



Adult & Teen Challenge of the Smokies Men's Center



NOVEMBER 2021

THE FAITH BASED SOLUTION TO THE ADDICTION EPIDEMIC



I Had Just Given Up On Life

My name is Lucas. I'm 23 years old and I'm from Waynesville, NC. Growing up for me was kind of hard. I was raised by my Mammaw, as were my six

brothers and one sister.

At the young age of 7, I tried pot. By the time I was 12, I was smoking pot and cigarettes and drinking almost every day. When I was about 17, I began taking acid or LSD every day as well. I ended up pushing my family away. I became homeless and was just trying to support my addiction.

I had really just given up on life. I was living in the woods and thought that I would end up drinking myself to death. But there was never enough drugs or alcohol to do that, so it became an endless cycle of drinking, taking acid, and other drugs.

Finally after I had stayed up for 6 days, I had taken so many drugs together that I had lost my mind. I wasn't aware of what I was doing, where I was or even who I was. I was lost! I was arrested after I committed a crime that could have ended in a long prison sentence. While sitting in jail, I prayed to God to show mercy on me and show me that He was real. Two days later, the Drug Counselor at the Haywood County Jail told me about a place I could go to become close to God and recover from my addiction. That was my sign that God was real and He wanted me to go to Adult & Teen Challenge of the Smokies Men's Center.

Since being in the program, God has showed me that life is better with Him and without drugs. My relationship with my mom and dad is better than it has been in a long time. I'm so thankful that God has restored those relationships. I'm also thankful He has brought me closer to Him.

My favorite verses are Matthew 6:25-34. It lets me know that Jesus is in control and not to worry be-



**NEW BALANCE -
\$116,091**

**ORIGINAL BALANCE -
\$566,000**



ALMOST THERE! If you would like to help us with this goal, we would appreciate gifts of any amount. Just make a note on your check to designate toward the **"Mortgage Payoff"**.



Thrift Store Manager, Norma McClure, would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of quality items donated to the store. She said, "People have been such a blessing. I can't thank them enough for the beautiful things they bring". The store is already filled with Christmas decorations to purchase and she has 110 boxes of Christmas items to stock the store with. So no shortage of decorations here. **Note** that because of truck rental and gas costs, we will no longer be able to pick up furniture or other items. You will find our store at **4812 US 441 South, Sylva, NC.** **Store Hours are 10-5 Tuesday—Saturday.** Please call Norma at our store **(828-586-9966)** before bringing items to donate. We are not able to re-sell all items. Again, thank you for your support!

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You**



THANK YOU Franklin Lowes for the donation of this large grill. It will help us in our meal preparation for all of the men in our program.

THANK YOU Nantahala Bank for the really nice conference table and chairs.

UPCOMING GRADUATION

Saturday, November 20, 2021, 10:00 AM



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