

North Dakota Teen Challenge recently was invited to speak to the Students Against Destructive Decisions (S.A.D.D.) Chapter at Powers Lake High School. The following is a sample of the overwhelming response of approximately thirty letters received from students.

Dear Teen Challenge,

I just wanted you to know you guys gave a great presentation. I think that what you have to share can really change the minds of some kids who are considering making bad decisions. We really appreciated hearing all of your stories. I think it's great that you're going around using your past experiences, and using them to prevent people like yourselves from making the same mistakes. Thanks for sharing with us.

Kara

Dear Teen Challenge,

I just wanted you to know that your introduction was totally awesome. The stories that you told really touched me and your program seems to be excellent. I'd have to say that Reuben was my favorite. The things he said were humorous, but yet he had touching things to say. They all did an excellent job. I want to thank you so much. I know deep down that God has a plan for everyone of them and Teen Challenge is stepping them through it. Thanks for coming.

Cassie

Dear Teen Challenge,

I just wanted you to know, thanks a lot Teen Challenge, you helped me realize that I am here because God wants me here and I only need to be accepted by God. Thank you so much to Ruben for teaching me that it doesn't matter if nobody loves me, God will always love me. Thank you Roland for helping me; acceptance is something I've always been looking for from everyone. You all have changed my life so much I can't even begin to tell you how much thanks I feel. Love,

Lexis

Dear Teen Challenge,

I just wanted you to know that you all are heroes because of the courage you showed. Here's a poem about all of you:

Tough and enthusiastic

Even energetic also nice and

Charitable to share

How and why they

Are who they are and

Love sharing and

Everlasting knowledge that

No one will listen to

Going down the trail of

Eternal darkness

Katie

Dear Teen Challenge,

I just wanted you to know that we are so grateful you came and talked to us. What you said to us was useful as well as helpful. You touched many people including me. It was nice to hear your stories because you were just like us in high school and you just chose different paths. You're truly inspirational. Keep it up. Thanks so much.

Kaylee

Dear Teen Challenge,

I just wanted you to know that I appreciated your talk at the lock-in. I have a lot of respect for all of you guys and think what you're doing is great. I am a strong Christian and was impressed with what you all had to say. I think you made a big impact on the students and I know you did on me. Thanks again.

Rachel

Dear Teen Challenge,

I just wanted you to know that I'm really glad you guys could come. Everyone kept saying how you were their favorite part and they loved playing basketball and getting to know all of you. It would have been great if you could have stayed longer but we understand how hard that can be when you have other things to do. Thanks again. God bless!

Breanna, S.A.D.D President