“I thank God for the intervention of Lakeside Academy.”
Dear Friends,

Fall is here. One of my favorite things about this time of year is how much transformation we see all around us, not just in nature, but in the hearts and lives of our clients as well. It is because of you that more and more people struggling with addiction are given the tools to change their lives through our programs. You are making a difference for so many of these precious people.

While summer winds down there are still many ways for you to make an impact this year. In addition to making a financial gift, please consider joining us at one of our inspiring events. You can celebrate and praise with us at our annual Christmas concert on December 14 at Grace Church. This year’s event features special guest, Unspoken.

Thank you again for your prayers and continued support throughout 2019. Without you the 3000+ men, women, and teens who’ve worked so hard for their recovery this year may have been lost. This is why your partnership is so critical right now for keeping our doors open to all who are seeking true freedom from addiction. Please consider making a donation today. The need has never been greater.

Blessings,

Rich Scherber
Chief Executive Officer

Upcoming Events

**OCTOBER 17**
**Duluth Gala**
Dinner, Silent Auction, & Program
DECC Harbor Side Ballroom
mntc.org/duluth-gala

**DECEMBER 5 & 6**
**Brainerd Christmas Concert**
Featuring the MnTC Choir
Heritage Church, Brainerd
mntc.org/brainerd-christmas

**OCTOBER 24**
**Alexandria Gala**
Dinner, Silent Auction, & Program
Lake Geneva Christian Center
mntc.org/alexandria-gala

**DECEMBER 14**
**Minneapolis Christmas Concert**
Featuring Unspoken & MnTC Choir
Grace Church, Eden Prairie
mntc.org/christmas

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Starr’s Story
Lakeside Academy Graduate

This story is told by Starr’s grandmother, Ellen, and was edited for length.

When Starr was 4, his mother begged me to take him out of her home and raise him in another state. By the age of 12, his estranged brother committed suicide before they could meet and his mom, overwhelmed with grief, died of an overdose. Stress, abandonment issues, and difficulties in school defined his life.

He refused to follow rules or do homework, and he vaped and partied to deal with his pain. He often said he wished to die and join his mother and brother. Finally, after months of hospitalization, one of Starr’s therapists recommended Lakeside Academy for long-term placement.

By the grace of God, he was accepted and moved out to the campus. After some bumps in the road, Starr began to gradually follow the program. He had wonderful counselors and a team of many adults who worked with him. He had group therapy with peers of his age, and many activities. He also had the influence of Christian principles and attended church and small group discussions. He had gone into Lakeside HATING God and came out a believer.

One of the most beneficial tools for me was the quarterly parent weekend. I was able to visit with Starr, meet other families, and get the tools and support I so desperately needed.

Starr was at Lakeside for a total of 16 months and he was the first to graduate the program AND high school at the same time. He has said many times, he doesn’t know where he would be if it were not for the intervention, support and sincere relationships he had at Lakeside Academy. I know Starr will have struggles in his future and the road may get messy, but he now has the tools to help him deal with his issues.

Starr is now a freshman at St Cloud Tech Community College in St. Cloud, MN., studying welding.

To read Starr’s full story: mntc.org/starr

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Donor Spotlight

Chris and Barb Glascoe have been involved at MnTC for over 11 years through mentoring, serving on the board, and chairing and engaging in various committees. They currently attend St. Andrews Lutheran Church.

Chris & Barb Glasoe

Ways to Give

YEAR-END OPPORTUNITIES

Our programs and clients are thriving because of your generosity. Please consider the many ways in which you can continue to support MnTC at year-end.

Donor Advised Funds: A Donor Advised Fund (DAF) allows you to make charitable contributions, receive an immediate tax benefit, and then recommend distributions from the fund over time. You can use your Donor Advised Fund to bless MnTC and the clients we serve.

Qualified Charitable Distributions: If you’re 70½ or older, you can donate up to $100,000 per tax year directly from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). A qualified distribution (QCD) is a distribution from an IRA directly to an eligible charity, without the account owner being taxed. QCDs count toward your required minimum distribution for the year.

Stock and Securities: Gifts of stocks, bonds, mutual funds or other appreciated assets are a strategic way to support MnTC while securing tax benefits to maximize your support. It is a simple transaction that allows you to avoid any capital gains taxes you would otherwise incur if they were sold.

Cars for Recovery: We accept cars, trucks, boats, motorcycles, and RVs regardless of their condition. Your donation will benefit Know the Truth, a prevention program targeting teenagers in Minnesota. mntc.org/cars

For more information, contact Grace Bettendorf at 612-238-6462 or email grace.bettendorf@mntc.org

Q: What first brought you to MnTC as a donor?

Donor: The choir came and sang at our church and there was a prayer call afterwards. We went up and prayed over a client and Chris became his mentor.

Q: Why do you donate to MnTC?

Donor: Their total approach to addiction — not just dealing with chemical and emotional side but also the spiritual side. Someone with an addiction usually believes they can recover on their own. We know that isn’t true for most, if not all. MnTC takes the long view.

Q: What wisdom do you have for the next generation of donors?

Donor: Give because you believe in who you’re giving it to. Don’t give for the tax break. We have designated some of our gifts to the Know the Truth prevention program. Getting out in front of kids and parents to head the problem off before it begins or even just being educated about what the problem is. Consider giving a Legacy for Hope gift to help those will need help in the future. Don’t stop an annual gift but consider a legacy gift because it allows something good to continue on.
Christmas Concert

Unspoken & the MnTC Choir

Buy Tickets: mntc.org/christmas

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