



Points OF Interest

The Newsletter for Friends of Turning Point

SPRING 2021

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

According to The National Sexual Assault Hotline, "Every 73 seconds someone is sexually assaulted in the United States." Sexual assault is the ultimate violation and degradation, and it affects all aspects of a person's life, including the lives of their families and friends. It is a life-altering experience that is often misunderstood.

Many people have misconceptions, or myths, that were learned, specifically regarding sexual violence. These myths influence judgments around what sexual assault looks like: who's to blame, how survivors are supposed to act before, during, or after an

assault, what the healing process looks like, etc. These misconceptions also impact responses to sexual degradation, sexual biases, sexually offensive jokes, sexual assault, and how we respond to those who have been assaulted.

When we speak and act in line with these untruths regarding sexual assault and survivors, we do more harm and perpetuate stereotypes; this creates an unsafe environment for survivors and allows sexual violence to continue. The critical thing to remember is that we learned these ideas from somewhere, and they can be unlearned as well. Unlearning is how we shed previous misconceptions,

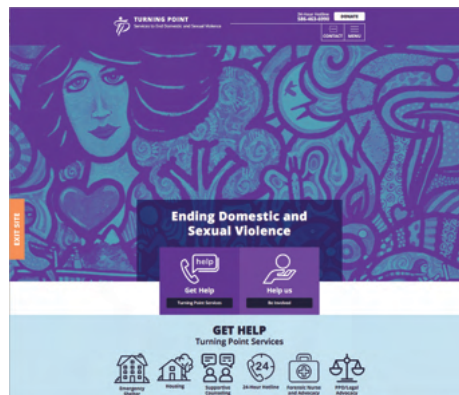
beliefs, or biases around a subject due to gaining new information. It is also essential to use this new information to engage in dialogue that addresses how our society can come together to change the culture and act to prevent sexual violence.

Ridding yourself from misconceptions and sharing this knowledge with others will help begin the cultural changes necessary to transform society and help end sexual violence. Please visit our website to register for one of our community trainings as we work to educate and inform the community about the facts of sexual violence.

NEW TURNING POINT WEBSITE LAUNCH:

We are excited to announce that Turning Point has launched a new, updated website www.turningpointmacomb.org. The updated site has some new features that we are looking forward to people experiencing.

- Easy to navigate home page, quickly connecting survivors to ways to get help.
- Community members can also learn ways to help us such as donating, purchasing items from our wish list, or volunteering their time.
- Contact us from our home page to request more information about



our programs, request a speaker, join our email and/or mailing list, and access phone numbers for all agency programs.

- Find our upcoming fundraisers, education opportunities, and

awareness events on our homepage. From here you can learn more about events that are of interest and register.

- If a mobile device is being used our programs can be called with the click of a button.

We hope you'll take time to explore our new site and learn more about the services we have available for survivors and the community.





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SURVIVOR CORNER

Have you ever had a day, when everything in that day created the perfect storm? In 2017, I was sexually assaulted, and it has taken me down a painful, arduous gauntlet of court proceedings, appeals and recovery of which I am still on. I have found that my healing path has not been linear, but a long, meandering, seemingly circular process where I end up staring at Point A again, leaving me frustrated and angry.

However, I am thankful for the exceptional work performed by the Macomb County Sheriff Department and Lead Detective in apprehending my assailant four days post assault. I am thankful for the Forensics Nurse Examiner Program which assisted in collecting and preserving evidence of this violent crime. It was instrumental in his conviction. The conviction of my assailant was important to me because

it provided some sense of justice, it was a milestone in my healing journey, and it removed a violent offender off the streets for a period of time. I am also thankful for counseling provided by Turning Point as I continue my healing journey.

I share my story to make you realize how damaging it is to touch another person's body without their permission and consent. You can make your community, work environment, school or home a safer place by honoring, respecting, and heeding autonomy and personal boundaries. You can make a difference by unlearning and helping others to unlearn the attitudes and norms that allow this type of violence to occur. Turning Point's Community Education can help you in that process – check out the upcoming presentations all about unlearning as a way to prevent sexual violence.

NEW BUSINESS OFFICE

We're moving! Our business office, currently located at 158 South Main Street will be relocating to 76 South Main Street in May, 2021. Our business office houses several agency programs including supportive counseling services, community education, fundraising, and administration. The new building allows us to have more space to continue growing our programs. We look forward to hosting an open house when it safe to do so. Stay tuned for more information.

LEGACY GIFTS

Remembering Turning Point in your will can help you reduce estate taxes and ensure the life changing work you care about will always continue.

Second Hand ROSE Resale Shop

SERVICES TO END DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

158 S. Main Street • Mt. Clemens

DONATE • SHOP • VOLUNTEER

CALENDAR of EVENTS

WEAR TEAL DAY

April 6 – Wear teal to raise awareness about sexual violence.

WEAR DENIM DAY

April 28 – Wear denim to support survivors of sexual violence.

GOLF OUTING

June 25

Cracklewood Golf Club
Macomb, MI 48042

STEPPING OUT WITH THE STARS

August 19

The Palazzo Grande
Shelby Township, MI 48316



KNOW MORE. DO MORE.

TARA'S WALK

September 25

Freedom Hill

Sterling Heights, MI 48312

For more information on our events please visit our website or find us on social media.



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April 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 MYSTERY ITEM SALE 70% OFF	2 PURPLE TAGS 50% OFF	3 50% off Most Items
4 CLOSED Easter Sunday	5 WHITE TAG 50% OFF	6 BOGO PURSES	7 SENIOR DAY	8 MYSTERY ITEM SALE 70% OFF	9 PURPLE TAGS 50% OFF	10 50% off Most Items
11 50% off Most Items	12 YELLOW 50% OFF	13 BOGO JEWELRY	14 SENIOR DAY	15 MYSTERY ITEM SALE 70% OFF	16 PURPLE TAGS 50% OFF	17 50% off Most Items
18 50% off Most Items	19 GREEN 50% OFF	20 BOGO LINEN	21 SENIOR DAY	22 MYSTERY ITEM SALE 70% OFF	23 PURPLE TAGS 50% OFF	24 50% off Most Items
25 50% off Most Items	26 ORANGE 50% OFF	27 BOGO SHOES	28 SENIOR DAY	29 MYSTERY ITEM SALE 70% OFF	30 PURPLE TAGS 50% OFF	
FURNITURE PICK UPS AVAILABLE Call 586-468-3083 Ext. 300 to schedule			STORE HOURS MON-SAT 10-4 SUNDAY 11-4		*5 for \$5 Color Tag Sale daily	
DONATION HOURS MONDAY & THURSDAY 10-1					SENIOR DAY AND WEEKEND SALES 50% off most items 25% off purple tags and furniture	