



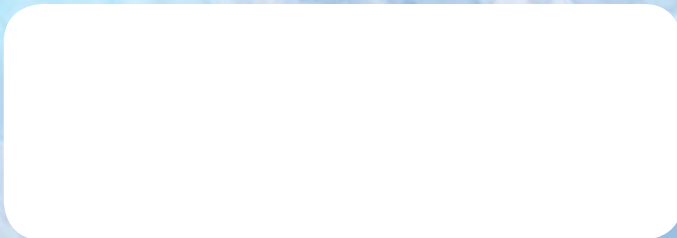
The Fold

FAMILY MINISTRIES

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Magnifying the Lord

Todd and Alesa Chamberlain have been ministering as Houseparents at The Fold for almost three years. Presently they serve at our boys' home but have had the added experience of ministry in this position at our girls' home as well.

Role modeling as "servant leaders," both to our staff and young people alike, is a major part of their day-to-day ministry. Although they serve as a team within the home, Alesa's major role as Mom involves parenting their 2½-year old daughter, Abigail.

The Chamberlains view parenting, especially teens, as God's calling and openly depend on the Lord to express His life through them.

We know there really is no parenting "formula" to guarantee success. However, God has promised to faithfully, and creatively, show us the way through the undulant processes of parenting. Take the command like, "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the

discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). This verse alone is enough to stir up feelings of inadequacy in the best of parents. Todd, however, has a unique response. He says, "For me, one of the ways of fulfilling this command is to apply instructions from Psalm 34:3, 'Oh magnify the Lord

with me, and let us exalt His name together.' We want to give our teens good reason to magnify the Lord and to do this boldly in the midst of a hurting, impoverished, and lost world."

How does he teach the teens to magnify or glorify the Lord? In addition to providing daily instruction and discipleship, Todd, a former building contractor, seeks to offer "service opportunities" for hands-on ministry in our greater

community. Besides new learning experiences, the young people also personally gain the satisfaction of caring for the needs of others. "It helps our teens get the focus off themselves," says Todd. As underwriters and sponsors offer help and expertise, he would like to expand these outreach opportunities for our young people to include missions trips to inner cities and possibly a third world country.

When we see how much of the world lives in abject physical, moral, and spiritually poverty, it makes our mission at The Fold even more opportune. Every day we fervently pray that God would access the hearts of our young people with the life-changing love and power of Jesus Christ. Every day we ask God to transform our teens into "world-changers" to magnify the Lord!



Changing Lives...Renewing Hope...Restoring Families **ONE SON and ONE DAUGHTER** at a time



Taking a break for a sleigh ride during a Parent Seminar.



Staff Opportunities We are seeking individuals who love the Lord Jesus Christ and desire to share His life with teens and their families. For more information on residential and teaching positions, contact The Fold at **802.626.5620** or **fold@thefoldinc.org**

We need YOUR help!!! The Fold relies on YOU to spread the word. If you know of hurting or struggling teens & families, please direct them to our website or call admissions at **802.626.5620**. If you personally or your church needs resources please contact **hashes@thefoldinc.org**. Your help may be timely for someone who needs The Fold.

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**From the President
– Dr. Fred Tomaselli**

A practical lesson for parents of teens:

Like all children, teens are extremely curious. It's normal, just part of their insatiable need for the new experiences that accompany growth. One of the enjoyable and rewarding aspects of parenting is helping to satisfy this curiosity and gain positive and fun experiences and memories along the way.

But have you considered using your child's curiosity to help dissipate a negative experience, say arguing? Consider Proverbs 15:1, "A soft answer turns away wrath." When you are next confronted with the dilemma of how to inject quiet and peace into a situation, don't get into his or her shouting match. Instead, make eye contact and speak very softly, even if you cannot hear yourself. Almost certainly, curiosity will take over and your teen will quiet down long enough to actually listen to what you have been trying to say. And now's your opportunity. Try it! It really works!

Fred



**A Better Investment
The Fold Family Ministries
Charitable Gift Annuity**

Are you 65 or older and currently invested in CD's, bonds or money markets because of their consistent rate of return? If so, please consider a charitable gift annuity to The Fold. This planned giving opportunity not only offers an attractive annual fixed rate of revenue for the lifetime of up to two annuitants, but also substantial tax benefits. In addition, it provides the satisfaction of giving greater strength and stability to The Fold. A rate calculation can be provided with your inquiry.

Since 1967, The Fold has been helping children and at-risk teens and their parents by providing a safe home and quality education in a Christ-centered nurturing environment. For a personal illustration of how you can enjoy increased revenue and immediate tax benefits while investing in and supporting The Fold's life-changing ministry to young people, please contact Tim Hash, (802) 626 – 5620, hashes@thefoldinc.org.

The return on your investment is priceless!
*Revenue rate is based on the age of the annuitant(s)

Tim



Welcome Jay, Hannah, Eden and Glorianna!

Jay Breish became Program Director of The Fold late last winter. To generally describe his multi-faceted role, Jay supervises our day-to-day ministry to the young people in our care in both home and school programs. This includes staff recruitment, development, and support as well as interaction with teens and their parents.

Jay has brought with him over 10 years of valuable experience working in a technical field with personnel in a growing corporation. He is a graduate of Philadelphia Biblical University with a degree in Youth Ministries, and has background in church leadership, youth outreach, and camping ministries. Jay's wife, Hannah, has church ministry experience as well, but spends most of her time ministering to their two little ones Eden (4), and Glorianna (10 months). We are blessed to have their family with us!

"I've always known the Lord has called me to full time ministry, specifically working with teens. So when the opportunity arose to serve at The Fold, it was not a difficult decision to make. What I didn't fully realize was that I would have the added blessing of ministering to parents of the teens as well as the staff." Jay describes his ministry as, "Rich with opportunities to serve and minister, and rewarding because the Lord is at work constantly growing the lives of the teens, parents, and staff. One of the things I've enjoyed the most this first year at The Fold is sharing the message of the 'Exchanged Life'. While we often hear the gospel message, which is the foundation for how one becomes a Christian, we don't often hear about what happens next for Believers. I believe this message is the next step in how we live as Christians. And it is this core teaching at The Fold that helps so many parents and teens face and work through the tough issues and struggles in their lives. Praise the Lord that He is faithful to finish the good work He started in us (Philippians 1:6)!"

Jay and Hannah are looking forward to the ministry opportunities ahead of them this next year. There are many ways that you too may participate in the Lord's work at The Fold. Please contact Elizabeth at The Fold's Office for more information. 802-626-5620



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