



# Points OF Interest

The Newsletter for Friends of Turning Point FALL 2021

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Each year, millions of people are impacted by domestic violence, affecting the survivor's emotions, sense of safety, relationships, health, housing, and economic stability. Domestic violence can happen to anyone, and is caused by one person using a multitude of tactics to establish and maintain power and control over their partner. This pervasive act of violence can have a direct impact on the survivor's family and friends as well as the community.

Several misconceptions about domestic violence still exist in our society resulting in survivor's being responded to with negative, victim-blaming statements and questions. At Turning Point, we believe that education impacts social change and

prevents violence. Our community education team partners with local churches, professionals, groups, coalitions, and agencies, providing education for approximately 3500 adults annually. Community education presentations focus on actions we can all take to support survivors while holding offenders accountable for their actions. This educated, coordinated community response to domestic violence contributes to creating conditions that promote healthy relationships, preventing domestic violence.

According to [loveisrespect.org](http://loveisrespect.org) violent behaviors often begin between age 12-18. This frightening statistic highlights the need for early, prevention education. Turning Point offers age-

appropriate, interactive presentations to middle and high school students to educate on dynamics of healthy relationships, ways to support survivors, and available resources. The prevention education program also includes a parent program, where parents can learn more about domestic violence and how to talk to their children about relationships.

Together as a community we can impact change and prevent domestic violence by:

- Learning if Turning Point's prevention program educates youth in your school district
- Scheduling an education presentation at [www.turningpointmacomb.org](http://www.turningpointmacomb.org)
- Busting myths about domestic violence

## TARA'S WALK

The 14th Annual Tara's Walk will be held both in-person and virtually this year, on Saturday, September, 25, 2021 at the Freedom Hill Amphitheatre in Sterling Heights.

When Tara was tragically murdered by her husband in 2007 a partnership was created between her family and Turning Point to increase awareness and prevent other families from experiencing the tragedy of losing a loved one to domestic violence. It is our hope that Tara's Walk will continue to raise funds to support



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survivors, as well as raise awareness of domestic violence by bringing community members together. To learn more and register visit <https://turningpointmacomb.org/event/taras-walk-4/>



**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

## SURVIVOR SPEAKER'S BUREAU

Turning Point's Survivor Speaker's Bureau is an opportunity for survivors or loved ones to share their experiences of abuse and healing with the community. Survivor speakers take their experience with violence and share it with the community, talking about the impact that violence had on themselves and their loved ones. They share their hope and journey to help others and create social change in our community. If you are interested in learning more or applying to the Survivor Speaker's Bureau visit –

<https://turningpointmacomb.org/community/survivor-resources/>



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## SURVIVOR CORNER



Tajhae, Survivor Speaker.

I witnessed abuse at a young age and experienced it as a teen. My experiences prompted me to take a deeper look within and in doing research, I learned about Turning Point's Survivor Speaker's Bureau. I grew up thinking if a guy likes you, it is possible that you'll be subject to some form of abuse. Before I knew statistically Teen Dating Violence was common, I'd observed and experienced it myself. As early as age 15 I encountered physical, sexual, verbal, and emotional abuse. Watching little to nothing be done about it from peers or adults. I knew it was wrong. But the lack of safe spaces or resources caused me to suppress my true feelings daily in high school. It wasn't until I wanted to harm myself that I knew I needed to get from behind the shadows of my sorrow and step into my light. With that, I found the courage

to self-publish my first memoir which helped me through the shadows of my sorrow and gave me purpose.

When we think of Domestic Violence, rarely do we think of teenagers; however Teen Dating Violence is just as serious as violence amongst adults. Minimizing these experiences amongst adolescents creates long term negative effects, such as intergenerational trauma. It also teaches teens that abuse is acceptable and normal in relationships.

Writing and sharing my story with others has helped me in my healing journey. Not only did Turning Point give me a platform to continue sharing my story, but they also helped me identify signs of abuse and what a healthy relationship looks like. The more awareness brought to the issue of Teen Dating Violence, the more we can work together to prevent it. I hope that as I continue healing in sharing my story, it will also inspire courage and healing in others.

Our administration office, which is also the location of our community/prevention education and trauma advocacy program, has moved from 158 South Main Street to 76 South Main Street in Mount Clemens. Second Hand Rose remains located at 158 South Main Street. The new building allows for the continued growth of our agency.

## CALENDAR of EVENTS



**TARA'S WALK**  
September 25  
Freedom Hill

Sterling Heights, MI 48312

**DRAG QUEEN BINGO**

October 14, 2021

Emerald Theatre

Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

**PITA PIT FUNDRAISER**

October 20, 2021

50966 Romeo Plank

Macomb, MI 48044

2pm-8pm

★ **SAVE THE DATE!** ★

**STEPPING OUT WITH THE STARS**

April 29, 2022

The Palazzo Grande

Shelby Township, MI 48316

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



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## 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**

October is **CUSTOMER APPRECIATION MONTH!**  
Second Hand Rose October Sale

**50% off Entire Store!**

\*Excludes a few items marked sorry no discount\*

That means...

**50% off Regular Merchandise!**

**50% off Purple Tags!**

**50% off Furniture!**

We will also be having weekly Customer Raffles.

Visit our website for store hours and donation information

<http://turningpointmacomb.org/resale/>