



Points of Interest



SPRING 2017 The Newsletter for Friends of Turning Point

KEEP VAWA!

For the past 37 years, Turning Point has been providing emergency, support and prevention services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence in our community. We have developed comprehensive and notable programs that address the urgent and long-term needs of victims.

Imagine your home has become a dangerous place for you and your children. Today you can contact our crisis/help line and speak with a trained advocate who can help you assess your danger and safety plan with you or even offer you shelter if need be. Or imagine you have been raped you are in shock and thought you were going to die. Today, you would be directed to Turning Point's Forensic Nurse Examiner Program where a trained nurse will provide

you medical care and evidence collection in a private setting designed for your needs. A crisis advocate would meet with you and address your and your family's emotional needs and concerns, and follow up with you afterward. Trained counselors are available to help you feel safe again and regain control of your life.

This safety net has been built over the past 25 years with help from the Violence Against Women Act funding or VAWA. The new president's budget is considering eliminating funding for local, state, and federal programs that are funded through VAWA. VAWA, established in 1994, is the first and only national public policy that addresses this epidemic of violence in our communities. VAWA funding has improved our national criminal

justice response to violence against women, ensures services for victims, and created informed policy and practices for the intervention and prevention of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, & human trafficking. In just Macomb County VAWA funding ensures a safety net for victims through our 24 hour help/crisis line that handles 12,000 calls annually. It is unacceptable to move backwards to a time when there was no lifeline for survivors. Too many lives and futures were lost.

If you would like to help please call or visit your congressional representatives. To find your representative go to

<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/map>

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

TURNING POINT PRESENTS:
LUNAFEST
short films by, for, about Women

April 27th, 2017
Emerald Theater
31 N. Walnut, Mount Clemens, MI 48043

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:
WWW.TURNINGPOINTMACOMB.ORG

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT LUNAFEST PLEASE VISIT:
LUNAFEST.ORG

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 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!**

89 cents of every dollar goes to services!



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GRAND OPENING OF TURNING POINT'S SAINT CLAIR SHORES LOCATION

On November 11, 2016, Turning Point proudly opened its doors at the new St. Clair Shores community outreach location! In doing so, Turning Point now can offer many services to an even broader area within the Metropolitan Detroit Area. Services for adults and children include individual counseling, group counseling, advocacy, and legal advocacy for survivors and their significant others or loved ones. The building is located at 27113 Harper Avenue, Suite A.



Counseling staff celebrating the opening of the new office in St. Clair Shores

The hope is that this new location will help eliminate transportation as a barrier for those accessing Turning Point services. For those survivors that may live close to any location but may not have transportation to access services, Turning Point provides transport on Tuesdays or bus tickets as an option. Turning Point continues to work towards building awareness about its community outreach neighborhood sites. Currently, outreach sites include both the City

of Warren and the City of St. Clair Shores. Turning Point's primary location is in the City of Mt. Clemens. Striving to make services available to all survivors and their loved ones, wherever they may live, continues to be a goal at the top of the priority list!

If you would like more information about services for domestic and/or sexual violence survivors and their loved ones at any of our locations, you may contact Turning Point's Administrative Office at (586) 463-4430.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Spring is in the air with

CLASSICAL BELLS

April 2

Hand Bell Concert

Zion Church

COFFEE & CRAFTIVISM

April 4

Grace Church

ALEX & ANI EVENT CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN

April 13

Partridge Creek

WEAR TEAL & DENIM

April 26

Take a picture and share on social media

LUNAFEST FILM FESTIVAL

April 27

Emerald Theater

SAVE THE DATE

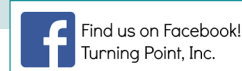
Tara's Walk

Sept. 30th

Freedom Hill



Information for all of Turning Point's events is available on the website at www.turningpointmacomb.org or find us on -



 **Second Hand ROSE**
Resale Shop
Services To End Domestic & Sexual Violence

\$5 OFF
ANY TOTAL PURCHASE OF \$20 OR MORE.

Some restrictions may apply. Not for use with other coupons. Limit one per customer. See store for details.

LEAVE A LEGACY

There are many ways to give beyond writing a check. Making a planned gift is not as hard as you might think. Turning Point has experienced staff and volunteer board members who are experts in planned giving. They can talk with you or your advisors to achieve your giving goals, at no cost to you. For a no pressure, no obligation conversation, please contact Karan Bates-Gasior, Director of Development at Turning Point, at 586-463-4430 or email her at kbgasior@turningpointmacomb.org.