



Adult & Teen Challenge
British Columbia

2024 IMPACT REPORT



A Message From the CEO

Warmest greetings to you, our valued supporters and community partners,

Each and every day in the ministry of Adult & Teen Challenge BC we are reminded of who God is and of the power of His love, mercy and grace for every man and woman that walks through our doors into His care. We have much for which to be thankful, knowing that God is at the centre of all we endeavor.

Before coming into the program, men and women are utterly broken and lost – as are many of their families. And yet, we know that hope will take root even in the darkest times, right in the middle of the mess. It begins when they come to realize that they can no longer do one more day in their pit of despair and destruction. The words of Isaiah resound more clearly than ever, as they begin their journey of surrender:

“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” Isaiah 43:18-19 (ESV)

At Adult & Teen Challenge BC, we see that surrender, hope and transformation every day. Men and women once trapped in addiction find freedom, rebuild relationships, and rediscover their God-given purpose through the healing power of Jesus Christ.

Today, as you read this Annual Report, may you be blessed by the milestones of 2024 and the many ways these were achieved. May you get a clear sense of the love, compassion and commitment of our staff, and our desire to educate and equip our students and future leaders through a Biblical foundation.

Whether students stay a week, a month or a year, seeds will be planted, and the truth and love of Christ will be within them, ready for more of God’s plan for their life.

Where addiction once brought profound isolation and disconnection, the family-oriented community of Adult & Teen Challenge BC has brought love, significance and belonging. We are committed to cultivating meaningful and long-lasting relationships with our students and graduates, helping them to thrive. Some started out looking to sobriety as the goal. We look to the higher standard set before us through Jesus Christ of lifelong freedom and abundance.

Our heartfelt desire is that men, women, and their families would be launched into healthy futures, creating a legacy of Christ followers that will “go and make disciples of all nations.” As we enter 2025, we are standing in faith, that more souls will be reached and saved, in His name.

We thank you for your unwavering support and continued partnership. We are humbled that you have accepted God’s invitation to be part of the miracles. Your support has helped to provide a safe, faith-based environment where lives are restored – one prayer, one day, and one step at a time.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Angie Appenheimer
Chief Executive Officer

Mission and Vision:

*To help people overcome life-controlling issues
through Jesus Christ*

Faith – Always believing God for the impossible.
“And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith.” Genesis 15:6

Servant Leadership – Serving selflessly to help other thrive.
“I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.” John 13:15

Core Values:

Community – Working together as we support one another.
“Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others as better than yourselves. Don’t look out for only your own interests but take an interest in others too.”
Philippians 2:3-4

Impact – Transforming society in Jesus’ name,
“You are the light of the world – a city on a hill cannot be hidden.”
Matthew 5:14

Rebecca



“First, I want to thank God for the freedom to worship our God in public. This month, I’m coming up on my six-month mark here. God granted me the pleasure of witnessing some of my peers get baptized in the ocean as a public confession of their faith, and it renewed my the spirit within me to persevere in my journey of faith.

I can't stress the importance and power of prayer and God's faithfulness in answering them. My family is experiencing restoration where ties have been broken for 20 years (PTL!) and sometimes God uses our hardships for His glory, as I am experiencing.

My meditation yesterday was on Genesis 50:20 and it speaks loudly to my life. I am thankful for my the life lessons that allowed me to end up at this place in my life, being encouraged and sharing encouragement along the way.

My plan is to continue to surrender daily my fears and worries of the future, leaving it in God's hands and His perfect plan. I look forward to the next half of my journey here.”

Rory



“God is so faithful to me, and I feel His fatherly love constantly. I am continuing to learn valuable life tools daily. We started a new class on the Holy Spirit and after my first class I have been stirred to learn more and dig deeper.

We attended a Dessert Gala a couple of weeks ago, it was so amazing. Seeing all the loving people who help support us here was heartwarming to know that so many people care about us and pray for us.

God is teaching me to pinpoint past traumas to get to the root cause so I can heal. I see continual growth in my life with the help of God daily. Sometimes I just weep tears of joy knowing how amazing our God is and the love He has for me. God is helping me to understand the true meaning behind being still and waiting on the Lord.

I am so grateful to have this opportunity of a second chance in this earthly life before it was too late. Thank you so much.”

2024 Emerging Leaders Program Graduates



Emerging Leaders is available to all of our graduates as one of several options to become best established in the path God has for each one. This aligns with a focus on serving God by serving others, which is the heart of Adult & Teen Challenge BC.

We purpose to help our students to thrive, cultivating servant leadership that will strongly mold, guide and impact them and future generations.

We want to provide a meaningful experience and opportunity for continued learning, growth, mentorship, and life application, all under the covering of continued discipleship.



Nigel graduated from the SURGE program in March 2024 and continued to serve at the Okanagan Centre in many different areas, including Student Life, Intake, and preaching sermons that spoke life and hope into the men at the centre. He later transferred to the Chilliwack Men's Centre, where he oversaw the men's work experience program and continued to inspire and support new students entering recovery. Today, Nigel works with a local organization that cares for at-risk youth. He has a tremendous heart for speaking life into teens and showing them that there is always a way forward and a path to hope.



Deanna graduated from the SURGE program in July 2024 and served at Patricia Hope House until September 2025. During her time there, she contributed in many areas, bringing creativity, care, and dedication to everything she did. Deanna has a passion for creativity and led the women at the centre in our Artisan projects, inspiring them to express themselves through art. She also played a role in Student Life and provided support to the rest of the staff. Deanna is now returning to Williams Lake, where she will be spending this next season of her life with her family.

Alumni 2024 Reunion



This has been a long time coming! Past grads and students came from all over to attend.

It was such a blessing to watch people reconnect and laugh about old times in the program and where they are now. So many are now married, having children, working in missions, restored to their families and so much more. It is so good to see how God restores lives through His grace and mercy.

Centres



Chilliwack Men's Centre (Chilliwack)
2000 - present (2024)
Shane Ducholke
24 beds



Patricia Hope House (Surrey)
2003 – present (2024)
Wendy Townsend
16 beds



Okanagan Men's Centre (Lake Country)
2006-present (2024)
Grace Absolom
22 beds

Adult & Teen Challenge BC Locations



Patricia Hope House

Chilliwack Men's Centre

Okanagan Men's Centre

Cranbrook Community Office

Our Graduates



Henry
Okanagan Men's Centre



Floyd
Okanagan Men's Centre



Johnathan
Okanagan Men's Centre



Terrilee
Patricia Hope House



Julie
Patricia Hope House



Houston
Chilliwack Men's Centre



Braden
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Ian
Chilliwack Men's Centre



Ricky
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Luke
Chilliwack Men's Centre



Scott
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Fraser
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Rory
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Devin
Chilliwack Men's Centre



Kai
Chilliwack Men's Centre



Kolby
Chilliwack Men's Centre



Zack
Chilliwack Men's Centre

Almighty God,

We stand in awe of Your power and grace, giving thanks for the strength and perseverance You have poured into the 2024 graduates of Adult & Teen Challenge British Columbia. By Your mighty hand, they have overcome trials, broken chains, and stepped into a new season of hope and renewal. Lord, go before them as their guide and behind them as their protector. Fill them with unshakable faith, unyielding courage, and the wisdom to walk in Your truth. When challenges arise, let them stand firm, knowing that no temptation, no obstacle, no fear is greater than the victory they have in You. Surround them with godly support, open doors of opportunity, and provide every resource they need to thrive. Let their lives shine as a testimony to Your power, bringing restoration not just to themselves, but to their families, communities, and beyond. Fill their hearts with peace that surpasses understanding, joy that cannot be stolen, and a deep, abiding confidence that You are with them—every step, every moment, every breath.

In Jesus' mighty name, Amen.



Good Taco: More Than a Meal

At Good Taco, every shift is more than just work experience—it's an opportunity for transformation. As part of the Adult & Teen Challenge BC Men's Program, our students gain practical job skills in a thriving restaurant environment, learning responsibility, teamwork, and excellence in service. These transferable skills equip them for new chapters of life beyond addiction.

But the impact doesn't stop there. In the kitchen and at the counter, discipleship is lived out in real time. Students learn what it means to follow Christ through the everyday rhythms of preparing food, serving customers, and working alongside one another. Each moment becomes an opportunity to practice patience, humility, and servant leadership.

And while our students are shaped by this process, so are our customers. Every plate of tacos served isn't just a meal—it's a touchpoint for hope. Through genuine hospitality and conversations sparked across the counter, many customers walk away not only satisfied with good food but also stirred by the Good News.

Good Taco is more than a restaurant. It's a ministry of restoration, skill-building, and evangelism—one meal at a time.



Josh: "Good Taco isn't simply a restaurant we work at—it's a transformative experience. This role has shaped my leadership in ways I never imagined. I get to guide other men as they walk through their recovery journey."



Loralee: Each day I work at Good Taco I feel blessed to disciple students in the workplace. It's a joy to serve alongside students as we teach transferable skills, model worth ethic and serve our community by sharing Jesus with our customers.

Good Taco 2024: 14 men (many of the men who started working in 2023 didn't finish until 2024 which limited our ability to take in more men in 2024) started work at Good Taco and of those men seven went on to graduate their 12 month program or their six month refresher course. With the majority still in positive contact with the Chilliwack Men's Centre after they graduated or left the program.



Noodlebox:

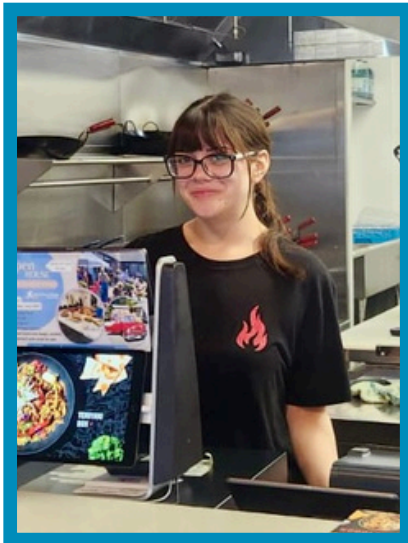
Serving Hope and Building Futures

At Noodlebox, the kitchen is more than a place to master southern Asian recipes—it's a safe haven where the women of Patricia Hope House learn marketable job skills and discover renewed purpose. Through guided, on-the-job training, each student develops confidence, resilience, and professionalism that prepares them for stability and success after graduation.

More than just technical knowledge, the Noodlebox experience at Patricia Hope House offers daily opportunities for organic Christian discipleship. Within the support and camaraderie of each shift, women encourage one another toward deeper faith, healing, and personal growth. Discipleship flourishes peer-to-peer, as spiritual discussions, prayer and worship naturally arise among students and staff in the flow of each day.

Evangelism at Noodlebox takes a unique form: it's woven into the relationships between students and the hired restaurant staff. As shared work and honest conversation foster trust and vulnerability, many staff encounter Christ's love through the authentic faith of the women they work alongside. Every bowl served is a testament not only to skill-building but also to lives transformed—and new seeds of hope planted in everyone who walks through the door.

Noodlebox isn't just serving up fresh, fire-kissed flavours—it's nurturing restoration, faith, and community in profound ways.



Cierra: "I'm deeply grateful for Noodlebox's connection to Adult & Teen Challenge BC. Working alongside the women from the program has been one of the most inspiring experiences of my life. They radiate such genuine peace, strength, and joy. It's something you feel just by being around them."



Rebekka: "I love Noodlebox and what it does and what it will do for the women to come. I wouldn't be where I'm at without this place, and I can honestly say, I look forward to every shift with a thankful heart."

Noodlebox opened September 2024. In 2024 six students worked at NBX. Of those six - five have gone on to graduate the program. One graduate is a supervisor and works with the woman to create a positive work therapy environment.

2024 Stats at a Glance



Admissions: 114



Average days in the program: 180 days



Hours spent in Christian Education: 58,640



Staff across BC: 31



Alumni engagement: 80 of our Alumni came to the first Alumni Reunion



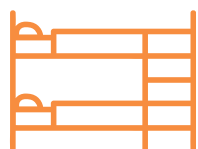
Graduates who transitioned into Emerging Leaders Program: 2



Nights of safety 20,524



Healthy meals provided: 61,572



Program beds across BC: 69 (52 for 1st year students)



Closing Words from Chief Development Officer

Dear Friends and Supporters,

It is with great anticipation—and deep gratitude—that we present to you the very first Impact Report from Adult & Teen Challenge British Columbia.

This report marks more than just a collection of statistics and stories. It's a reflection of our commitment to transparency, excellence, and accountability. As we step into a new era of ministry development, we believe it's vital to give you an open-book look at who we are, what we do, and how your support is truly making a difference.

For over 24 years, ATCBC has walked alongside individuals battling addiction, helping them encounter lasting transformation through the gospel and power of Jesus Christ. What began as a spark of hope has grown into a movement of restoration—one life, one family, and one community at a time.

We believe we're just scratching the surface of what's possible. Our reach into the addiction and recovery landscape is expanding, and we are more convinced than ever that faith-based, long-term discipleship is not only effective—it is essential. In many ways, we feel called to be the standard-bearers in this field, not for the sake of reputation, but because lives are at stake and eternity is in the balance.

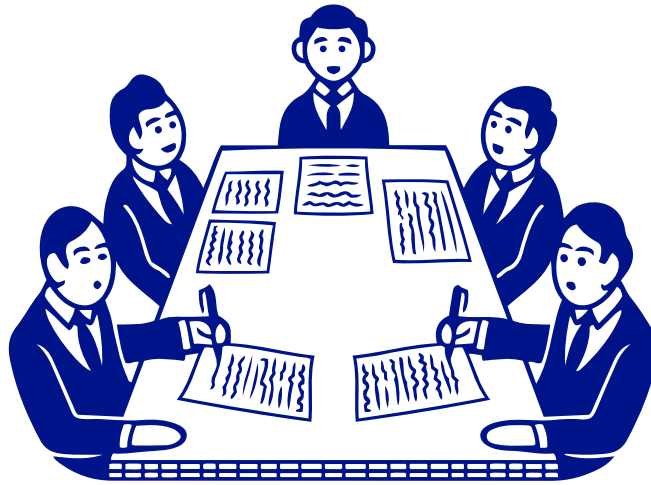
This report includes highlights from 2024—stories of changed lives, data that reflects real outcomes, and a glimpse into the heartbeat behind our programs. We've done our best to share both the victories and the challenges with honesty and hope.

Thank you for standing with us. Your partnership makes this work possible. As we look ahead, our vision remains the same: freedom for all through the power of Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Terrence McKenzie
Chief Development Officer
Adult & Teen Challenge BC

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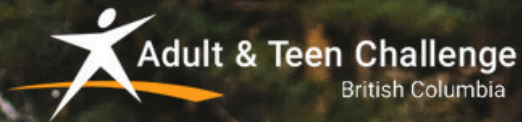


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