



Adult & Teen Challenge

of the Smokies
Men's Center



MAY 2021

THE FAITH BASED SOLUTION TO THE ADDICTION EPIDEMIC



HE SAVED MY LIFE

My name is Dylan. I'm 29 years old and was born in Waynesville, NC. My parents divorced when I was an infant and my brother and I moved to South Carolina with our mom. I had a very rebellious childhood and was resentful toward any type of authority figure. I often felt misunderstood and unrelatable to other kids my age. Skateboarding is where I found joy and was my main outlet to vent my frustrations.

In 2002, we moved to Orlando, Florida where my curiosity to experiment with drugs and alcohol would soon become my main focus. In High School, I was introduced to Oxycodone. This drug and the atmosphere that came with it is where I found comfort and acceptance. I could finally escape reality. This new found habit eventually formed into a horrific heroin addiction. I abandoned all of my passions and hobbies. Lying, cheating, and stealing became necessary to attain my next fix. Oblivious to my own actions, I was hurting the people that loved me the most. December 14, 2011, my dad committed suicide and I spiraled down into addiction further than I ever could have anticipated. Overdosing and jail became routine. By the grace of God, I was arrested for drug possession. June 2020, while sitting in jail, I learned about Adult and Teen Challenge of the Smokies Men's Center and was accepted into the program. I was fed up with the depression and misery that came along with the lifestyle I had chosen and I was willing to accept the help that was being offered.

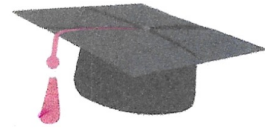
Since being here, I have surrendered my life to the Lord and was baptized on August 27, 2020. I always knew that life had a divine purpose, I just didn't have anything tangible to grasp onto. I have that now with Jesus Christ. Today I am thankful and optimistic. He's restoring relationships with my family including my 9 year old son. I give God all the credit for the change that's taking place and want to provide hope for anyone who is lost or struggling with addiction. He saved my life!

(Ephesians 4:22) "You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness".





CONGRATULATIONS



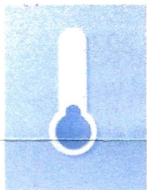
Congratulations to Sam on his graduation from Adult & Teen Challenge of the Smokies Men's Center Saturday, April 10. Sam will be living in the Graduate Cabins and will be working for TLC Mount Home Services.



SPRING GARDEN



Here is a first look at this year's garden with an irrigation system designed by Intern Mitchell Jackson. The men have planted several varieties of tomatoes, peppers, corn, squash, etc. and sunflowers.



\$96,769.00

**received so far to
pay off mortgage**

Mortgage amount still owed: \$338,600.00



On the left is a photo of one of the Graduate Cabins where the men can live after they graduate and work locally. On the right is the woodshop. This is where the guys make furniture to be sold at our Thrift Store and other shops in the area.

TO MAKE A DONATION:

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