



Mn Adult & Teen Challenge

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Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge Hosts Gala in Mankato on Oct. 24

Proceeds will be used to help Minnesotans gain freedom from substance use

WHAT: Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge is hosting a gala in Mankato to raise awareness and support for treatment and prevention programs for Minnesotans struggling with substance use. The Mankato gala is a special evening celebrating lives transformed, families restored and communities strengthened by ending the cycle of addiction. All proceeds from the event will go towards assisting teens and adults in gaining freedom from substance use. The event is expected to raise more than \$100,000 through the silent auction and donations.

The gala will feature dinner, networking, musical performances and a silent auction of packages donated by local businesses including signed sports memorabilia, a three-month family membership for the YMCA, a depth finder for fishing, as well as a spa package.

Additionally, the Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge Choir will perform with Sunday Burquest, a contestant on Survivor Castaway Season 33, who will share her family's story of struggling with substance use. Beth Crosby, a local Christian Radio Host, will be the emcee.

WHY: In just two years, 2014 to 2016, Minnesota saw 350 drug overdose deaths of individuals under the age of 24.

WHEN: The gala will take place on Tuesday, October 24 from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. Registration and the silent auction open at 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: **Verizon Wireless Center**
1 Civic Center Plaza
Mankato, MN 56001

About Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge

Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge (MnTC) is a drug and alcohol treatment and recovery program that has been in operation for more than 30 years. With 11 locations throughout the state, MnTC offers a full range of services including long-term recovery and short-term intensive treatment programs as well as extensive prevention services through the organization's program, Know the Truth (KTT). Each year, Know the Truth speaks in more than 160 high schools and middle schools across the state, sharing personal stories of addiction with students to help prevent substance use.