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THE NEWSLETTER FOR FRIENDS OF TURNING POINT

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~ April is ~ Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The month of April has been designated Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) across the nation. The goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness about sexual violence (focusing on sexual assault and rape) and to educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence.

Turning Point is there to respond to and support sexual assault survivors in their difficult task of healing, but all of us can play a role in prevention. Consider how some of our beliefs support the prevalence of sexual assault and the silence that it flourishes in. The objectification of women makes it easier to justify violence because women are viewed as sexual objects without feelings. The glorification of power by the media culture is portrayed as domination, control and risk taking in our culture also contributes.

Did you know that one out of three women will be impacted by this crime within their lifetime? Young women are the most at risk for sexual assault, with 44% of sexual assault victims under 18 years old.

Turning Point has a number of resources on the subject of sexual assault available on our website, along with a schedule of SAAM activities at www.turningpointmacomb.org or give us a call at 586-463-4430.

See the Calendar of Events on the back page and on our website for more activities.

“Take Back the Night”

Please join us on Thursday, April 22 at the Roseville Recreation Center to “Take Back the Night”. A rally and march is planned at 6:00 pm to draw attention to the crime of sexual assault, its impact on individuals and communities, and that it is preventable.

What can you do?

- Learn the Facts: find out more about sexual assault and bring the topic to the forefront in your social circles.
- Wear a green ribbon to show your support and raise awareness
- Invite Turning Point to speak to your company or community group about sexual assault and our services
- Attend and bring a friend to Take Back the Night and other Sexual Assault Awareness Month Activities
- Raise the topic with your teen, friend or acquaintance

Turning Point Welcomes New Board Members

Turning Point welcomes new Board of Directors: Ruthann Liagre from Harvey Hohausser & Assoc., William Knight from Lakeshore Legal Aid, and Patti Harrison from Harrison Media. We look forward to working with these new board members to advance Turning Point’s mission. We thank Board Members Laura Cardamone and Stephanie Bergeron who served two full terms and have recently retired from our Board. Both plan to remain involved with our board committees.

Turning Point’s mission is to provide programs and resources that enable victims/survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and homelessness to regain control of their lives.

Hundreds Help for the Holidays

A big thank you to the hundreds of people who helped make the holidays brighter for the families we serve. Our annual holiday appeal generates a significant part of our organization's revenue, which provides support for our ongoing programs and services throughout the year. Many businesses, organizations and clubs stepped up to conduct donation drives for items on our wish list, hosted employee jeans days, provided holiday gifts for our shelter residents, or simply selected Turning Point as the recipient for the funds they raised throughout the year. We are grateful to the generous individual donors who contributed to the Holiday Appeal. The outpouring of community support is remarkable!

Every item and every dollar collected is put to use – at the holidays and beyond. We deeply appreciate your support.

Special thanks to the following area businesses and organizations for coordinating a holiday donation drive:

Blossom B Knitting Guild	Eagle Riders	Regina High School
Communication Workers of America/AT&T	Five Brothers Mortgage Services	Richmond High School Key Club
Croatian Women, Branch 32	Jefferson Street Pub	Roseville Employees
Cromie Elementary	Mattresses To Go	Y-Knot Boat Club
Dorsey Schools	Olive Garden – Warren	Zea's Belly Dance Company
Dykema Gossett PLLC	Red Wings For'Em Club	

There are many ways your group, business or club can support Turning Point, at any time, not just around the holidays. Contact our development department for information and ideas at 586-463-4430.

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Forensic Nurse Examiner Program Marks 10 Years of Service

Turning Point held a breakfast on December 10, 2009, in honor of the 10th Anniversary of the Forensic Nurse Examiners Program (FNEP) to look back and remember those who were instrumental in launching the program in Macomb County. The breakfast featured a video presentation and a historical retrospective presented by Sue Coats, President/CEO of Turning Point. State Representatives Jennifer Haase (D-Richmond) and Lesia Liss (D-Warren) presented Turning Point with a resolution acknowledging FNEP's decade of service to the community.

A special award was presented to Carol Woodford, on behalf of the late Dave Woodford from the Michigan State Police Crime Lab, who served on the original Task Force. Other honorees were Lt. Elizabeth Darga from the Macomb County Sheriff's Department, Macomb County Prosecutors Office, Mount Clemens Regional Medical Center, Henry Ford Macomb Hospital, and St. John Health System. Turning Point also recognized Dr. Rebecca Campbell and Dr. Debra Patterson for their research work showing the impact the program has made on survivors of sexual assault, law enforcement, and prosecution rates. Advocates and nurses whose work restores the dignity and hope for sexual assault survivors were honored for their dedication and outstanding leadership.

Turning Point thanks and recognizes everyone who plays a role in this important program, which has become a leader in best practices across the country.

Stimulus Funds Help Victims of Domestic Violence

Turning Point recently received stimulus dollars that will help to maintain services and provide some longer term housing assistance to victims of domestic violence in Macomb County. Like so many non-profits in our community, Turning Point has been struggling to maintain staffing in this recession with cutbacks in government grants, donations and United Way funding.

The stimulus funds have allowed us to save two part-time counselor positions and hire a full-time housing counselor who will help survivors find housing and assist them with rent for up to six months.

“These resources couldn’t have come at a better time” states CEO Sue Coats. “The economy greatly impacts the employment opportunities for many victims, thus their ability to begin again”.

Turning Point Turns 30

In 1980, community activists in Macomb County saw a need for a place where families affected by domestic violence could find safety. A small 14-bed shelter opened in Grace Episcopal Church to ensure that women and children in danger had somewhere to go. This was the first domestic violence shelter in the community and the beginnings of a non-profit agency called Turning Point.

This year, Turning Point marks **30 years of serving our community**. We operate from four locations in Macomb County, including a 41-bed shelter, 24-hour crisis line; counseling and support groups; legal advocacy, prevention education program, youth and family program and forensic nurse examiner program for survivors of sexual violence. Since opening, we have served thousands of people through support services, including providing shelter to over 28,000 women and children.

Turning Point is planning a variety of events to mark the milestone of our 30 years of service. If you would like to become involved or have been involved with our organization in the past, we would like to hear from you. Please visit our website at www.turningpointmacomb.org for information on anniversary related events or call us at 586-463-4430.

Macomb Community College & Second Hand Rose Collaboration Transforms Backroom

This past fall, Second Hand Rose had the opportunity to partner with a class at Macomb Community College called Lean Six Sigma. For their class project, the students evaluated the workflow in the backroom with the goal to streamline processes, eliminate waste and improve profits. The students first spent numerous hours interviewing and observing SHR staff and volunteers. Then, they developed a plan to improve workflow and spent a weekend reorganizing and rebuilding the backroom so that we could implement their plan. Finally, in December, the class presented a report of their project findings to Turning Point staff, board members, and college administrators.

The benefits of this project were very valuable to SHR. The students created a more organized receiving department that will result in moving merchandise from the donation door to the store floor much more efficiently than it has in the past. They also provided us with a model and recommendations for future workflow improvement which we will continue to implement, as SHR works to increase its profits in order to provide Turning Point with additional income to offset funding decreases. SHR is very thankful to instructor, Carol Malone; students Bert Eisbrenner, Osman Gutlic, David Hsia, Mike Leslie, Bob London, Bruce Renny, Daryl Talley, Linda Tompkins and Lenell Wade; and their volunteers for all of their efforts.



Fall 2009 students of Lean Six Sigma class at the backroom of Second Hand Rose



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Calendar of Upcoming Events



April - Sexual Assault Awareness Month

A national observance to raise awareness about and prevent sexual violence. Show your support by wearing a green ribbon. Call us if your group or organization would like green ribbons. Limited quantities available.

Look for displays of survivor quilts, sexual assault information and displays throughout the month around the community at these locations: Macomb Community College South Campus and Center Campus Library; Warren Civic Center; Sterling Heights Public Library; Roseville Public Library.

April 7 Film Screening 4:00-5:15 pm

"Killing Us Softly" film focusing on advertising's image of women, followed by a discussion led by Turning Point staff - Macomb Community College South Campus, Building K, Room 316. All are welcome. There is no charge for admission.

April 8 Film Screening 11:30-12:45 pm

"Killing Us Softly" (see above) Macomb Community College Center Campus, Building P, Room 128.

April 12 Human Trafficking Training hosted by Turning Point's Forensic Nurse Examiner Program, MISD 8 am to 4 pm. Advance registration and fee required. More info at www.michiganENA.org.

April 13 Advanced SANE Training hosted by Turning Point's Forensic Nurse Examiner Program, Macomb Community College Criminal Justice Training Center - 8 am to 4 pm. Advance registration and fee required. More info at www.michiganENA.org.

April 16 National Day of Silence - Brings attention to anti-LGBT name-calling, bullying and harassment in schools. Visit www.dayofsilence.org for general information and www.turningpointmacomb.org for updates on local events.

April 22 Take Back The Night - Bring a friend or organize a group to march and rally in a show of unity and support for survivors of sexual assault. Suitable for teens and up. Child care available before and after the march for children age three and up. No charge - Roseville Recreation Center - 18185 Sycamore, north of 696, east of Gratiot Avenue near Costco - 6 pm to 10 pm.

April 26-30 SANE Basic Training hosted by Turning Point's Forensic Nurse Examiner Program.