

Turning Point brings *The Vagina Monologues* back for the first fundraising effort of 2022

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Mount Clemens, Mich.—January 14, 2022— <u>Turning Point</u>, an agency whose mission is to empower domestic and sexual violence survivors through comprehensive services and resources, is pleased to host *The Vagina Monologues* on February 10, 2022, at the Emerald Theater in downtown Mount Clemens. The play was previously performed at the Emerald Theater in February 2020 to benefit Turning Point, and it came with great success and community participation.

<u>According to the VDay – until the violence stops website</u>, *The Vagina Monologues*, written by playwright and activist V (formerly Eve Ensler), debuted in 1994. Based on dozens of interviews V conducted with women, the play addresses women's sexuality and the social stigma surrounding rape and abuse. Ultimately, the production is not only a moving work of art on violence; it is a mechanism for moving people to act to end violence.

"We are excited to be able to hold this event again and are grateful for the generosity of our community partner, Emerald Theater, to offer its beautiful space," Sharman Davenport, CEO of Turning Point, said. "Events like this are critical to helping us raise funds to further our work with survivors and their families and to support efforts to end domestic violence altogether through education, awareness, and prevention."

Tickets for the event are \$25 per individual or \$225 for a table of eight, and the proceeds directly benefit Turning Point. Doors open at 6p.m. The show will begin at 7 p.m. Masks are encouraged. The Emerald Theatre will implement current CDC and State of Michigan COVID-19 protocols. For more information and tickets, visit <u>Turning Point's</u> website.

About Turning Point

Turning Point provides free comprehensive and confidential programs for domestic violence and sexual assault survivors, their loved ones, and the community. Services include a 24-hour hotline, emergency shelter, housing, trauma advocacy/counseling, personal protection order assistance, legal advocacy, forensic nurse exams, first response advocacy, prevention, and community education. Second Hand Rose, another Turning Point service, provides survivors with gently used items while providing an opportunity for the community to donate and shop. Serving Metro Detroit for 41 years, Turning Point has helped over 100,000 survivors. Visit <u>www.turningpointmacomb.org</u> for more information.