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## Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge Earns 4-Star Rating from Charity Navigator MnTC receives award for eight consecutive years

MINNEAPOLIS — Charity Navigator, the nation's largest evaluator of charities, recently awarded Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge (MnTC) its highest rating (four stars). MnTC has received this rating for eight consecutive years, one of the only nonprofits nationwide to have done so.

"Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge's exceptional 4-star rating sets it apart from its peers and demonstrates its trustworthiness to the public," according to Michael Thatcher, president and CEO of Charity Navigator. "Only a quarter of charities rated by Charity Navigator receive the distinction of our 4-star rating. This adds Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge to a preeminent group of charities working to overcome our world's most pressing challenges. Based on its 4-star rating, people can trust that their donations are going to a financially responsible and ethical charity when they decide to support Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge."

Charity Navigator evaluates nonprofits utilizing more than 17 metrics focusing on fiscal responsibility, governance, ethical practices and openness. These Accountability & Transparency metrics, which account for 50 percent of a charity's overall rating, reveal which charities operate in accordance with industry best practices and whether they are open with their donors and stakeholders.

"It's important that our donors trust us and know that we're using their support wisely to help people struggling with substance use," said Darla Loss, donor relations director at Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge. "Our 4-star Charity Navigator rating demonstrates our good governance and financial accountability."

MnTCs rating and other information about charitable giving are available free of charge on www.charitynavigator.org.

## About Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge

Minnesota Adult and 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. 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.

## **About Charity Navigator**

Charity Navigator, www.charitynavigator.org, is the largest charity evaluator in America and its website attracts more visitors than all other charity rating groups combined. The organization helps guide intelligent giving by



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