



TPLV Executive Director Lori Sywensky, (center), with U.S. Congressman Charlie Dent, (R-15), and PA State Representative Mike Schlossberg, (D-Lehigh).



Volunteers from Healing Hands, Bethlehem, beautified the grounds at TPLV's Admin Center.



Wachovia Bank employees conducted a drive and delivered paper products for the Turning Point Safe House.

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Domestic violence is a societal problem. The person and the children experiencing abuse are not the only ones impacted. Law enforcement, employers, health care providers, friends and families are all impacted emotionally, economically and in terms of safety.

Societal problems require cooperative solutions. Turning Point is actively working to engage the entire Lehigh Valley to become the solution. We are now enlisting more individuals -- women, men and young people -- to change the attitudes that allow this violence to continue unabated.

We have been fortunate over this past year to partner with many of you in our efforts to provide support for families throughout the Lehigh Valley who have been affected by domestic violence.

In addition to our emergency shelter, counseling and legal advocacy, we have enhanced our work with area police departments, offering Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) training that helps provide emergency assessment and referral tools when officers respond to domestic violence calls.

In response to growing needs in the LGBTQ community, Turning Point now offers counseling services in partnership with the Bradbury-Sullivan Community Center in downtown Allentown. Bilingual counseling is also now provided at that site.

Your monetary and "wish list" donations, as well as the time and talent that so many of you contributed, made it possible for our organization to respond to the needs of 2,763 adults and children during this past year.

In addition, your resources allowed us to reach more than 6,000 people through our community outreach efforts. It is our hope that these prevention education and training programs will help to raise awareness and break the silence about domestic abuse so that people who need help will be more likely to seek it, and new generations may learn to break this dangerous cycle once and for all.

We invite you to continue to stand with us and endorse our efforts to build a stronger community in which we can finally say No More to all forms of domestic abuse.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for being part of the solution.

In peace ~ Lori Sywensky, Executive Director

"Thank you to Turning Point's bilingual shelter and counseling services. My children and I are safe and I feel free for the first time. It was scary, but it is better now for us all." – **Lucia, a survivor**

We are a member in good standing of the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence



We are a United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley partner agency.



"I left with just a few backpacks and my beautiful children. I wasn't able to get our belongings back or any child support, but at least we had each other."

Julie, a survivor

Programs & Services:

- 24-Hour Helpline
- Empowerment Counseling & Support Groups
- Safe Shelter
- Court Advocacy
- Community Education & Outreach
- Medical Advocacy

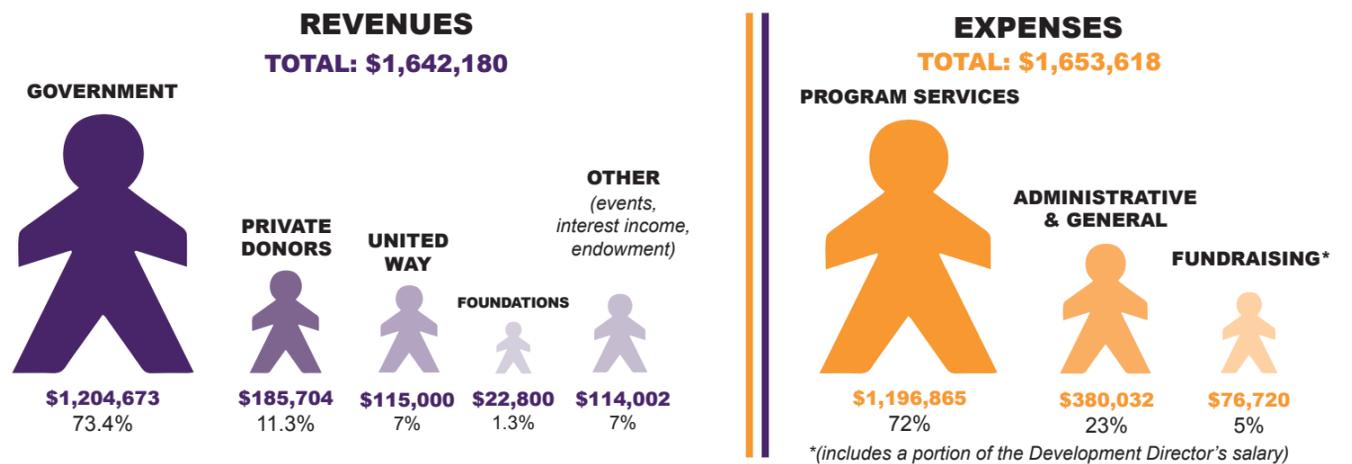


1 in 3 women will experience domestic violence during her lifetime.

(Safe Horizon, Domestic Violence: Statistics & Facts)

"Thank you so much for the valuable one-on-one counseling. Thanks to your advice, I now have the courage to take the next step in my life to move away from my very abusive situation."

Lee, a survivor



TURNING POINT OF LEHIGH VALLEY

2015-2016

6,790 children and adults reached through prevention education and community outreach efforts

2,638 people served via our court advocacy program during 3,027 hearings

905 Helpline Calls received

131 adults and 130 children sheltered in our Safe House

5,756 hours of counseling provided

2 in 5 gay or bisexual men will experience intimate partner violence in their lifetimes

10,000,000 children are exposed to domestic violence every year.

Every 9 seconds a woman in the U.S. is the victim of domestic violence. 3rd leading cause of homelessness among families

(Safe Horizon, Domestic Violence: Statistics & Facts)

Intimate partner violence is the leading cause of female homicide and injury-related deaths during pregnancy



ABUSE MAY BE:
verbal, physical, emotional,
sexual, religious, or financial.



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If you know someone in an abusive relationship who needs assistance:

24-HOUR HELPLINE: 610-437-3369
TOLL-FREE: 877-438-4957

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The next time you're in a room with 6 people, think about this:

1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men experience violence from their partners in their lifetimes.

1 in 3 teens experience sexual or physical abuse or threats from a boyfriend or girlfriend in one year.

1 in 5 women are survivors of rape.

1 in 2 women and 1 in 5 men have experienced some form of sexual violence in their lives.

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**eliminate domestic violence
in the Lehigh Valley through
empowerment, education,
and engagement.**

FOR **38** YEARS

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