



SPRING 2018 *The Newsletter for Friends of Turning Point*



A FAREWELL MESSAGE:



They say all good things must come to end. That is certainly true about my leadership at Turning Point. Soon I will be retiring. It has been an honor to lead this organization over the past 28 years. Moreover, a journey of growth for me personally and this organization. We have developed award-winning programs such as our Forensic Nurse Examiner Program, a research partnership with MSU and our children's programming. We also built a new state of the art emergency shelter, a healing refuge for women and children fleeing the violence in

their homes. Our agency budget has grown by over 2 million and we are a mighty staff of over 50! We are a staff with community organizers, advocates, counselors, nurses, evaluators and data and financial specialists. These structures and programs position our organization to lead the way for years to come in the fight to end domestic and sexual violence. Together we have built a strong safety net.

None of this was possible without the amazing staff of Turning Point and our community. Your support, advice, patience, and openness to change helped Turning Point lead. I thank all

of you for the role you have played in these amazing accomplishments. However, there is much more to do! The staggering statistics of the prevalence of sexual assault and domestic violence have not changed. Too many people suffer from and cope with lifelong consequences of surviving violence. Too many lives and futures have been lost to these preventable tragedies.

The search is on for the next leader. This lucky person will lead our organization and community's next steps in the fight to end domestic and sexual violence. Stay tuned. . .

APRIL IS NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH (SAAM)

SAAM is an annual campaign to raise public awareness about sexual assault; that healing is possible and sexual violence is preventable. This year's campaign is **It's Time to Stand Up!**

It's Time to Stand Up means we know the facts, the statistics and it's time to act! **It's Time to Stand Up** and ask why sexual violence is so prevalent and what we can do about it. **It's Time to Stand Up** and ensure survivors of sexual assault have the resources they need to find safety and heal. **It's Time to Stand Up** and demand prevention education for students of all ages.

The #Metoo movement has brought the occurrence of sexual violence into the spotlight. Now, **It's Time to Stand Up** and do something to end this. We ask you to stand with us. Share our posts on social media, get involved in the 100 Men Challenge this month or schedule a speaker on sexual violence to come to your workplace or community group. Discuss the statistics and solutions with your friends and family. The point is sexual violence thrives in silence so speak up and stand up!



100 MEN CHALLENGE
#TP100Men
#TPStandUp
www.turningpointmacomb.org

Join the 100 Men Challenge and pledge to:

- Stand up against domestic and sexual violence, and be an upstander.
- Encourage other men to join the challenge, telling them why I stand up against domestic and sexual violence.
- Educate friends and family about domestic and sexual violence facts.
- Volunteer with Turning Point.
- Raise/donate \$100 to Turning Point by July 29, 2018.

Sexual Assault
Awareness Month



Points OF Interest

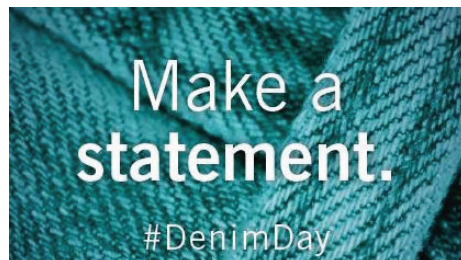
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DENIM DAY

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and Denim Day is a call to action for all people to come together by wearing denim as a visible sign of protest against sexual violence. Every year we ask community members, elected officials, businesses, and students to make a social statement; on April 25th wear jeans as a visible means of protest against misconceptions that surround sexual assault.

Why denim? Denim Day was originally triggered from a ruling by the Italian Supreme Court in which a teenager was assaulted by her driver's training instructor. The rape conviction was overturned because the justices felt that, since the teen was wearing tight jeans, she must have helped her rapist remove her jeans, thereby implying



consent. The following day, the women in the Italian Parliament came to work wearing jeans in solidarity with the survivor. Denim Day started internationally in response to this case; wearing jeans annually on Denim Day has become a symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes about sexual assault.

Join Turning Point in supporting survivors of sexual assault by wearing denim on Wednesday, April 25th, 2018.

#TPTimeToStandUp
#TPSAAM2018

CALENDAR of EVENTS

MOVIE SCREENING OF AUDRIE & DAISY

April 12 • 5:30 pm
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PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY

April 24 • 4-5 pm
Clock Tower in Mount Clemens

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

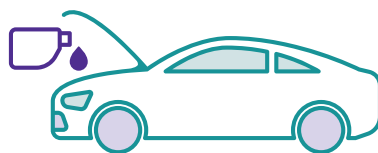


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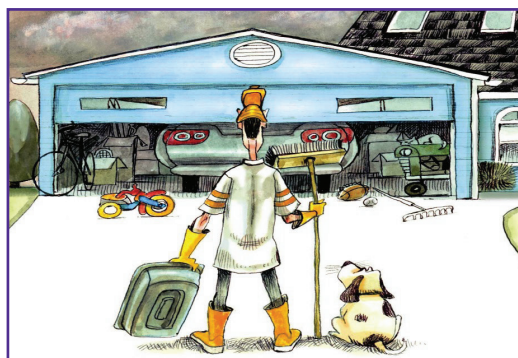


OIL CHANGES BY CUMMINS

Get your car serviced or have money for your child's prescription... that is often the choice survivors have to deal with. No more is that the quandary in Macomb County. Turning Point in partnership with Cummins- Clinton Township distributor has had several events providing Turning Point clients with free oil changes. Cummins staff often goes above and beyond by making other minor repairs while the vehicles are in being serviced. The event in Clinton Township has been very successful and the staff has embraced giving back to the community. Because of the employee buy in, Cummins is now taking the program nationwide.



We are pleased to have started such a wonderful partnership and survivors everywhere are benefitting.



A Turning Point fundraising event

FRIDAY APRIL 20, 2018

STEPPING OUT WITH THE STARS

Friday, April 20, 2018
at Zuccaro's Banquets & Catering
46601 Gratiot, Chesterfield
Dinner, Dancing, DJ
Star Competition and
Pro Show
Open Premium Bar
All for just \$85 per person
Advanced Ticket Purchase Required

Professional Dancers
courtesy of
Arthur Murray
Sterling Heights

Get your tickets now at:
TURNINGPOINTMACOMB.ORG
Or Call: 586-467-5679

Turning Point, Inc.
SERVICES TO END DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

When you clean out your home donate all of your unwanted items to Turning Point's thrift store

Second Hand Rose
158 South Main Street
Mount Clemens

Please call **586.468.3083**