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Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge Renovates Chatham Facility

Project increases capacity and adds comfort for clients in Duluth

Duluth, Minn. — Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge has completed a major renovation on its Northland campus in Duluth. The renovation has increased the treatment center's capacity by 15 percent, allowing it to accommodate 62 clients at a time in a much more comfortable setting.

"The Chatham building was originally built in 1906," says Jocelyn Hoeft, the community relations and development coordinator for the Northland campus. "While we love it's rich history, after more than a century of use, it was time for a renovation."



Key features of the renovation include 154 new windows, 20 mini-splits to regulate temperatures throughout the building, re-finished hardwood floors, and a brand-new spacious laundry room with new equipment. Most importantly, it restructures the way the apartments are laid out. Clients will now live in either three-bedroom, two-bedroom or studio apartments. The multi-bedroom apartments include living / study rooms, and many have private bathrooms for each client. This will provide much more privacy and comfort to clients who previously shared an apartment and bathroom with five roommates.

"Transforming our space into a home-like setting was really important to us," explains Hoeft. "Clients are going through a very difficult time in their lives. We believe that finding the right balance between companionship from a roommate and comfort and privacy from a private bedroom and bathroom will help our clients succeed."

Additionally, the renovation also includes covered walkways build between the two buildings on campus, ensuring the men will no longer need to walk outside each day to get to their classes, something critical in Minnesota winters.

Clients will begin moving in on April 21, 2021.

About Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge

Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge (MnTC) is a drug and alcohol treatment and recovery program that has been in operation since 1983. 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.