

TreeHouse—Sandstone Newsletter

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Organization Notes

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At a recent Board of Directors meeting the topic was "Programs and the Four Goals". As I prepared to update our Directors on what has been happening here I realized we are meeting the Four Goals of TreeHouse quite well.

Goal 1 is to reduce at risk behaviors:

Our teens have reduced their undesirable behaviors across the board. They still have work to do, but progress is definitely occurring.

Goal 2 is to improve relationships with God, self and others:

Our teens are learning more about God and his plan for us; their self-esteem is increasing in this safe environment where they are allowed to be themselves; their social skills are improving as they interact with teens and adults who are positive about them.

Goal 3 is to graduate high school:

We have 4 seniors attending TreeHouse-Sandstone and they all graduated!

Goal 4 is to pursue an educational or vocational track for the future:

Of our 4 graduating seniors 3 have a specific plan for life after high school and we continue to mentor them to make those goals a reality. Goals are being met here, and because of that, lives are being changed for the better.



We have covered these topics during the teaching portion of Tuesday and Thursday programs:

- Caring for other's feelings
- Planning and Decision Making
- Dating

The conversations have been interesting and the teens are involved and participate well. We do get into deep talks about the meaning of our topics. We aren't afraid to take a side route in the conversation if the detour will benefit our teens in their life choices and understanding. That is one of the beautiful things about TreeHouse curriculum. It allows us the latitude to customize the teaching to our particular teens while still providing solid teaching.



We also went to two concerts recently. Pulse and Joyful Noise were two opportunities to spend extra time together and build positive memories. And also sing, dance and have a pillow fight.

It was such a blessing to attend graduation ceremony and see our 4 walking up to receive their diplomas. With the support and encouragement from their families, and TreeHouse-Sandstone, they have accomplished this milestone. Just one way we are helping to prepare them for the future.



In a recent conversation with one of our teens she said, "I am so glad I came to TreeHouse on Thursday. The teaching really helped me with a struggle I have been having about a dating relationship."

At a recent meeting with Pine County and Tribal employees TreeHouse-Sandstone was given, by the leader of the meeting, as the resource in Pine County for teens who are struggling.

We launched our website in May. You can find it at treehousesandstone.org. It is a great resource for what we do here at TreeHouse-Sandstone. There is information on how you can get involved, what we have planned on our calendar, and fundraising information. If you know a teen that needs encouragement in a safe environment let them and their family know about our website. They might just decide to join us and benefit from all we do.

We continue to promote TreeHouse-Sandstone in our community. We go to local churches, businesses, schools and county agencies. Word is getting out and we are more frequently seen as a good resource for those who work with struggling teens.

We also continue to need volunteers to drive and mentor our youth. Please consider the impact you could have on our teens by giving them a little of your time.



We continue to keep our friends updated on what we are doing here at TreeHouse-Sandstone.

We would appreciate your email address to expedite the communication process.

If you do not wish to receive communications from us please email beth.kalbow@treehousesandstone.org or call 763-486-3297.

Everyone needs someone in their life who is irrationally positive about them.



We are looking forward to another great day shooting and supporting TreeHouse—Sandstone.

The first four teams with paid registration get **FREE** Shoot for Hope T-shirts!

Treehousesandstone.org or *Shoot for Hope Sandstone* on Facebook for more info

We are actively pursuing sponsors and items for our silent and live auctions.

- New Zealand Hunting Safari for two**
- Argentina Big Game Hunt for two**
- Black Bear Hunt**
- Custom dresser with hidden gun storage**
- Dewalt cordless lawn care tools**
- 5 cu ft chest freezer filled with meat**

We are also looking for donors to participate in the Matching Challenge.



July 14, 2018

5th Annual

Banquet

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