



TEAM FOCUS

May/June/July/Aug 2020

2000-2020.....20 years of raising up
champions for the future

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

"When I was 11 years old, my father died. I know that there are a lot of young men today with the same needs I had because my father was not available to me. Team Focus seeks to come alongside young men to help them to achieve their ultimate goal; to walk in the destiny God has planned for them." --Mike Gottfried

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I had a Dream.....



Mike Gottfried

I had a dream several weeks ago about the next chapter of our Team Focus organization and I recently shared the dream with a few members of our leadership team.

Even though many ministries and organizations acknowledge that their giving has recently decreased, it is our belief that the giving for Team Focus will be increased during the continued vision the Lord is giving us.

We have vision for an Elite Team Focus facility to work with the young men of Team Focus. The facility would include a library, cafeteria, dormitories, lodge, meeting rooms, gymnasium, fields, classrooms and a work study program. It would be a place where many of our young men would be taught leadership from some of the top teachers of leadership in America today.

Another part of this vision is to invite many of our Team Focus alumni to the facility where they could bring their families along while they work with our young men. The alumni would share what they have learned through their involvement with the Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, college and jobs.

Our goal is to have a lodge where the families can rest and our team of young men can benefit from leadership.

The vision is on paper now, and we will keep dreaming until some day, it will become a reality. We walk in faith and we hope and pray that the Lord will provide everything we need moving forward.

--Mike Gottfried
President/Co-Founder

The Team Focus YouTube Channel



"We are so excited to be entering into this adventure. You should all be able to access our new content sometime after September 8, 2020! Be on the lookout for our introduction video explaining more about the channel and upcoming content."
(See Page Three for more information.)

--Aaron Dais



Mentoring is Making a Difference

Team Focus Mobile, Alabama Chapter

"I hope that all of you are well. I wanted to reach out and give an update for this summer/fall. Unfortunately, due to our camp sights being unavailable related to the Covid-19 situation, all traditional summer leadership camps conducted on these college campuses were cancelled for the summer of 2020. However, as things start getting better, we desire to still have some events and day camps during the upcoming months on our Mobile Knollwood campus. These meetings will be encouraged, but not mandatory."

We are coming up with plans to get the young men involved in day events held on the Knollwood campus of our Mobile office. We understand that some members may not be comfortable with meeting just yet. Those who have elderly or people in the home with underlying conditions, we encourage you to continue using wisdom and not take any risk. We will come up with an alternative for members who may not be able to attend future functions just yet due to that reason or transportation issues.



Things that we want to do: Fishing trip, teach outdoor survival skills, grilling and cooking class, possible guitar lessons, car maintenance class, wood shop class, manners class, work out and fitness classes, job interviews practice, resume' building, softball/kickball, golf lessons, and more outdoor activities.

We want to give the young men an opportunity to still be together this summer while remaining safe and in good health. We need EVERY guardian/parents' full support. That means we need you to stay up to date with the health of your young man/men. If we feel that a member is ill, he will be sent home. We ask that you help us to prevent that from being the outcome. We desire your young men to remain healthy just as much as you do. Use wisdom!

This can and will be a wonderful experience for the young men! It's different from any summer/fall we have ever had in the history of Team Focus, but we will do everything we can to make it enjoyable, educational, and a good time for our members! "Psalm 91" Continue to keep our Country and our young men in prayer. Hope to hear from you soon.

--Aaron Dais, Chapter Director Mobile, AL/Alum



"In 2002, at the age of 13, I joined Team Focus as a young man growing up without a father in my home. I've only ever met my biological father once at the age of 6. Now at the age of 31, I stand as the Mobile, Alabama Team Focus Chapter Director. I've always

continued to be involved with the program after graduating high school, but never imagined being here in this position. God had a plan!" Jeremiah 29:11

The 20 year journey of Team Focus has been absolutely amazing so far and life changing for many people. Mothers, aunts, grandmothers, young men of all ages, volunteers, donors, board members and staff members, speakers, coaches, fathers, men, women, etc. I'm positive that this organization has planted enough seeds to fill many rainforests with much fruit and life! The impact of this program not only affects the young men that join the program, it affects every person that has been involved in any kind of way.

Grateful, that is the way I feel every time I think about the 20 years this program has been around. For 20 years, Team Focus has been equipping and preparing young men from all over the country for the destiny and plan God has for their lives. I've been blessed to have been a part of this vision and encourage all who are involved now to continue to take advantage of the opportunity to be involved. Ask God what your role should be and what more you can do! Believe me, you will be blessed!

Many of the young men I sat in class with, traveled with, played basketball with, worshipped with, cried and laughed with, made mistakes with, and made a positive difference with are husbands and fathers now in 2020. It is such a blessing to see the fruit that has been birthed through 20 years of Team Focus! This fruit will go on to produce more fruit, changing communities and positively affecting those around them.

Team work and faith have kept this vision alive. I'm looking forward to seeing what the next 20 years of Team Focus accomplishes in your life how ever you may be involved and the lives of those around us!

God bless,
**Aaron Dais, Chapter Director
Mobile, AL/Alum**



CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF TEAM FOCUS IN 2020

The Team Focus A/V Club and YouTube Channel

This quarter of the year has been quite the adventure full of traveling, new ideas, and experiences! I really feel like we are taking things to a new level with the development of our new Team Focus Audio Visual Club! I've been looking forward to sharing our most recent updates with you all and hope that you find these changes as exciting as we do.

Team Focus is all about expanding the vision of the young men in the program and now we have the opportunity to reach so many more people. The A/V Club's goal is to share stories, life experiences, and more with the world. Coach Mike says it all the time, "We can't take everyone to meet Pete Rose, Clark Kellogg, John Harbaugh, and others... but we can bring them to the young men!" Through the use of multiple platforms such as YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, and our website, our voice can stretch even further.

This is no ordinary team though. This A/V team will consist of Team Focus's very own staff, alumni, and members! We've already begun teaching members how to use cameras, perform proper on camera interviews, how to prepare questions, and edit video content for the YouTube channel. Coach Mike has been training us diligently in the art of question preparation and the interview process. He is so knowledgeable with his past experiences of working for ESPN and much more!

We've truly hit the ground running! Team Focus members Bryan Feng and Brian Hines are paving the way for other members. Pictured is a photo with Pete Rose capturing the process of what we've been up to as we've filmed in Alabama, traveled to Ohio, and Las Vegas to work with some amazing people!

--Aaron Dais



Pictured L to R: Aaron Dais,
Pro Baseball Player Pete Rose
and Peyton Dzugan



During these difficult times in the world, a relationship with friends, family and our Heavenly Father are essential to our everyday life. One of my favorite Bible verses states: "A friend loves at all times and a brother is born to help in adversity."

--Proverbs 17:17

The question is are you doing everything in your power to help your fellow man? If you are not, what can you do to change that? It is as simple as:

1. Reaching out to your local organizations and volunteering your time. They will definitely appreciate your act of kindness.
2. You may have an elderly family member that may need some household chores done. Offer to come by and do them.
3. Go through your closet and donate items that you do not wear or no longer fit.

There are so many ways that we can bless our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Over the last 20 years, Team Focus has helped develop thousands of young men to become the leaders of today and the future by providing the help they may have needed....from monthly guardian meetings to our summer leadership camps and other leadership activities throughout the year. We thank you for continued support and we pray that the next 20 years will be as blessed as the first 20 years.

**Derius Harris, Mobile Asst.
Director/Team Focus Alumni Class of 2007**

"Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart." --Psalm 37:4-5



Team Focus Mentors Have a Passion for the Fatherless

CELEBRATING OUR 2020 TEAM FOCUS GRADUATES



*While we celebrate 20 years of Team Focus in this newsletter;
we also want to celebrate our 2020 Team Focus Graduates.*

The following Team Focus members recently graduated from high school/college:

Mobile, AL: Von Agee (Mobile Christian); Irish Knight (Baker HS); JP Pryor (McGill Toolen HS)

Kentucky: Waylon Brown (Carter County HS); Colby and Chase Clark (Great Crossings HS)

Ohio: James Burkholder (Galion HS); Skyler Burton (Loudonville HS); Caymien Durr (Lima Sr. HS);
Breyon Eddings (Reynoldsburg HS); Ethan Suter, (Colonel Crawford HS); Jonny Tesso (Crestline HS);
Marc Wadsworth (MIT Chemistry Doctorate)

Texas: There are no TF graduates this year from the Team Focus Texas Chapter.



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AGEE,
Mobile
Christian
High
School,
Mobile, AL



IRISH
KNIGHT,
Baker
High
School,
Mobile, AL



JP
PRYOR,
McGill
Toolen
High
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Mobile, AL



WAYLON
BROWN,
Carter
Co. High
School,
Olive Hill,
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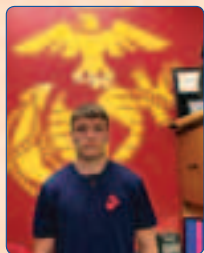
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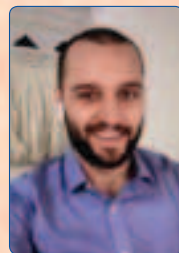
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JONNY
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DR. MARC WADSWORTH,
MIT Chemistry Doctorate,
Massachusetts Institute of
Technology (a private
research university in
Cambridge,
Massachusetts.)

Congratulations 2020 Team Focus Graduates

"Where God guides, He provides." --Isaiah 58:11



CELEBRATING OUR 2020 TEAM FOCUS ALUMNI

Zachary Lucas - Team Focus Mobile Alum



To my Team Focus Family,

Greetings! My name is Zachary Lucas, a native of Mobile, Alabama. I have the satisfaction of being one of the young men who attended the very first Team Focus camp in the summer of 2000 in Mobile, Alabama. To say the least, yet with the utmost humility, I can truly say that Team Focus has had the single greatest impact on my development as a man, outside of my immediate family.

Coach Mike, Mrs. Mickey, Rocky & Sue, Pastor David Richey, Mrs. Donna, Pat Adams, Danny White, Pastor Rey, Merv, Christie, and the rest of the entire staff poured so much into me for the seven years as a Team Focus member. I could never forget the impact this ministry has had on my life. I was afforded the opportunity to travel to other camps as I got older to serve as a mentor (D.C., Tennessee, Ohio, and Texas).

There comes a time with every Team Focus member who sticks with the program, as Coach Mike would often say, "Get It". What is "Get It"? Still to this day, I cannot explain what that is, but what I can tell you is that it will be a light that shines so bright within yourselves, no one could deny that God has a special calling on your life.

After I graduated from high school, I headed to Tuskegee University where I graduated with a degree in Accounting. My sophomore year, my experiences at Team Focus literally propelled my life towards the direction that God truly had for me. NASA Glenn Research Center came to Tuskegee University and were looking for Co-op/Intern students. Of course, for any job, you'll most likely partake in an interview. Seven years of every camp that I attended with Team Focus, there was always a session where we had to compete for a mock job, but it taught us proper interviewing etiquette and techniques. Low and behold, I interviewed great, and I have ALWAYS given credit to God and Team Focus for preparing me for what would ultimately decide the core of my entire future. Prior Preparation with Prayer Prevents Poor Performance. This opportunity caused me to move to Cleveland, Ohio where I currently still work at the NASA Glenn Research Center serving as a Black Belt Lean Six Sigma Coordinator and Management Analyst for Office of Center Operations.



I have been married for five years to Khalia Lucas, my college sweetheart. Mrs. Mickey, Mrs. Donna, Mrs. Sue, and Mrs. Jody, I thank you for being a mother to me as well! I appreciate you teaching me about manners and how to treat and protect a woman. I will never forget you all and your impact on my life.

I encourage you all to stay committed to this program. Take these "Golden Nuggets" and apply them in your life. Take the time to just say thank you to everyone who makes the TF Summer Leadership camps happen year after year. They invest in you because they believe in you. Their investment in you does not end just at camp, but they carry you in their hearts and prayers. Sooner or later, appreciation and humility will cause you to "Get It"! God Bless you all.

--Zachary Lucas



TEAM FOCUS CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF ALUMNI (CONTINUED)

Christian Spencer - Team Focus Mobile Alum



I was a member of Team Focus as a young man. I am now the father of two beautiful children and husband to my amazing wife. I cannot express to you all in a short newsletter how much this program helped shape and mold who I am today. The first time I played on an organized basketball

team was through Team Focus. The first time I learned how to tie a tie, how to fish, my first etiquette class, and even my first experience with a job interview was all through Team Focus.

I was blessed to travel and see other states and meet new people through Team Focus as well. I can name countless other things that I learned from the program, but I want to share a couple of major ones with you.

As I mentioned earlier, before Team Focus I did not have much experience with organized team sports. They ultimately provided me with support to help me grow as a man and an athlete. The turning point for my athletic development was on a trip with Coach Mike Gottfried (have you heard of him?). He took me to an LSU vs Auburn football game to be on the sidelines, and it was incredible. This was back when Nick Saban was coaching at LSU, and Coach Mike took me to Coach Saban's office to meet him.

We were talking with Coach Saban, and I was too young to understand the magnitude of what was happening, but towards the end of the meeting we walked out to the practice field and Nick Saban asked me "will I see you out here one day?" I froze. Before I could say anything Coach Mike put his hand on my shoulder, pointed to the basketball coliseum, and told Coach Saban "one day you will see him in that building."

It was something he said in passing that he may not even remember saying, but I remember being up all night thinking about it for the next few nights. Someone believed that I could one day do something that statistics suggest I would never do. I couldn't believe it. I rode those words... ...I rode those words to a collegiate career in basketball where I played at Universidad del Sagrado Corazon, and I was blessed to play at the pro level in Puerto Rico as well.

That small moment still motivates me to this day as I am now coaching and will not stop until I have fulfilled what Coach Mike said that day by coaching for or against LSU in that building. That is just one example of many things that Team Focus gave me that motivated and inspired me to be the man I am today. I hope you all soak up every bit of what they give you and speak to you. The lessons are priceless and the experiences are times that will stick with you forever.

I hope to someday meet this new generation of Team Focus members and hopefully inspire some.

"For I know the plans....." Jeremiah 29:11

You know the rest!

Best regards,

Christian Spencer
Team Focus Mobile Alum



***"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." --Micah 6:8***



TEAM FOCUS CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF ALUMNI (CONTINUED)

Congratulations Zachary Latimore - Team Focus Mobile

Zachary Latimore has been a longtime member of Team Focus Mobile, Alabama (since 1989). He recently graduated from the Thomas Goode Jones School of Law of Faulkner University with the degree of Juris Doctor.

The Team Focus family is so very proud of your accomplishments.

Congratulations Zach!



Charlie Dunkelberger - Team Focus Tennessee Alum



Dear Coach Mike Gottfried: I just wanted to touch base with you. I arrived home recently from my sixth deployment overseas. I experienced Kandahar, Afghanistan for the first time. I also experienced several rocket and mortar attacks; all of which I came out unscathed. I've spent a total of 22 months overseas now.....almost two years of my life. It is kind of crazy to look back and think about it. I also became a part-time police officer in a smaller city about 30 minutes away. I love it. I just wanted you to know that Jeremiah 29:11 is forever embedded into my heart and my life. Even when things get tough, that verse and all of those who have been in and a part of my life from Team Focus reminds me it will all be okay. I just want you to know that I love you and Mickey dearly and thank you for all you've done for me and the rest of us to come through Team Focus.

—Charlie Dunkelberger

Team Focus Mobile Alumni

The Team Focus Alumni members are very important to us and we especially cherish the times they come back to visit and keep in touch.

Pictured with Team Focus Co-Founder Mike Gottfried are a few Mobile, Alabama Team Focus Alumni Members: Derius Harris, Justin Sims, James Washington and Aaron Dais.

Derius and Aaron are currently on the Team Focus Mobile Chapter staff.

"I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of." --John 10:10 (The Message)



In whatever you do today, remember God is beside you.
And no matter what comes your way, remember His hand will guide you.



CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF TEAM FOCUS IN 2020

Talking Points with Pastor Rey Dempsey



"DARK TO LIGHT"

During these days of Covid-19, protests, and unrest, I encourage each one of you to LEARN TO LOVE!

Saint Paul writes: "For a long time I was blind to Truth." One day on my way to Damascus to arrest Christians, a bright light covered me. A voice from Heaven came out of the Light. Jesus asked me, "Why are you persecuting me?" Stunned, I asked Him what to do. He sent me to Damascus.

For three days I was blind (my friends had to lead me). I didn't eat or drink. Then a believer came to tell me I would see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit. Something like fish scales fell from my eyes. I could see again – physically and spiritually. After that I no longer had Christians arrested. I traveled and wrote Letters (which are in the New Testament). I taught people how to love and live for Christ." *

Think about how this applies to your life: Dark to Light!

Missing each one of you,

Pastor Rey

*Excerpts from Guy's Application Study Bible

"The Coronavirus Pandemic came upon us like a Tsunami....."



"It was early March when the decision was made to close all schools in order to keep the students, staff, and administrators safe and Coronavirus free. Instantaneously, parents were thrust into home schooling and many other roles.

I began to speak with Chance about what was taking place and being ready to work as if he were in the classroom, because he really would be. Chance said, I'm ready Mama, I'm not concerned. Well, I was concerned, because I know how quickly he could deviate online. I knew I would have to be certain he was aware I was always watching him. As teachers started to instruct their classes Chance was intently engaged, and would quickly complete the assignments given. At least, that is what he told me when I asked. This pattern continued. Each day I questioned Chance about his assignments and wanted to see the completed work. He was always prepared to produce the completed assignments. Finally, Chance's report card displayed a final GPA of 3.515. I admit that I spent a lot of time wondering if Chance may have been 'pulling the wool over my eyes' but I am happy to say that was in vain. He was swift in the completion of his assignments because he committed to do well.

Chance has shown such grace and humility during this time by showing concern for his fellow man. He has delivered food to neighbors and sought to assist those he felt had a need. He has even prepared a few meals during this quarantine. I am so very proud for him to call me mom. Being in Quarantine with Chance has been a time of confirmation for me. Confirmation of who I have always believed my son to be." --**Cassandra Odom, Team Focus Mom**

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" --Proverbs 27:17

TEAM FOCUS IS CREATING A CULTURE OF SUCCESS!



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Sue and I recently traveled to Arizona to visit our oldest grandson. While there, we were able to connect with Ohio Alum Elijah Samuels (pictured below). Elijah and his mother recently moved there as he will soon begin his first year of college at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix (see below).

It is unfortunate that there won't be any Team Focus summer leadership camps this year due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. While we are disappointed that we won't be seeing all of you at our camps, Ohio has been scheduling small group pizza parties in different areas so we can stay in touch. Team Focus is also hosting a number of YouTube teaching/fun videos as a way to stay connected. Please make sure to watch for those. There will be a library of Team Focus videos on YouTube that you will be able to refer to as you have time. Don't miss this opportunity to join your Team Focus teammates on these videos.

I look forward to seeing you at the pizza party gatherings, parties, Christmas party and other small group get-togethers. Take care and stay safe and healthy!

Rocky Alt, Team Focus Ohio Chapter Director

Elijah Samuels - Team Focus Ohio Alum



If I were to choose my favorite Team Focus memory, it would be our trip to Israel. This was my first trip outside of the country, and it had come at the most opportune time since I had just turned eighteen years old. My trip was filled with historical sites and stunning views that introduced me to the land that I have read about in my Bible.

The start of the pandemic was coincidentally the start of my mom and I's move to Arizona. The road trip was perfect since no one was on the road, and gas was inexpensive. Arriving at a place that needed to be remodeled really compounded the weight of the tasks at hand. But God made a way for us to move, rebuild, and settle in. This reminded me of how God took His people out of Egypt; a few spoke out about how it was easier to go back to Egypt than to wander in the desert, we stayed the course. Our faith in God and patience with man have yielded a beautiful new home that we can call our own.

This fall, I will be attending Grand Canyon University in Phoenix. I will be a part of the Barnabas program, which is a five-year course that will allow me to graduate with a Masters in Divinity. I will begin serving the local church and communities in the Phoenix metro area.

Elijah Samuels/Team Focus Ohio Alum



"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction." --Galatians 6:7-8"

Team Focus Ohio Chapter



Coaching/Mentoring/Teaching Life Skills

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF TEAM FOCUS IN 2020

Dominic Monk - Team Focus Ohio Alum



In 2009, I was introduced to Team Focus by an alumnus named Bill Marino. The attractiveness of building young men without father figures influenced my mother's support of my participation. That summer I attended my first Team Focus Leadership Camp at Ashland University. During that camp I was amazed at the number of young men with similar life circumstances from all over Ohio who came together. I was thankful for Rocky Alt, camp workers, and volunteers who gave their time to make us better. It was easy to find enjoyment in the activities Team Focus hosted, athletic games, Bible scripture, competitions, great food, and song.

The welcoming culture made me come back for multiple camps and events throughout my life. The times have been filled with special speakers, classes, networking with alumni, mentors, and amazing food! During my time I have formed friendships and connections that I will always appreciate. These relationships will continue to build into the future as I start my journey of being a man. Team Focus helps bridge the gap of young men who are without fathers, but also builds the foundation of a strong, successful man. I have gotten to see firsthand how the effort of the community can make a positive impact in a young man's life.

I have been amazed by the generosity that goes into the Team Focus summer leadership camps, pizza/Christmas parties and special outings. I had the honor of traveling to Mobile, Alabama for their Leadership camp. My favorite memories came from a man who shared stories of being a referee in the NCAA Final Four tournaments. If that was not amazing enough, I was also chosen in 2015 to fly with three others to Denver and attend an NFL game sponsored by NBC. The undefeated Broncos, led by Peyton Manning, faced the undefeated Packers. The energy of a big win was fascinating to witness in person. The great feeling of turning eighteen, hiking, and laughs also made Denver unforgettable.

Team Focus significantly influenced my foundation of becoming a spiritual man who has the perseverance to push forward during difficult times. I have been blessed to witness strength by amazing mentors like Rocky Alt, Mike Russell, Mike Gottfried, and many others. These individuals have truly cared over the years by staying in my life, coming to my high school football games, and inviting us to the Urban Meyer Fundraising Banquet in Columbus, Ohio. A special thank you to the nice women who showed us how to respect, treat, and dine with ladies. The role play of respectful interactions was funny, yet impactful. I was shown how a man of confidence and dignity carries himself around others. Treat others how you would want to be treated.

2020 has been a year that will be remembered by all. During the onset of the Covid-19 Pandemic, I graduated from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. I majored in Finance and Real Estate, with a specialization in Personal Finance. I currently work with a wealth management team in Upper Arlington, Ohio. I seek to gain knowledge and experience while becoming a Financial Advisor in the near future. I am blessed to have built a solid foundation without the presence of a father figure. Many do not get the needed direction by good hearted individuals. I am grateful to be a part of Team Focus!

--Dominic Monk/Team Focus Ohio Alum

"But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you." --1 Samuel 12:24



Pictured with Dominic is longtime supporter/TF Ohio Advisory Council Member/friend Bob Sebo at a TF Ohio Summer Leadership Camp Fine Dining Dinner.

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Team Focus Ohio 2020 Golf Tournament Fundraisers

The June 26, 2020 Ashland Wendy's/ Team Focus Golf Outing at the Ashland Golf Course was a great success! It began with an auction the night before that was very successful and then the next day having 26 teams compete in the scramble on a beautiful summer day was fabulous.

We thank the celebrities who volunteered their time and thanks to Kip Mateson, Warren Jones and Zane Gross for arranging and administrating this wonderful event.

Pictured is Youngstown State University President (and former Ohio State U. Head Football Coach) Jim Tressel with Zane Gross (CEO & President at Wenco Wooster, Inc./Ashland, Inc./Akron LLC. Dba Wendy's).



The First Annual Celebrity Dave Thomas Foundation/ Team Focus Ohio Golf Fundraiser in Canton, Ohio with the NFL Hall of Famers was held on June 26. It was a huge success and we thank Zane Gross and all volunteers for all you did to make this a great event!

Pictured is one of the Team Focus golf teams with Archie Griffin, NFL Hall of Famer (Left to Right): Brad Clark, Rocco Piacentino, Archie Griffin, Chris Sieve and David Bleedorn.

CONGRATULATIONS CHRIS AND NATASHA!

Rocky and Sue Alt, along with Mickey Gottfried were blessed to attend the wedding of Team Focus Alum Chris Bittner and his beautiful bride Natasha on August 8, 2020 in Mecosta, Michigan. It was a beautiful outdoor wedding and we couldn't have been more excited for Chris, Natasha and the families. Chris and his brother Taylor went through the Team Focus program and have both graduated from college and are doing an outstanding job in the workforce.

Pictured is the Bride and Groom and also Mickey Gottfried with groom Chris Bittner.



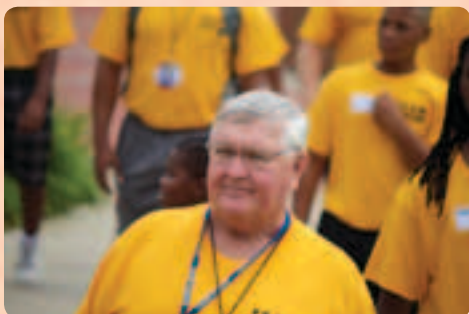
Pictured is Rocky and Sue with the mother of the groom Peggy Brown (center).

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." --Ephesians 4:32



Team Focus Mentors are Raising Up Champions

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It has definitely been an extremely unusual time with the Covid-19! We have been unable to travel until recently. We have kept up with the young men as best we could through phone calls, texting, zoom, FaceTime, mothers/grandparents and guardians. We have participants in eight different counties and are planning to have some small group activities later in the summer/fall, bringing them back together as the close group they are. Wishing everyone a safe and healthy summer/fall!

Bill Baldrige, Team Focus Kentucky Chapter Director



Pictured is Colby (on left) and Chase Clark. They graduated from Great Crossing High School in Georgetown, KY. They made excellent grades and were on the bass fishing team and participated in the national fishing competition. They have been Team Focus members for nine years where they have displayed great leadership. They've attended all outings, summer leadership camps, Ohio and Mobile camps. Each year they have been first getting their new applications in. In June, they are attending Tula Welding School in Jacksonville, Florida.

CONGRATULATIONS Colby and Chase!



Waylon Brown in his high school graduation cap and gown. Waylon graduated from Carter County High School in Olive Hill, KY. He will be attending Eastern KY University where he was selected for the cheer squad. He is undecided on his major but is thinking about working toward a social worker, anesthesiologist, or a psychologist.

CONGRATULATIONS Waylon!



FOOTBALL SEASON IS HERE!

Pictured left to right: LeRoy Anku, Team Focus Kentucky Chapter Director Bill Baldrige and Dalton Williams.

LeRoy and Dalton recently had their first football practice of the 2020 Fall season.

Have a great season!

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. --Joshua 1:9

Thank You Coach Calipari for Supporting the Kentucky Chapter!

Team Focus Eastern Kentucky Chapter



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Team Focus Western Kentucky Chapter:



The following two paragraphs were written by the mother of Cameron Campbell, a new Team Focus Western Kentucky Chapter member. Following her paragraph is a sentence written by Cameron. Cameron was the first official member of our TF Western Kentucky Chapter. I look forward to working with him and all the other new members.

--Curtis Turley, Team Focus Western Kentucky Chapter Director

"As soon as I learned the goals of Team Focus, I knew I wanted my son Cameron to participate. My son is a hardworking young man who strives to do good things; however, coming out of a single-parent home is tough, and there are some things moms just can't teach their sons as effectively. Boys learn to be men from watching other men, and Team Focus will provide my son a core group of male mentors that espouse the same ideals my late husband and I established in our home. I have already seen a positive shift in Cameron, and he's only just beginning this process. He is anxious to meet, to network, and to lead. This program is indeed a Godsend, and I'm truly thankful in advance for what the next few years will mean to my son and his future."

--Melinda Campbell

"I'm really excited to be a part of Team Focus because of the opportunities to get better connected to the people in the areas around me and the networking and leadership opportunities that will come with it." **--Cameron Campbell**



L to R: Deshawn Mundy, Demetrice Camell, and Trenton Murrell doing basketball workout with Western Kentucky Director Curtis Turley.

Recently Added Team Focus Central Kentucky Chapter:



I would like to thank God, Coach Mike, Mrs. Mickey, and the entire Team Focus Family for allowing me to become the newest Team Focus Central Kentucky Chapter Director.

I am a Team Focus Alumni member from Mobile, Alabama and I graduated from Spalding University with my Master's Degree in Business Communication in Organizational Leadership.

I am blessed to be in this position whereas I can pass down my life lessons and nuggets that I have learned from all the amazing leaders of Team Focus. My mission is to turn boys into young men, young men into great leaders while following Christ. -- James "KJ" Abrams, TF Central Kentucky Chapter Director



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“The Coronavirus Pandemic”

Take Two: Join the Chorus

The movie director yelled, “Cut. Take two.” All the actors began the scene again. Mystery symptoms converging, medical interventions ineffective, death toll out of control. No one is immune – not even the nurses, not even the doctors. The community freezes, hunkers down to dodge the viral tornado raging through. “Get to your safe place” heard from every speaker. “Eliminate direct contact.”

I am sure each one of you would join the chorus of “CUT!” And we do. We join the chorus.

We join the chorus of “cut” every time we reach out to someone. When we call someone to just see how they are doing, we join the chorus. When we buy a \$4 miniature hand sanitizer for our neighbor, we join the chorus. The verses of the song we are singing is as long as this whirlwind continues and as we join the chorus, Team Focus leads the choir.

Team Focus is always there. They reach out to check on us. Aaron reached out to my family. He is so calm and kind. My thoughts race so fast they bump into each other, and he is cool as a cucumber offering suggestions as if he had a playbook in his back pocket. I love Team Focus. They ground us.

My neighbor and I were working on a project and I started talking about Team Focus. When I mentioned the group he stopped in his tracks and said, “Team Focus saved my life!” What else can be said.

One day the movie set was really getting to me and just then I received a text from Ms. Deloris. It had the message I needed to hear. When schoolwork assignments increased faster than they could be completed Aaron offered to help read a paper or find a tutor. When direction was hard to accomplish it was time for a Zoom meeting where the guys could hang out digitally. What a blessing you are Team Focus!

As we sing this song that seems like a new version of 99 Bottles of Beer on the Wall, thank you Team Focus for leading the chorus.

Kimberly Diamond

Team Focus Mobile, Alabama Mom



Pictured left to right: Jim Pryor, James Pryor, Kimberly Diamond and Phillip Pryor (front).

“Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.” --Colossians 4:6

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"We thank God upon every remembrance of you."

--Philippians 1:3



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