



# teen lifeline

life lived better

*...providing a safe place of acceptance, empowerment and support.*

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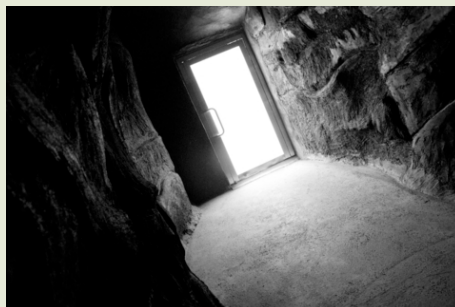
April	May	June	Teen Parents	Teen Lifeline Staff	Board Members
We were able to begin 2 CELL groups in local high schools. These were in addition to 4 groups that we were already working with at another school. So by the end of the school year, we have completed 6 groups and impacted the lives of 94 students!	This month we were privileged to host Darrel Scott from Columbine Redemption.  To find out more check Ricky's blog by clicking on it from our websites home page or <a href="http://columbineredemption.com">columbineredemption.com</a>	Ricky and Allison welcome their 3rd child into the world, a baby girl named Libby.  Curriculum and forms are used to form groups in other communities and in different demographics.	April, May, & June we have continued to bless the lives of teen parents. We welcomed Dr. Woodward, Safe Haven, and Tim Boren of the Irving Police as guest speakers. In addition we have continued to distribute donated supplies to those in need.	Dale Hart  Executive Director <a href="mailto:dale@lifelivedbetter.org">dale@lifelivedbetter.org</a>  Ricky Lewis  Program Director <a href="mailto:ricky@lifelivedbetter.org">ricky@lifelivedbetter.org</a>	Craig Stone  David Fraze  Chris Hatchett  Julie Thannum  Katie Shotts  Melissa Barrow  Eric Freebee  Rick Kempe  David Gililand

## Open Doors.

*This school semester we have been blessed with new and amazing opportunities to impact teenagers lives. From the alternative school, to Fort Worth Christian, to facilitating a grief group. The doors have been open for us to effect the lives of students in our community.*

As we ventured into the spring semester of the 2008-2009 school year, and the second semester of Teen Lifelines existence we had several goals in mind for what we could accomplish. Now looking back on what we did, it was so much more. Through the groups at Shannon Learning Center, Birdville High School, Fort Worth Christian and our Teen Parents meeting we touched the lives of 94 students in just 5 months. No doubt other lives were touched indirectly by the students we worked with.

In addition to these I was also able to volunteer at Richland High School during their Shattered Dreams assembly (an alcohol awareness program), even facilitating a group discussion at the Richland Hills Church. Keller ISD offered a training that will allow me to be included in on their crisis intervention team as a community volunteer. Times like this



**God continues to open doors that we could never have imaged possible at this point. We trust that as long as we are doing His will that trend will continue and students lives will continue to be touched and changed.**

provide invaluable situations to build relationships with faculty and students that will, no doubt, benefit us and them in the future.

**"Is it Tuesday?"**

As I work with faculty and students in the various groups I facilitate, I constantly ask how we can tell that the students are getting the benefit we intend from the services we are offering. The most frequent answer I got was that the students just keep asking when we will meet again. At one of the schools we met

on Tuesday's and so the students would ask the counselor, "Is it Tuesday? Is Ricky coming today?". Another counselor would pass students in the hall as they asked when the next meeting was and if we could keep them going another week. This kind of feedback is so affirming of what we are doing. Regardless of the students motivation to want to be there, that is half of our battle already won. The simple fact is that it is only once we have them coming that we are able to listen to their story and equip them with the tools they need to LIVE LIFE BETTER.

**Socially Networked**

One of the things that is happening in a huge way in teenagers world is the internet. Thanks to [The Marketing Twins](#) we have a redesigned website, and have strengthened our online presence with a group on [Facebook](#), [MySpace](#), and [Twitter](#). As you tell people about Teen Lifeline and what we are doing, use these very helpful tools to point people to a place they can find up to date information on what we are doing. In addition to speading the word you can also conveniently donate online by going to the ["Giving"](#) page and scrolling to the bottom.

Thanks for all of your support!

Ricky

