

To The Staff and Employees of Teen Challenge of New Hampshire:

It is with genuine pleasure that I write this letter thanking you for your continued partnership with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and for your dedicated efforts toward helping those battling with addiction.

I came to know Teen Challenge in the fall of 2016 during the course of my career as Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). In the fall of 2016, DEA introduced its DEA 360 program in the New Hampshire, focusing specifically in the city of Manchester and the surrounding areas. In short, DEA 360 is an innovative approach designed to promote education, community awareness and engagement and to combat the opioid epidemic that has consumed the United States and, in great part, New Hampshire. As part of the DEA 360 initiative, and on behalf of DEA, I began to collaborate with a number of community coalitions to develop programs that would attract and educate middle and high school students and provide them with an outlet not only to learn how to prevent opioid addiction but to make better choices concerning substance abuse and help their friends do the same. In doing so, I met several Teen Challenge of Manchester, New Hampshire Resident Life Supervisors and End Addiction Administrators. I was immediately impressed with the overall nature of the program and the impact I could see Teen Challenge having on the DEA 360 Program, but even more importantly on the New Hampshire community as a whole.

During various DEA 360 events, I continued to work with those inside Teen Challenge. Teen Challenge was always reliable, professional and available, even at the last minute, to send someone to outreach events, including one of the biggest of the DEA 360 program, a Youth Summit in March 2017. At these events, Teen Challenge would provide speakers who would selflessly speak about their addiction and the changes they have made through the Teen Challenge Program. When I see them speak, they are a blessing and a true inspiration to our state's most precious asset, its children.

Once again, I wish to thank all of you for your continued efforts and wish you all the best always.

Respectfully,

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Town of Pittsfield NH

To whom It may concern,

I have been working closely with Hector Andujar of Teen Challenge New Hampshire since 2015. He has been an incredible partner for Tilton, helping us to bring addiction recovery resources to young adults suffering from substance misuse and their families. I would describe them as a caring, compassionate and dedicated team who assist people suffering from addiction or substance misuse to get healthy again.

I have attended many Teen Challenge fundraising or graduation events and working around their participants, you see the amazing transformation in their lives. You also see the many ways they give back to communities across the state. Teen Challenge creates one success story after another and the more you work with them, the more you realize the what a positive impact they are making in New Hampshire. They truly are a remarkable organization, saving lives and repairing broken families across the state every day. They have been there for my community countless times when we needed them and I can't thank them enough for all they have done.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Cormier". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Chief Robert Cormier



Town of Pittsfield
85 Main Street
Pittsfield, NH 03263

June 7, 2018

Dear Town of Pittsfield,

Congratulations on having the opportunity to welcome Teen Challenge of New Hampshire to your community! As our state and much of the nation suffers under the drug epidemic, the Teen Challenge program stands as a beacon of hope and light. Choosing to welcome this amazing organization to your community shows a level of leadership, forward thinking and commitment to people that our state desperately needs.

I understand the potential to be wary of a "drug rehab" center moving into the town. What will residents think? Why can't they go somewhere else? Is this going to bring trouble to my town? You are wise to ask questions, but I encourage you to look deeper and think bigger. Teen Challenge has a tremendous track record of changing lives and improving our communities.

My personal experiences with Teen Challenge spans over the past eight years. I have worked side-by-side with their directors, volunteers, program attendees and alumni. The experience has been nothing but exceptional. Their passion for healing, commitment to excellence and love for each other is downright contagious. Their mission pours out from everything they do.

Thank you for reading this letter as you consider this decision. As a citizen of NH, business owner, father, and community volunteer, I fully endorse Teen Challenge and their ever-important mission. I pray the citizens of Pittsfield will embrace the Teen Challenge vision and welcome them with open arms.

Humbly,

Joshua Solloway
COO

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Town of Pittsfield
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July 10, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my extreme pleasure to recommend to you Teen Challenge of New Hampshire. I have been affiliated with this recovery program for over six years and have seen the wonderful work they do with those who struggle with addiction and their families.

I have the privilege of having some of the Teen Challenge staff like, Hector Andujar, Aaron Burtzell and Zachery Brewster as members of our church community. Each of them are men of integrity and love to serve and help people. In addition, the young men that are in recovery also attend our church services. I personally get to witness lives being transformed and becoming productive citizens.

With New Hampshire and so many other states battling the opioid crisis, Teen Challenge is in the front lines of helping young men gain victory over their addictions and change the trajectory of their lives. Teen Challenge is a vital part of the Manchester community since they are always investing and giving back to the community they minister in. Not only have they partnered with our church at community events, I know they go into schools to educate young children about the dangers of substance misuse, but also to let them know that if someone is battling addiction there is hope for them.

I have no doubt having Teen Challenge as part of the Pittsfield community will be a very positive experience as it has been for Hope Tabernacle and all of Manchester. It would serve the Town of Pittsfield well to be known as the welcoming place that it is for those that need help in recovery. The need for successful recovery programs continues to grow in our state, and it is not only my opinion, but statistics prove that no one does this better than Teen Challenge.

As a pastor prayer is a major part of my life, my prayer is that the community leaders and citizens of Pittsfield would open their arms and embrace this organization into their new much needed facility.

I thank you so much for your consideration of this wonderful organization. I believe it will enhance and not impact adversely your community.

Sincerely,

Rev. Juan Rivera

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Dear Board of Selectmen,

I am writing this letter with hope that you will see the value that Teen Challenge brings to people fighting addiction. I entered Teen Challenge in February 2001 at the age of 18. The only way to describe my life before entering the program is "broken". I was broken in every sense of the word. My relationships, education, physical health, and mental health were all a mess. This program opened its doors to a broken teen and gave me a chance to become whole.

I remember starting to feel hopeful pretty early in my stay there. That was a new feeling. I started to believe that I could have a productive life, maybe have a family, maybe keep a job. I became aware of a bunch of character traits that needed help. I learned to work hard and not cut corners. I learned to respect authority. These were lessons that still play into everything I do.

I got my GED when I was in Teen Challenge. They provided a class to prepare me for a test that I didn't think I would pass. Because of that class I passed. I worked on staff for 3 years after I graduated the program. I learned so much about dealing with people in that experience. I went to college and earned a Bachelor's in Biblical Studies. Currently I am doing Graduate work. My desire to learn came from our class time in Teen Challenge. It is still helping me better myself today.

Six years ago my wife and I started a church in Manchester NH. Week in and week out I get to share a story of hope and how lives can be transformed by the grace of God. I feel like I am living a dream. My wife and I just celebrated 10 years of marriage. That might be the highlight of all of this. I know who I was when I pulled up to the curb at Teen Challenge that snowy February day. Today I am totally different. Please hear my tone, this is all to credit and compliment this incredible, one of a kind, drug program. I am forever grateful.

Thank you for reading this.

Grace,
Rev. Michael Goff

Great Exchange Church

To the Town of Pittsfield:

My name is Rebecca Reid and I'd like to share with you my story. I came from a family of 90% drug/alcohol addicts. Unbelievable! My world crumbled when I lost my sister to the epidemic. I tried everything to save her but I was limited on money and resources to get her proper treatment. I have a twin brother named Rob whom I thought was strong willed, brave, and independent. Like me he was all I had to keep me sane with this family. He disappeared and went on a Meth binge and disconnected himself from everyone for years. Multiple arrests, totaled cars, loss of everything wasn't stopping him. He had himself convinced that he was fine. Then he made the Ten O'clock News. It was made public what he was up to and now facing jail time. He hit "rock-bottom." Finally a friend recommended a facility called Teen Challenge, a faith-based rehabilitation center with literally open arms for struggling addicts. I called and was comforted by the voice of Grant from admissions who assured me that everything was going to be okay. It wasn't about my money or insurance; they just wanted to help. My brother agreed to go. Within 30 days he found God. He met some of the most extraordinary people there is. He was smiling! He enjoyed singing in a choir, going to church, and building friendships. He felt good! Over time he became a leader other residents. Let me tell you the best part, Teen Challenge not only healed my brother but also myself from pain, guilt, and worry. My mother is now also sober from the guidance of her son and many others a new belief in Christ. We as a family could never have overcome our battles without the amazing staff and community of Teen Challenge. If there were more of these centers around the area to help so many more addicts and their families. Drugs are everywhere. Whether you see them or not your neighbor could be an addict and you didn't know until the worst happens. We need more resources EVERYWHERE. Especially facilities like Teen Challenge. These facilities are not going to draw drug addicts to your community and cause chaos. Instead it's going to help those in need all around. They have the tools to restructure someone's whole life. They are so busy for the 15 months, they have less time to think of drugs. There is 24/7 support, also random drug testing, supervision by all positive influences, therapy work, help on every level. I encourage you to call a Teen Challenge center and just educate yourself on their program. Take a second to speak to the guys standing outside your local store and hear what they have to say. Teen Challenge is a miracle. A true gift from God that works. Please allow a center to be built in your community. Let's give these people the love and support they need to succeed.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Reid