



Services to empower survivors of
domestic violence, sexual violence,
and human trafficking

45 YEARS OF EMPOWERING SURVIVORS

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Forty-five years ago, a small group of caring neighbors in Macomb County came together to address a growing crisis.

It was the late 1970s, a time characterized by a significant increase in domestic and sexual violence. Families, especially women and children, had nowhere to turn for help. Community members like Vivastine Seward stepped up to take action. In the kitchen of Greater Morning Star Baptist Church, Vivastine began preparing meals and gathering clothing for survivors. Soon after, with her influence, the rectory of Greater Grace Episcopal Church became the first safe shelter in Macomb County.

This initiative sparked the beginning of Turning Point. Built and sustained by the community, it has operated for 45 years on the belief that when we come together, we can make a significant difference.

However, just as we came together 45 years ago, we must come together now. The need for Turning Point's services has never been greater. Yet, the funding that sustains these life-saving programs is at risk. The federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), one of our

largest funding sources, has been in decline for years and is projected to drop another 15-20% starting this October. This means fewer resources to keep our shelter beds open, our 24-hour hotline staffed, and to ensure that first-response advocates are available when survivors need them most.

This is a moment for our community to act. Just as individuals united in the beginning to meet an urgent need, we are once again called to rise to the challenge. Your support today can help ensure that survivors continue to find safety, hope, and healing at Turning Point, no matter what the circumstances.

Everyone has the power to make a difference. You can help sustain this life-saving mission by donating, attending events to show your support, volunteering your time, visiting our Amazon wish list, donating or shopping at Second Hand Rose, sharing our mission with others, advocating for funding with state and federal representatives, and completing the included impact survey to help us tell our story.

This mission began in the community and will be sustained through the community. Our commitment has always been stronger than the challenges we face. Thank you for your continued support. We are grateful to have

you as part of our community, and together, we will continue this life-saving work.

Today, Turning Point is Macomb County's only comprehensive agency supporting survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking. Together, we have made an incredible impact:

- Our 24-Hour Hotline answers an average of 10,000 per year, providing a lifeline for individuals in crisis and partners within the community.
- Annually, over 200 families fleeing abuse and violence have found safety through our shelter.
- We complete an average of 400 medical forensic exams each year, ensuring survivors receive trauma-informed healthcare.

These statistics represent lives changed. Thanks to people like you, we have empowered survivors with the support and resources they need to rebuild their lives and keep their families safe.

SURVIVOR FEEDBACK SURVEY

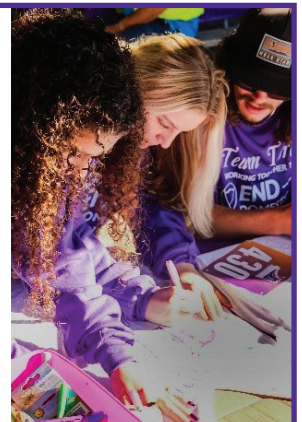
Help us protect life-saving services for survivors by telling your story!

For 45 years, survivors and community members have shared with us the impact that Turning Point has had on their lives. Now, funding cuts are putting those services at risk.

Please add your voice to our two-minute anonymous survey. Your story will show funders, legislators, and leaders why these programs must stay.

Together, our voices prove these programs are essential and worth protecting!

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HONORING COMMUNITY



“Growing up in Mt. Clemens, I saw my grandmother nearly every day. My grandmother, Vivastine Seward, was a loving woman known for her infectious

laughter, radiant smile, love for Christ and her family, and her unwavering commitment to helping others. To me, she was “Granny Stine”—the one whose cooking could heal any hurt and whose coconut cakes were unmatched. Little did I know, she was also a founder and a visionary. In 1980, she helped establish Turning Point LLC, a sanctuary for survivors of domestic violence. I remember stopping by Turning Point

and witnessing the impact of her volunteerism firsthand, often alongside my other grandmother, Bobbie Douglas. Families found hope there and healing. Her compassion extended far beyond our family—it shaped our entire community. Even now, friends speak of her with deep admiration, sharing how she helped their loved ones through incredibly tough times. Her legacy lives on in the organization she built, the lives she touched, and the love she gave so freely. As I walk in her footsteps, I carry her stories, recipes, love for philanthropy, and mission. Every time I speak her name, I honor the turning point she created—for the world and for me.”

- **LeKeisha D.S. Jackson**, CPH, PhD,
eldest granddaughter of Vivastine Seward

CALENDAR of EVENTS



For more about upcoming events visit
turningpointmacomb.org/calendar

Endless Summer

Partridge Creek
Thursday, September 11, 2025

Tara's 5K Run and Walk

Freedom Hill County Park
Saturday, September 13, 2025

Metro Detroit Women's Expo

Suburban Collection Showplace
Friday-Sunday, September 26-28, 2025

Detroit Bourbon and Blues

Eastern Market, Shed 5
Friday, October 3, 2025

Killer Flamingo's Concert

The Emerald Theatre
Thursday, October 16, 2025

Turning Point



Second Hand Rose



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You never know what you'll find at Second Hand Rose with unique items, including a large selection of furniture, with new inventory daily. Second Hand Rose has the best thrift prices in the area and the proceeds stay in our community to support survivors.

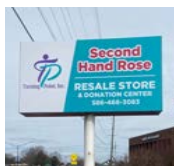
Learn more about store and donation hours at:

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

**50%
OFF**
COUPON

**YOUR TOTAL
PURCHASE***

* EXPIRES 11/15/25
No Exclusions



Donate to Support Survivors

Our Amazon wishlist makes it easy for you to
donate items to help support survivors.

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OUR VISION IS A JUST AND EQUITABLE SOCIETY FREE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL VIOLENCE, AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING