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Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge (MnTC) Hires Vice President of Long-Term Programs *William Ramos will oversee program for nearly 400 clients in MnTC's residential recovery programs*

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge (MnTC) has hired William (“Willie”) Ramos to oversee its long-term residential recovery and alumni services programs. Mr. Ramos was drawn to MnTC because of the organization’s work culture, the program’s high success rate, and its innovative approach to helping people who struggle with substance use disorder involving drugs or alcohol.

“I’ve been a part of the ‘Teen Challenge’ organization for 27 years”, says Ramos, “first as a client in New York, and then as a staff member. Minnesota’s program has always been a model and inspiration for the other 200 “Teen Challenge” centers throughout the United States. Its person-centered approach is all about treating the whole person, with emphasis on providing trauma-informed care, while also addressing co-occurring mental health issues. MnTC is really second to none in the nation.”

Mr. Ramos will oversee MnTC’s long-term residential recovery program, which serves about 400 men and women at any given time, and its alumni services programs, which helps literally thousands of people stay connected to support their long-term sobriety.

“I’m excited to be able to support our clients every step of the way,” says Ramos. “I am allowed the opportunity to be part of each person’s journey, from entry to graduation, and even beyond as they transition to a life of freedom from addiction.”

Prior to joining MnTC, Mr. Ramos spent 25 years at Teen Challenge New York, located in West Babylon, New York. He also has a deep understanding of what it takes to achieve long-term sobriety and live life to the fullest. Mr. Ramos was a client at Adult and Teen Challenge New York 27 years ago.

“I came in to Teen Challenge trying to change the way I live,” explains Ramos. “I was part of a drug deal that went sour and got gunned down. I have bullet wounds in my body. I just knew I needed to change my life or I was going to die out there.”

After graduating from the long-term program, Ramos spent two years working at Adult and Teen Challenge New York before moving to Missouri to attend college. He was the first in his family to graduate with a bachelor’s degree and high honors. Upon graduating, he returned to New York to work alongside his wife helping people transform their lives.



“I get to be in the business of seeing men and women transform their lives and go from a hopeless circumstance to a victorious one,” Ramos says. “Just win the day, then you can win the week, the month, and more. Just look at me. I was a dope dealer, now I’m a hope dealer.”

Ramos relocated to Minneapolis with his son, daughter and his wife, Anna, who is a Ph.D. in Professional Counseling and licensed as Clinical Counselor in Minnesota. Ramos has his bachelor’s degree in biblical studies with a minor in counseling. He is also an ordained minister. His Motto has always been “It’s not how you start; it’s how you finish”.

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.

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