



### 2025 Ball Drop By Brad Hansen

The greater Turlock community once again embraced our 6th annual Ball Drop for Hope with a jaw dropping total of \$123,925 being raised for Faith Home Adult & Teen Challenge! In addition we invited several local charitable organizations to sell balls to support their causes. Kitchens for Change, Prodigal Sons & Daughters, Soul Care, Turlock Chaplaincy, and Turlock Gospel Mission raised an additional \$16,550 to increase our TOTAL to \$140,475!

Our hat is off to all of our generous sponsors. They are the reason we have raised so many donations for Faith Home. Ball Sales only represent 16% of our total contributions. Thank You Sponsors (see list below).

Because of the generosity of Sheriff Dirkse and the Air Support Unit to provide the helicopter at no cost and because 100% of the prizes (\$6,000+) were donated by Air Support Unit, Save Mart, La Mo, Bistro 234, First & Main, Turlock Gospel Mission, Angelina's, Balswick's Tire, Fast Track Car Wash, Fields of Ice, Get Air, The Greenery, Latifs by Pedretti, Main St Footers, Rustic Roots, Stanislaus County Fair, Sun Sports, and Turlock Community Theater!

This year we promoted the Ball Drop for Hope by entering a float in the Turlock Independence Day Parade, hosting a booth at the Turlock Community Farmers Market, and greeting customers at both Save Mart locations in Turlock. A BIG reason we were so successful this year was the leadership of this year's Ball Drop Wingman, Michael Shivar. After graduating from Faith Home Michael chose to join the Adult & Teen Challenge team as a full time Servant Leader. Thank you Michael!

Our 7th annual Ball Drop for Hope will return on Saturday October 31, 2026, to the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds in Turlock. Hope you can join us this year! Bring the entire family. It's FREE and it's FUN and it's IMPORTANT!



### No-Cost Health Care By Julie Coffey

The Faith Home staff and students have been blessed with access to no-cost basic medical care by the Legacy Health Endowment Group. Legacy partners with Kind Clinic of Turlock and Kind Clinic has agreed to come perform quarterly on-sight exams and order lab testing for any staff or student in need of health care. Our students now have regular and timely access to important medical care and testing.

Some of the other benefits include vision, dental & mental health counseling.

The health care professionals have all been extremely helpful, caring and pleasant to work with.

The Lord continues to pour out His blessings upon this holy ground and upon all who dwell here.



### Baptism Night By George MacIntosh

We had an amazing baptism night on November 25, 2025. Thirteen of our students were baptized at our home church which is Hope Tree Church led by Pastor Chris Henry.

It was a night filled with good worship, family, and the presence of the Holy Spirit. There's nothing like seeing broken men dedicate their lives to the Lord, and seeking renewed transformation. It was also quite entertaining, watching Pastor Chris struggle with trying to baptize some of the larger men in that very small baptismal tank.

I am so blessed to be part of an organization that truly understands and believes in the Holy Spirit, and is willing to go the extra mile to help anyone with life-controlling issues.

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## Newsletter

By Rick Souza

CEO / Executive Director

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas. We are excited about 2026. Fasten your seat belts for what will be happening this year.

I want to share a letter I just received from the National ATC Office. I'd like you to see what you are part of. It is amazing.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter.



Dear Faith Home Teen Challenge,  
As we step into a brand-new year, my heart is filled with gratitude for you. Your prayers, generosity, and faithfulness throughout 2025 were not just contributions, but the very foundation of the incredible difference you've made in the lives of thousands of men, women, and families who were once caught in the grip of addiction.

Because of your partnership, **hope was put within reach through the power of Jesus Christ** every single day.

In a nation where **48.7 million Americans struggle with addiction** and nearly one in four use illicit drugs, your support helped Adult & Teen Challenge shine a light into some of the darkest places.

And what a year it has been!

Together, we witnessed:

- **11,868 men, women, and teens** finding healing and restoration
- **2,267 individuals** completing our

life-changing discipleship programs

- **4,610 salvations** and **2,258 water baptisms** - lives forever changed for eternity
- The dedication of **1,891 full-time staff** across **212 centers** serving men, women, teens, and families nationwide

But that's not all. Through our outreach efforts, the Gospel reached far beyond our campuses:

- 1,161,392 people were impacted through community, school, church, and prison events
- More than 6,700 individuals accepted Christ at these gatherings
- And in 2025 alone, over 13,000 church events carried the message of hope and freedom into communities across America

These are not just numbers. They represent sons and daughters restored to their families, parents freed from addiction, and young people discovering their God-given purpose. As we look ahead, I'm deeply encouraged by what God has placed before us. Our ambitious DECLARE 2030 vision - to reach 8 million people with the life-changing message of Jesus Christ by 2030- is bold, but with God's help and the continued faithfulness of friends like you, it is within reach.

From all of us at Adult & Teen Challenge USA, we want to thank you for standing with us. Thank you for believing that transformation is possible. And thank you for helping declare His greatness across this nation.

With heartfelt appreciation,  
Gary Blackard

President & CEO  
Adult & Teen Challenge



## Student-Family Christmas Celebration

By Julie Coffey

On Saturday December 13, 2025, our Faith Home staff along with all of our students and their families gathered together for our annual Christmas celebration.

Pastor Dave McGaffee of The Assembly Church in Waterford graciously provided his church facility for the event.

Students with their families enjoyed time together as they sat around the table to hear an encouraging word of hope from our Executive Director Rick Souza, and to listen to Christmas songs from Bill Pugh, George MacIntosh, and our Faith Home student choir.

Thanks to the generous donations from our community friends & partners, we were able to provide a full nacho bar with all the toppings, hot chocolate, hot cider and homemade Christmas cookies!

Also, each student, their wives and children received gifts provided by your donations and purchased and wrapped by our volunteer shoppers.

Planning for this event begins in July with our "Christmas in July" fund raising campaign, and continues through December with all the necessary preparations.

We would like to send out our warmest thank you to all of our donors and volunteers for making this a joyful Christmas for so many families. It truly helps them along the path of recovery and family restoration. May the Lord bless you all!

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