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My name is **Julian Hawkins**. I was born in Statesville, NC, on March 13th, 1996 to a loving family. I started playing tennis when I was six years old and was coached by my father. I was always top ten in the state for each age group as I moved up in the years. In high school I won State Championship

for my school. It was around that time when I began hanging out with the wrong crowd and was drawn to drugs. I had been smoking pot when I was 13. I was introduced to it by one of my brother's friends.

I began to follow people who were selling drugs and living that type of lifestyle. **I began to want** it myself. **Not only was I attracted to the money** made from selling drugs, but **I was attracted to the attention**. I finally got in trouble with the police for selling drugs. My parents did the only thing they knew to do and I was sent to a boy's home for two years. I did well while I was there and stayed sober, but that was temporary.

When I got out of the boys home I was blessed to be offered a full tennis scholarship to a military college in New Mexico. So I went. My first year of school I did great and stayed away from everything, even alcohol. I was playing so much tennis I just didn't have the energy to get in trouble.

After that first year I came home for the summer and failed miserably. I got caught up with too much free time and fell back in with my old crowd. **I started smoking weed and taking molly, acid, opiates, Xanax, you name it.** Before the summer was over I started dating a girl who was living in the same sin I was living in. I had already messed up and my parents knew I was smoking again. They wanted to get me back to school.

When I got back to school the temptation of that girl trapped my mind. I didn't even make it through the semester before I dropped out and came home to live with her.

When I got home I was given a doublewide trailer to work on as rent, and my girl and I lived there. I landed a foo foo job working at a grocery store, but I had no purpose. **To drown out the reality of where my life had ended up, I quickly started eating Xanax like skittles.** Soon I was robbing people for money. I passed out and wrecked my car. I woke up in jail. While I was in my Xanax binge I had racked up three felonies and two misdemeanors.

The only way my parents could get me out of jail was to bring me to Teen Challenge. I had no care for being here other than just getting out of jail. **However, once I started praying, and handing my worries to God, I felt a peace that made me see I needed to rededicate my life to Jesus.**

God made a miracle of me and of my life. All my relationships have been restored; my family is proud of me, and though I am still not perfect, I am working it and God is working through me. I grow every day, spiritually, mentally, and physically. I thank God for Greater Piedmont Teen Challenge. They were the tool God used to rescue me from a life of addiction and destruction.

Julian graduated on February 3, 2017. He moved to the coast to stay with his brother. He is serving the Lord and staying strong in his faith. Please keep Julian and all our graduates in your prayers. God has a plan for each life. This is another story of what God is doing at Teen Challenge. Your love, prayers, and financial gifts are making a difference one life at a time. Thank you for your faithfulness!

*Dr. Bob Harman,
Executive Director*



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

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June 24th Annual Iron Chariot Motorcycle Ride



Rock the Block Outreach, August 11-12th at Greater Piedmont Teen Challenge. Join us as we reach out to our community. We will be joined by Greensboro Police Department and Fire Department.

September 9th Grandover Golf Tournament

