

Grateful



My first memories of Teen Challenge, like many of you, are of Dennis Whitman and the Teen Challenge choir visiting our church. I always enjoyed hearing how God was changing lives through this ministry. In 2017, I became part of the Teen Challenge family as the Business Administrator. I oversee the business office, financial activities, and enjoy working with the team. We have seen many changes and changed lives in the last six years. One of those changes being that I moved halfway across the country to South Dakota in 2020, where I now work from home.

My husband, Ryan, and I have two amazing, energetic, fun children: Maximus (7) and Madellyn (6). I enjoy playing outside, spending time with friends and family, and family snuggle time (my favorite). Second Corinthians 2:19 says, "For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation." I am so grateful for the opportunity to partner with Jesus, Teen Challenge and you, in bringing this message of restoration to everyone in need of Hope for everyday living and eternity. May God continue to bless you!

RICK SOUZA

Some Introductions



Our newsletters are one way we are able to share our ministry with you and share what the Lord is doing at Faith Home. It is a way to let you hear testimonies from our students, student leaders and staff. It takes an entire team to do what this ministry does, which is to "Put Hope within reach of anyone struggling with life controlling issues."

I want this newsletter to introduce you to the women who are so critical to our ministry. Some are staff, some are volunteers, but they are all godly women who are called to be a vital part of Adult & Teen Challenge Faith Home network. We are blessed!

Rick Souza, CEO, Executive Director

LINDA STOREY

From Then To Now



My love for Teen Challenge was rooted deeply in 1976 when my husband, Gordon, was asked to direct the Sacramento Teen Challenge Women's Center. The Center was located in a 100-year-old home in downtown Sacramento. The women who came to us lived on the street level and our young family moved upstairs. Offices and classrooms were next door. The center was small, with only four on the staff, but through this great ministry outreach we had the joy of seeing transformed lives.

In 1984, we were called to direct the Cincinnati Teen Challenge Program, an amazing expanding ministry located on a beautiful 135-acre ranch with a downtown outreach center. We usually served about 50 at each meal. The memories of seeing men come from jail, off the streets and feeling lost and broken transformed into strong men of character, loving God and others is something that continues to touch my heart.

Through the years, as we pastored churches, we faithfully supported and encouraged Teen Challenge ministry. We loved having the men and women in Teen Challenge programs come to our churches to share their testimonies. After retirement, we were blessed to continue in this ministry by volunteering. What a joy to see those who once

came to Teen Challenge broken, now serving others, finding good jobs, restoring family relationships and ministering as staff. God continues to use this ministry to touch and build lives and I am thankful that I have been able to be part of it.



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LINDA CUMMINGS

Pure Joy Ministries



Hello, my name is Linda Abid-Cummings and I am honored and humbled to be given the opportunity to volunteer at Faith Home Adult Teen Challenge. It is amazing to see God working in the students' lives as they surrender and lay their lives down at the feet of Jesus. My favorite time at Teen Challenge is chapel. It brings joy to my heart to see the men give the morning devotions and worship the Lord. At Teen Challenge, families are restored, confidence is built, freedom is experienced, and most importantly, relationships are built with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

We have a ministry in the foothills called Pure Joy Ministries. Currently, we are co-laboring with Teen Challenge to bring Ready Now to Calaveras and Amador counties. Ready Now is a faith-based weekly support group that offers a variety of curriculum, including but not limited to: Breaking Free from Addiction, Restoring families, and Intimacy with Purpose. The first group is scheduled to start June 3, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact me at 209-988-3931.

Teen Challenge has an excellent staff that is committed to seeing people set free. Thank you, staff, for your dedication and servant hearts. It is truly an honor to work alongside you.

CHERI RIEBEL

Blessed



My name is Cheri Riebel, and I am the Program Manager Assistant at Faith Home Adult Teen Challenge.

I have been married to my husband, Bill, going on 24 years. I have a daughter, Crystal Ann, who is in heaven; a bonus son, Ronnie; and daughter-in-law, Melissia, who have made me a grandma to three wonderful boys: William, Hunter and Barrett.

I was born in New York and moved to California when I was very young. I spent most of my childhood and adulthood years in San Jose, California. Growing up, I made a lot of bad choices and mistakes along the way. You see, I knew deep within me I had this hole, and I was always trying to fill it with different things (drugs, alcohol, etc.), but nothing would satisfy filling that hole.

I had tried going to various churches over the years, but growing up, I had such a punishing God in my mind that I always felt condemned for my past mistakes. That is until I got laid off from my job in 2015. That is when I finally surrendered and gave God the full attention He deserves.

In 2018, I became a volunteer for Faith Home Adult Teen Challenge. I am now a part-time staff member! I love working here. I have witnessed many lives being transformed. I am very blessed to be a part of this wonderful ministry.

LOUISE WILLIAMS

Twofold Purpose



Years ago, my husband, Roger Williams, found a passion working with the men at Adult & Teen Challenge. I had many years of experience working in an office setting. My husband "volunteered" me to help with some of the office tasks. I was retired and didn't mind helping out. Not so gradually, my role evolved to working part-time in the office. We were blessed to be semi-retired and working with Adult & Teen Challenge. Through fourteen years I have had the privilege of working under an evolution of leaders, including Dennis Whitman, Dick Rhoads, and now Rick Souza.

It has been great to see the different needs each leader has met during their time. God brought each just as their skills were needed. I have seen many highs as students have graduated and moved to the next phase of their lives serving the Lord. I have also been here through some pretty low lows, including the loss of my husband and our dear friend Lewie Roche III. It warms my heart that both have been honored by having events named after them: "Roger's Run" (the annual 5K fundraiser) and

"THE LEWIE" (the annual golf tournament fundraiser).

My role here continues to be working in the office. I am blessed to be able to contribute in a variety of ways. I help track donors and donations for monthly recurring giving, one-time gifts, and for donations through our events like the golf tournament, Ball Drop, and 5K Run. I have been responsible for the monthly newsletter and, having passed that torch, now just help with the bi-monthly mailings. I am willing to put on most of the hats I am asked to wear, such as updating policies, preparing reports, and coordinating calendars.

The thing I love most about working at Adult & Teen Challenge is the purpose. I realize that Adult & Teen Challenge has a two-fold purpose in my life. One purpose is for me to be able to contribute meaningfully to a program that draws hurting people to God and heals their hearts. The second purpose is that God has provided me with a family of people at Adult & Teen Challenge who pour into my life, which draws me closer to God.

MARGIE WILEY

Called By God



I graduated from Teen Challenge in 2000, which was life changing. Because of our Lord Jesus Christ and Teen Challenge I am who I am today. God has called me to reach those struggling with life controlling issues.

When I heard of Faith Home Teen Challenge coming to my area I knew I wanted to help. I was at the next prayer meeting and have been involved ever since. I was approached by Rick Souza to consider being on the Board. I felt it was a great honor and I accepted. I have been serving in this capacity for a few years now.

In 2020 I began serving with the new outpatient program Ready Now Recovery. I first went through the training myself. Then the Holy Spirit led me to further this mission by developing a team of ladies. In September 2021 we launched our first Ready Now Recovery group in Tuolumne County. Since that small beginning we have grown and expanded beyond what I ever thought possible. We are putting hope within reach and compelling them to come in!

Some Introductions

Continued

SHARON RODDICK

Restoring Dignity



Hello! I'm Sharon Roddick, and I lead the "Restoring Dignity" class at Faith Home Adult & Teen Challenge. I love Jesus and constantly stand amazed and grateful for His blessing and provision, and relationship with our Lord through the Holy Spirit. My husband, David, and I have been married nearly 48 years. We have journeyed through many seasons of life together and have grown throughout them all. Top tips: remember you're on the same team; laugh a lot; communicate well; serve one another. We have two grown and married daughters, and 5 granddaughters! David and I are both retired from satisfying careers and are currently navigating this "senior" season.

Linda and Gordon Storey introduced me to Faith Home Adult & Teen Challenge late in 2019. They explained how Rick Souza had a vision of a course for the men in their later months at Faith Home that would prepare them for their re-entry into the work force. Linda and Gordon thought I might be a good fit for this, and so we met with Rick in January 2020 and toured the ranch. There was no doubt that this was a work I wanted to be involved with. So, Restoring Dignity began in late February 2020.

I had retired in 2018 from public education, serving in Human Resources for the previous 9 years. Prior to that I had been a classroom teacher, school principal, and Director of Elementary Education before leading Human Resources. Therefore, I was truly excited to share my experience and support the men toward their life after program completion. I had no idea how richly I would be blessed by every one of the men in the class over the years that followed. Let me explain...

Topics in the class include goal setting, resume building, job search and the hiring process, workplace behaviors and how to be a successful employee – actually, how to thrive as an employee. But the bubble wrap around the course is the affirmation that each one is unique, with talents, gifts, and with a special purpose designed by God. It is vital that they understand their worth, value, and purpose, no matter the job/work/vocation/profession/trade they find themselves in. What I have witnessed in them and from them, are increasing levels of determination, perseverance, confidence, growing faith, and dependence on Jesus. Transformation by the power of God is real, and I've seen it again and again in the men.

It is a privilege to be a part of Faith Home Adult & Teen Challenge. To God be the glory!

JULIE COFFEY

Called Out



From the beginning of my walk with God, He has put a love in my heart for His Living Word. From that love stemmed a calling to ministry. For many years I've served the Lord through writing Bible studies and leading & teaching women in the church.

Recently the Lord called me out of the job I was in and into ministry with Faith Home Adult & Teen Challenge. In August of 2022, I began serving as the Program Supervisor for Faith Home Ranch.

Working with the men at this center has been one of the greatest blessings of my life. Seeing God's redemptive work in the lives of people who have suffered great loss & brokenness is unlike anything I had experienced.

It's a tremendous blessing to be a part of God's plan for the men who come through this Center. I've seen him do amazing miracles on their behalf and

transform their lives in ways they could never have imagined. I am thankful and honored to be a participant in the work of God's Holy Spirit at FHATC.

DIANE BYRD

Change is Possible



I accepted the Lord when I was 9. I was always in church for Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night, even if I was asleep in a church pew. My parents went to different churches but always made sure that my sister and I went to church with Mom. Mom decided we needed to go to church as a family and moved to the Assemblies of God church in Tracy. As I got older, it was a gift to learn who the Lord was and that my salvation didn't depend on what church I went to, but it was the relationship I had with the Lord that mattered. Worship comes from the heart. It doesn't matter if you are sitting quietly in worship, or if you are singing excitedly and dancing in the aisles, or if you are following the priest in a mass. What matters is the heart.

I have been married to Kelly for 30 years. We have one son and a daughter by marriage who live with us. I have worked in different businesses doing accounting, which is what I went to school for. A friend gave me the application to work for Teen Challenge and thought it would be a good fit, but

I did not think it was where God wanted me at the time. A year later I was looking for a job and the same friend gave me another application for Teen Challenge. Kelly and I prayed about it, and I turned in the application and interviewed with Rick. When I was offered the job, Kelly and I prayed and agreed that this was where I belonged.

Teen Challenge is an amazing ministry where you get to see lives change. Men come to the ranch in all kinds of conditions, with different needs. The passion is to help the people see that change is possible and can happen in their lives through the working of the Holy Spirit as they surrender their issues and build a relationship with the Lord. It is a wonderful place to be a part of.