & Spiritual Formation staff, classroom costs, Bible studies, Curriculum and technology costs, discipleship and other.	\$1,235,700	\$1,180,300	\$1,160,600
 EQUIPPING & LIFE SKILLS The costs to provide work therapy staff, equipment and supplies, and the training and supervision.	\$1,920,700	\$1,849,800	\$1,765,600
 PRE & POST CARE The costs to provide Intake / Admissions staff, an Ongoing Care Coach, the costs associated with communications, technology, and addiction.	\$749,200	\$718,000	\$637,200
 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT The costs associated with on-the-ground programming, including ministry team client training, education for addiction and treatment.	\$1,283,800	\$1,281,900	\$1,285,300

Note:

*Community Engagement plays a foundational role in all aspects of recovery. While shown as a separate expenditure, its benefits are seen throughout the five core program recovery elements.

5-YEAR AVERAGE EXPENDITURE DISTRIBUTION



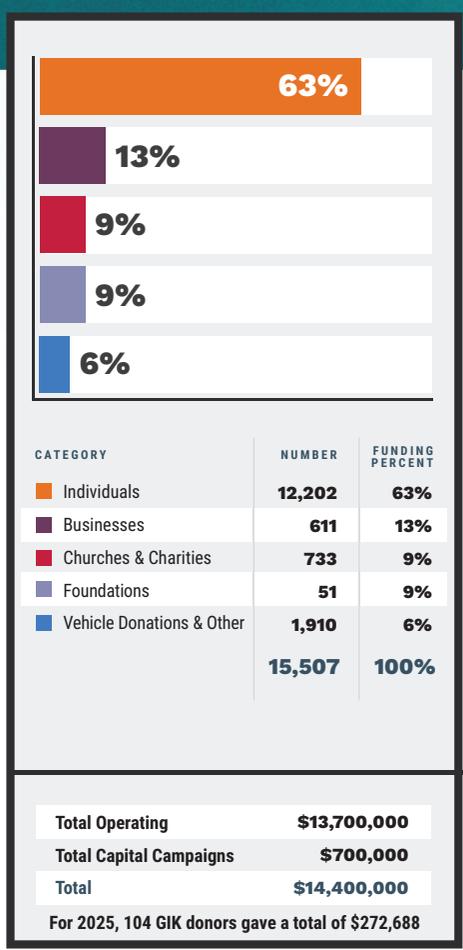
ADDITIONAL POINTS

- Community Engagement is our on-the-ground centre programming that includes ministry team / client public speaking training, education and awareness of addiction treatment, and educational materials.
- Client fees (\$1,100 per person) fund 1.5% of the overall cost of their yearlong program.
- The average monthly cost of a program bed is over \$5,500; which includes shelter, food, 24/hr care and supervision, and professional treatment. This expense also covers administration and fundraising so our program is accessible to all.
- Teen Challenge Canada receives no ongoing government funding, and is completely funded by individual commitments and donations.
- We keep our admin costs low (4.7%) by centralizing admissions, call centre, accounting, and support tasks for all our centres.

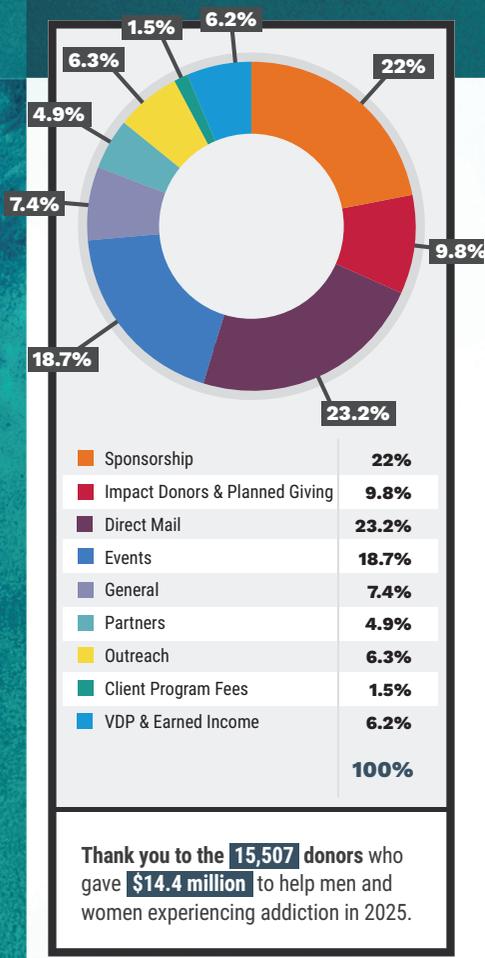
We are so grateful for your continued support! Your financial gifts enable our life-changing message of recovery and freedom to reach as many individuals as possible, every day!

For full audited statements, visit www.teenchallenge.ca/financials

DONOR DISTRIBUTION FINANCIAL SUPPORT



GROSS DISTRIBUTION OF GIVING INCOME



“Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.” (1 Corinthians 4:2)
 We steward each gift with intention, recognizing the trust our donors place in our mission. Because each donation is an investment in the lives of our clients, we use our resources carefully to support lasting transformation.

“Teen Challenge Canada operates with transparency and accountability, not only to respect the generosity of our donors, but also to be pleasing to God.”
 – **Jim Palmer**, Director of Finance, Teen Challenge Canada

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