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Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge receives supplemental group housing rate to provide all-encompassing services at new facility

Funding will be critical to support substance abuse treatment and co-occurring mental health services

MINNEAPOLIS – Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge (MnTC) broke ground on a new men's treatment facility in Alexandria last year that will address the dire need for substance use treatment and co-occurring mental health services in western Minnesota, underscoring the organization's commitment to its mission.

As part of Human Services Omnibus bill SF2934, legislation, championed by Senator Jordan Rasmusson (Fergus Falls) and Representative Jeff Backer (Browns Valley), was successfully passed this session. This legislation introduces a supplemental group housing rate, which will play a crucial role in facilitating comprehensive services at the new facility. "The Alexandria community has recognized the significance of this new facility, responding to the urgent need for these crucial services. We express our gratitude for the unwavering support from legislators, enabling us to extend our services to hundreds more Minnesotans annually," stated Tom Truszinski, CEO of MnTC.

Joining the cause, several other area legislators supported the legislation, including Senator Torrey Westrom (Elbow Lake), Representative Mary Franson (Alexandria), Representative Paul Anderson (Starbuck), and Representative Tom Murphy (Underwood). Additionally, notable advocates such as Senators Jim Abeler (Anoka) and John Hoffman (Coon Rapids) and Representative Dave Baker (Willmar) have offered their support. MN Adult & Teen Challenge extends heartfelt appreciation to all these supporters for their instrumental role in achieving this milestone, and eagerly anticipates serving the Alexandria community and west central Minnesota.

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.

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