



Points OF Interest

SPRING 2016 The Newsletter for Friends of Turning Point



START BY BELIEVING



Current research estimates that no more than 5% of sexual assaults will be reported, investigated, and prosecuted – and fewer than 3% will result in a conviction and incarceration of the perpetrator. Turning Point is partnering with the End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI) **START BY BELIEVING** campaign to help improve the public’s response to sexual assault survivors. Most often survivors will first disclose to a friend or family member. The response they get in large part determines what happens

next. For example, imagine if you told your friend that you were sexually assaulted and she responds: “Well, are you sure? Why were you there in the first place?” How likely would you be to seek medical care, go to the police or contact Turning Point for help? We as a community can change these statistics if we **START BY BELIEVING** when a friend or loved one discloses an assault.

Now imagine that you tell your friend you were sexually assaulted, and she says: “Oh no, I’m so terribly sorry that happened to you! Let’s get you the care you need. I will be there to support you if want to go to the police.” It is not hard to see that this type of reaction leads to very different outcomes.

START BY BELIEVING, is the first step to helping survivors get on a path toward healing and justice.

Everyone has a role to play in ending sexual violence. Prevention starts by challenging victim blaming beliefs, by knowing the facts about sexual violence, and learning how our response can make a difference. Contact us to become involved in the **START BY BELIEVING** campaign or follow us on **Twitter @turningpointmac #TPstartbybelieving** to become involved. Its up to us to know the facts and how to help.



NOW ALL FAMILY MEMBERS WILL BE SAFE FROM VIOLENCE



Turning Point has known that a large barrier for survivors is the lack of options for a family pet when domestic violence occurs. Survivors may delay leaving or return to the home because of a pet, but thankfully **I Heart Dogs Rescue and Animal Haven** stepped up offering a solution. Turning Point in partnership with **I Heart Dogs Rescue and Animal Haven** has addressed that barrier by offering safety for all family members.

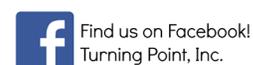
Survivors can now keep themselves, children and pets safe. They no longer have to leave a beloved pet behind or stay in the home to keep them safe. Turning Point’s Crisis Line will safety plan with a survivor needing haven and contact the appropriate person to arrange safe shelter for our four legged survivors as well as other pets (bunnies, birds, reptiles etc.).

Survivors and their children are able to visit and play as well as discuss health or behavioral concerns caused by the violence and trauma that

occurred in the home. Our survivor pets will be in a safe environment where they will get endless love, attention and exercise. As our shelter needs personal items year around so does this amazing organization, **I Heart Dogs Rescue and Animal Haven**, please see their Facebook link and website to support them through financial or wish list donations.

<https://www.facebook.com/IHeartDogsRescue>

<http://www.iheartdogs.org>





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HOLIDAY CHEER!

Turning Point would like to say a huge **“Thank you!”** to everyone who donated over the holiday season. Holidays are a challenging time for those staying at the shelter and especially so for all the kids. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of those who support us. All of you contributed to a making the season much brighter for those staying at the shelter. We couldn’t do it without you. On behalf of all the staff and clients, **THANK YOU!**

CALENDAR of EVENTS

COFFEE & CRAFTIVISM

March 29

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

115 S. Main

Mt. Clemens

SURVIVOR EVENT

April 12

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

115 S. Main

Mount Clemens

LUNAFEST FILM FESTIVAL

April 16

Shows 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm

11200 E 11 Mile Rd

Renaissance Unity – Warren

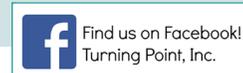
ALEX & ANI EVENT

April 20

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Partridge Creek

For more information on any of these events please visit our website www.turningpointmacomb.org or find us on –



COFFEE AND CRAFTIVISM

Coffee and Craftivism with Turning Point staff will help kick off 2016’s National Sexual Assault Awareness Month. What is craftivism? It combines the words “craft” and “activism” giving survivors and supporters a vehicle to express themselves and bring awareness to this issue. **The next Craftivism will be held March 29th from 6-8 pm at Grace Episcopal Church in Mt Clemens.** It’s also fun as it provides a creative outlet for a social message. “Art and a sense of community can connect everyone who cares about making a difference and want to be part of helping to raise awareness about sexual violence,” states Paula Schnoblen Turning



A creative outlet for a social message.

Point’s Director of Support Services for Sexual Assault. Last year, one participant stated: “This was so much fun! It made me forget about my work day and it was nice to see my kids involved too”. Activists of all ages are welcome. We hope to see you there!

TURNING POINT PRESENTS:

LUNAFEST®

short films *by, for, about Women*

APRIL 16, 2016
RENAISSANCE UNITY
 11200 11 MILE ROAD, WARREN MI 48089



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WWW.TURNINGPOINTMACOMB.ORG

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT LUNAFEST PLEASE VISIT:
LUNAFEST.ORG

TURNING POINT IS EXPANDING

We are excited to announce a new satellite office to open in St. Clair Shores this Spring!

The office will be located on Harper between 10 and 11 Mile Roads. Counseling for both adults and children will be offered at this new location and will house legal advocates supporting people using the criminal justice system. Our hope is this new location will help to increase access to our services for those living in southern Macomb County.

