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## **Tom Truszinski Becomes New CEO of Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge**

*Rich Scherber retiring after 30+ years*

MINNEAPOLIS — Tom Truszinski has officially begun his tenure as the new CEO of Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge (MnTC). Truszinski is a long-term leader at MnTC and worked as the center director of the organization's Rochester campus for the past eight years.

“Following a comprehensive selection process, our board unanimously selected Tom Truszinski to succeed Rich Scherber as our CEO,” says Eric Vagle, president of Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge. “Tom’s heart for helping those struggling with substance use disorder, his business expertise, and his experience leading our Rochester campus made him the perfect choice for CEO.”

Truszinski will build on the foundation set by Pastor Rich Scherber, who served as CEO of the organization for more than 30 years. Scherber built the organization up from the ground, and today, MnTC helps more than 3,100 people each year with a full range of outpatient and residential services for those struggling with substance use disorder and co-occurring mental health disorders; it has received Charity Navigator’s highest rating (four stars) for eight consecutive years; it has been recognized as a top 150 employer by the Star Tribune for four consecutive years; and it was rated as a Best Addiction Treatment center in 2020 and 2021 by Newsweek/Statista. Scherber will remain involved with the organization, taking on roles that allow greater flexibility and work-life balance.

“We have been preparing for this transition for quite a while,” explains Eric Vagle. “While we have a new CEO, there is significant continuity within our senior leadership team and board; we will continue serving clients and operating as we’ve always done.”

Tom Truszinski adds, “I’m thrilled to be the next leader at Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge and build on Pastor Rich’s legacy. Our program is all about changing lives and spreading hope, and I’m blessed to be a part of it.”

### **About Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge**

*Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge (MnTC) is a substance use disorder treatment and recovery organization that has been in operation since 1983. With 14 residential locations throughout the state,*

*MnTC offers a full range of services, including licensed treatment (14- to 90-day residential; outpatient; telehealth); a long-term residential recovery program (13 months); co-occurring mental health services; addiction medicine services; peer support services; transitional housing; and aftercare. In addition, the organization supports prevention education and community peer support. Learn more at [www.mntc.org](http://www.mntc.org).*

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