

AUGUST 2021

THE FAITH BASED SOLUTION TO THE ADDICTION EPIDEMIC



## DEPENDENCY BECAME A PART OF LIFE

My name is Josh and I am 37 years old. I'm from Sparta, Tennessee and was raised on a farm and loved every minute of it. My parents are both God fearing people and have fostered around 30 young children through the years and have adopted my brother and sister. So love was never an issue for me.

I joined the army in 2006 and went to Iraq a couple of times. That is when my addiction started. I was injured during this time and was prescribed opiates for the pain. It was suppose to be a short term fix until I could get my neck, back, shoulder and clavicle operated on. When you take opiates, you build up a tolerance and more is needed to ease the pain. Over time, dependency became a part of life. When the government began restricting the strength of pain medications, I turned to the streets to get enough to ease the physical pain. I was spending a lot of money on my addiction and that was hurting my family.

An army buddy of mine introduced me to Heroin. It was cheap and I could control my doses, but then I got a batch that was mostly Fentanyl and I overdosed. I woke up in the emergency room and was told I had died multiple times enroute. I got out of that one by the grace of God. To say I learned my lesson would be a lie. Less than a month later, I had another Fentanyl overdose. I was conscious enough to hear what was being said by the ER staff but couldn't respond to them or even move. After that, I flat lined again. I woke up in ICU with a tube down my throat and having to use a ventilator to breath for me.

Yet again, God brought me back. I didn't know then, nor do I know now, what God has planned for my life but he definitely has my attention. I was still unable to talk when my mom called Adult & Teen Challenge of the Smokies for me. I have always believed in God, but His resurrection power was enough of a miracle to push me into the first step of recovery. Since joining the Teen Challenge family, I have begun a relationship with Christ I never thought could exist. I started reading the Bible again and I've always loved the book of Revelation. "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen". (Revelation 22:21)



goodbye July, hello  
**AUGUST**

NEW BALANCE—\$208,900

ORIGINAL BALANCE - \$566,000



We are so excited as we see God enabling us to reach this goal of paying off our mortgage. This will help insure the longevity of this wonderful ministry that God has birthed and grown. It is also our desire to pay this off to be debt free. If you would like to help us with this goal, we would appreciate gifts of any amount.



Day of Registration: 9:30am

Shotgun start: 10:00am

LUNCH PROVIDED

### Benefiting Adult & Teen Challenge of the Smokies Men's Center

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2021 at MILL CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

Registration fee of \$40 per person/Entry Deadline: August 15

Many Prizes to be awarded/Hit a hole in one and win a new Chevrolet!

#### REGISTRATION FORM

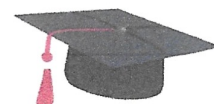
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Checks accepted or call 828-475-4340 to pay by debit or credit card.

Registration form and fee can be mailed to Countryside Chevrolet, 71 Cat Creek Rd., Franklin, NC 28734

## CONGRATULATIONS Corey, Dylan and Dalton



We are so proud of Corey and Dylan who completed the 12 month program and graduated this past month. They have returned home with their families and have jobs in those areas. Dalton, who had previously graduated, just completed a 6 month apprenticeship here at Adult & Teen Challenge of the Smokies. He will be pursuing ministry at the Dream Center in Los Angeles, California. He will be doing an internship with the men's discipleship program and then be a house parent for the second year program.

#### TO MAKE A DONATION:

P.O. BOX 2157, Franklin, NC 28744 /OR GIVE ONLINE at our website: [www.livinghopeway.com](http://www.livinghopeway.com)

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT US AT: 828-524-2157/Thrift Store: 828-586-9966

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