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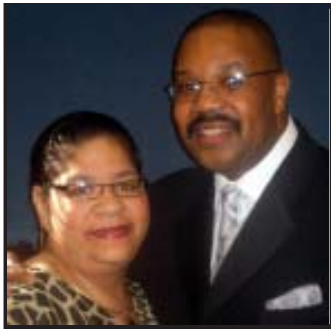
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The Rev. Tyrone Glaspie,
with wife Jennifer

Trust In The Lord!!

Dear Friend,

Our Trust is in the Lord!- Proverbs 3:5 NIV

Times are tough for all but we serve a great big awesome God! Hear the testimonies of these men and see where their trust is. When all failed, even they themselves, "He is Faithful" and true!

Ecclesiastes 3:1 NKJV reads: "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven" and then it continues to read and say these words "a time to" 24 times up to verse 7, then verse 8 starts: a time to love. Wow! Through all the rough and tough times we are in, it is still a time to love. In love we help one another to make it!

These doors at Youth Challenge Bible Training Center "The Ranch" Phase 2, are still open because we love to see lives changed! Though these men come here rough and tough we trust in the Lord to change their lives. Fathers and sons come through these doors, with a need for love and we trust in God to fulfill that need!

We want to say thank you to all our supporters. Tell a friend and family member about Youth Challenge of CT, Inc., there is still a need for support. **With your support we'll be able to continue to restore those lives!**

Again Thank You,

Rev. Tyrone Glaspie

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Director of Phase II The "Ranch"

Needs: First and foremost your prayers; office and cleaning and building supplies, rakes and brooms, carpenters, plumbers, small truck, bed linen, paint (for exterior of house), and your regular financial support (see pg 2 365 day challenge inside!).

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Our Mission Statement

Youth Challenge of CT, Inc. operates residential programs and conducts outreach to help persons with life controlling problems such as substance abuse find drug free, productive and meaningful lives.

Youth Challenge 39th Annual Alumni Homecoming Benefit Banquet



YC Men, Women, and Ranch



Mayor Eddie Perez, with the speaker Bishop Jasper Rolle Jr.



Bishop Raul Gonzalez, Executive Director, Paul Echtenkamp, Director Men's Home, and YC Alumni President Victor Rodriguez

Youth Challenge Alumni Association

presents the

Alumni of the Year Award



Alicia Franco

with the Youth Challenge Alumni Board
Edra Knight, Diane Rodriguez,
Rev. Victor Rodriguez, and Rev. Tyrone Glaspie



Marva Downes, Director of the Women's Home and Alicia Franco

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\$1 a day Challenge

The Youth Challenge of CT Board of Directors invites you to participate in the \$1.00 a day challenge for the next 365 days. We want to enlist your support in the commitment to boost the finances of the ministry. You can do so in one installment, quarterly, or monthly.

Please return the enclosed commitment card.

We appreciate your joining us in this effort and know that The Lord will continue to bless you as you bless His work.

All donations are tax deductible, please make checks payable to Youth Challenge or donate online.

**Kevin**

My name is Kevin and I am 43 years old. Before I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior my life was filled with alcohol and drugs from the age of 16. I also had problems with low self-esteem, depression, and a sense that something was always missing. To add to my depression problem, I thought that I was hearing voices in my head. I was emotionally abused by my father, I was afraid of my own shadow. I did as the world did, always wanting more and never feeling satisfied. More alcohol, more drugs, whatever could fill that hole. The hopelessness that I felt inside was something I carried my whole life. I had many suicide attempts followed by treatment centers and psych ward stays. Falling over and over again I finally walked away from everything that I held dear including my family. At this point I began shooting heroin and living in a cardboard box. After reaching this low, I ended up in the hospital again. The counselor who was assigned to me gave me a list of options and Youth Challenge was one of them. Long story short I ended up in Youth Challenge. Within the first hour I accepted the Lord and I have not been the same person since. The depression is gone; the suicidal thoughts are also gone. He has filled me with His love and I am complete for the first time in my life. He has taught me how to love, how to be a friend, and how to be a father to my children. All my life I knew of God and thought I was running away from Him, but the reality is, I ran right into His arms. Today I have a personal relationship with Jesus.

Thank You Jesus for never giving up on me!!

**Ed**

I have been getting high my whole life. I started getting high on weed, LSD, and then alcohol. My whole life I felt like something was missing, like a void in me that I could never seem to fill. My drug abuse turned into drug addiction which ended up with me being hooked on heroin and crack cocaine. I lost my house and was separated from my wife and child. I ended up homeless living and alone in a tent underneath a highway overpass in Hartford, CT. I was depressed and wanted to die because my life was such a mess. One day I found Glory Chapel and Youth Challenge in South Green Park in Hartford. They were having a street meeting and were ministering to the public. One year later, I detoxed off of methadone and came to Youth Challenge. At Youth Challenge I found what I was missing in my life. That void in me that I could not seem to fill, was filled by Christ Jesus. Before I had no hope in my life and I was miserable. Now, though, I have new lease on life and I have been set free from my addiction and my depression.

Thank you Youth Challenge and thank you Jesus!!

Join us
for the



YC Summer

Outreach!

(See dates on pg 4)



**STAND UP AND DO SOMETHING!
WALK AGAINST SUBSTANCE ABUSE!**

YOUTH CHALLENGE OF CT. INC.

**Annual Walk-A-Thon
Saturday September 19, 2009**

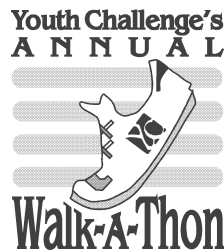
The Walk-A-Thon is conducted to raise funds for programs where individuals with substance abuse problems, and their families, are finding hope and help. Substance abuse has been cited as America's number one problem, and Youth Challenge is on the front line!!

Registration is 9 AM and start time is

10 AM walk begins at the
Men's Residential Center
15-17 May Street
Hartford, CT

**Join us in
this walk to
raise funds.**

**Please call
(860) 728-5199**



**Refreshments, food and good
fellowship after the walk**

Donate Online

www.youthchallenge.org

Don't be brain dead!

Rural Communities at Risk

In a recent National Survey on Drug Use and Health it was found that adolescents in rural communities are as much at risk for drug use as are those in metropolitan areas.

Major Findings

1. Adolescents (ages 12-17) across all types of counties generally displayed similar levels of illegal drug use.
2. Adolescents in rural counties were more likely to have used stimulants and methamphetamine in the past year than their counterparts in metropolitan counties. Rural youth had higher rates of alcohol and tobacco use.
3. Ecstasy use among adolescents was higher in metropolitan and urbanized nonmetropolitan counties than in rural counties.

They also surveyed adults (18 and older) about their drug use.

In metropolitan areas the adults were found to be more involved with illegal drug and alcohol use than rural areas. However in rural areas, they were found to be more likely to have used methamphetamine and showed higher rates of tobacco use.

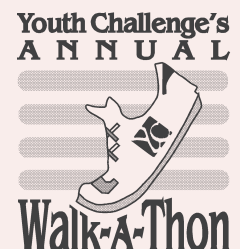
**Cited from: www.samhsa.gov/SAMHSA_News
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UPCOMING EVENTS :



- **Youth Challenge Annual 4th of July Festival** •
YC Bible Training Center, Moosup, CT • Saturday, July 4, 2009 • 10am
- **Youth Challenge International Annual Convention** • Hartford, CT • July 8-10, 2009
- **Youth Challenge Summer Street Outreach** • June 29th, July 20th, August 17th, and August 31st, 2009. Call (860) 728-5199 for more information!
- **Youth Challenge Week in Connecticut** • September 13-19, 2009
- **Youth Challenge Annual Walk-a-Thon** • Sat., September 19, 2009 10am

*Join us in our 10 Km walk against drug abuse!
15-17-19 May Street, Hartford, CT
Food and Fellowship to follow !*



- **Youth Challenge Graduation Banquet** • Plainfield Town Hall
Saturday, October 17, 2009 • 6:00pm
- **Youth Challenge Annual Alumni Service** • Friday, November 27, 2009

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