



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

This year, as we mark 45 years of Turning Point's unwavering commitment to survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking, we find ourselves at a critical crossroads.

Each year, we provide more than 27,000 individuals across Macomb and St. Clair Counties with emergency shelter, forensic exams, legal advocacy, housing support, counseling, and prevention education. We walk beside survivors through their darkest moments, helping them find safety, stability, and healing. Survivors often come to us, fleeing abuse and violence, and seeking protection for themselves and their children. With support from donors like you, they find not just a shelter, but a path forward—into a furnished home, two years of supportive services, and ultimately, a future for themselves and their family.

But these programs and services are at risk. **Sixty-five percent of Turning Point's funding comes from federal and state sources.** As these funds become increasingly uncertain, so does our ability to provide life-saving services. A reduction in funding could mean survivors in crisis are turned away because shelter beds are full, fewer advocates to accompany victims through hospitals, courtrooms, and police stations, a halt to education and prevention programs that reach thousands of youth each year, and a loss of hope for families on the verge of rebuilding their lives.

This isn't just a budget issue—it's a community crisis in the making.

Now, we need you with us more than ever. Turning Point didn't get to 45 years by backing down in the face of adversity. We have always stood strong with survivors, advocated for change, and partnered with the community. Whether through donations, participation

in events, volunteering your time, or advocating with your elected representatives to secure funding for programs like ours, now is the time to act.

Your gift today is a powerful statement: that every survivor deserves safety, dignity, and the chance to thrive. With your support, we can continue to grow—expanding services to St. Clair County, strengthening partnerships with law enforcement and healthcare providers, and remaining a statewide leader in advocating for survivor-centered policies and funding.

As we look ahead to the next 45 years, let's make sure Turning Point continues to be there for every person who needs us—without delay, without barriers, and without fear that the doors might close tomorrow.

Together, we can protect the future of this vital work. Thank you for partnering with us—and with survivors—at this critical moment.



Proceeds from Second Hand Rose support Turning Point programs and survivors.

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SURVIVOR CORNER



My name is Emily, this is my story about how Turning Point supported my family and how I am giving back. When my siblings and I were young, Turning Point housed us in their emergency shelter. We were cared

for, protected and safe. My dad had an alcohol problem and was violent with my mom, therefore we had to flee and Turning Point is who saved us. Thankfully, my dad turned his life around and eventually we were able to be a family again. However, without Turning Point's intervention and assistance, I am not too sure things would have ever changed for our family. I am now

40 and still remember the situation and stay at the shelter fondly. I met other little girls like me, we played, I learned how to braid while I was there, and we shared meals together. It was a safe haven for healing for my family. Now, as adults, it is important to me, my mom and siblings to give back to the place that saved us. My dad was an example that people can change, and I believe that others have the ability to as well. If he were still alive, he would be just as indebted as I am. I miss him every day and I know he is looking down and proud of the work, support and assistance that Turning Point provided my family during a time when he was struggling and would be just as supportive of what Turning Point continues to do for survivors today. Turning Point empowered my mother to have the ability to keep us safe and taken care of.

COMMUNITY PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

Upcoming Event: Art Gallery Exhibit – Thursday, June 12, 2025



Hi, I'm Richard Demato. After a long career in the textile and apparel industry, I retired to Sag Harbor, New York, searching for ways to make a meaningful impact.

I've always been drawn to art and the powerful way it evokes emotion and tells us all stories. I saw this passion as a powerful tool for helping others. The RJD Gallery became my platform to raise awareness and funding for vital causes that touched me. It's also a space to reflect and appreciate incredible artists and their artworks.

This desire to help runs deep within me. I have several sisters, and like many, they've faced some challenges. I've always felt a powerful need to be there for them, and support in any way I could. It opened my eyes to the fact that there are many individuals facing domestic abuse, sexual violence, and human trafficking, who desperately need our help, and often

don't receive the attention and resources they deserve.

My long involvement with 'The Retreat', a similar organization in New York, further illuminated this critical need. Having now moved to Michigan, I'm so happy to be involved with and support the amazing efforts of Turning Point, Macomb. Their dedication to providing safety, support, and empowerment to survivors in our community is truly inspiring.

Selling art through the gallery allows us to channel our passion into tangible change for organizations like Turning Point.

In appreciating these artworks, you're contributing to providing hope and healing to those who need it most, well beyond Macomb County.

We all have a role to play in creating safer communities, and I'm proud to support Turning Point.

Please join us in making this difference. Thank you!!

CALENDAR of EVENTS



For more about upcoming events visit
turningpointmacomb.org/calendar

Art Gallery Exhibit
Thursday, June 12, 2025

Survivors Golf Outing
Friday, June 20, 2025

Tara's 5K Run and Walk
Saturday, September 13, 2025

Turning Point, Inc.



Second Hand Rose



If you are interested in donating to support survivors and our programs, to learn more about our current needs please reach out to :
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