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# TURNING POINTS

News and Updates from Turning Point of Lehigh Valley



## OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

### Are You Aware?

- More than 1 in 3 women (35.6%) and more than 1 in 4 men (28.5%) in the U.S. report having experienced physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime.
- Nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. During one year, this adds up to more than 10 million people.
- Approximately 5 million children are exposed to domestic violence every year. Children exposed are more likely to attempt suicide, abuse drugs and alcohol, run away from home, engage in prostitution, and commit sexual assault crimes.
- Are you aware that someone within your circle of friends, family or co-workers is experiencing, has already experienced or will experience domestic violence?
- This issue does not discriminate. It effects all races, genders, classes and religions.
- Many survivors of these forms of violence can experience physical injury and mental health consequences such as depression, anxiety, low self-esteem, and suicide attempts.

*\*statics provided by The Center for Disease Control (CDC)*

Intimate partner violence is a major public health problem in the United States, one that we cannot ignore. However, together we can work to eliminate it. During this month of awareness please partner with us, become an ally of Turning Point and join our movement to eradicate domestic violence from our community.

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# ANNUAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VIGIL

Let Your Light Shine: A Community of Hope  
Ignited to Stop Domestic Violence

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2019**

**6:30-7:30PM**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM**

**Third Street Alliance  
41 N. 3rd Street  
Easton, PA 18042**

Please join us to remember those who have  
lost their lives, honor survivors, and  
give hope for the future.

**LIVE MUSIC**

**SURVIVOR SPEAKERS**

**CANDLELIGHT VIGIL**

The mission of Turning Point of Lehigh Valley is:

To Eliminate domestic violence in the Lehigh Valley through Empowerment, Education, and Engagement.

# A Big Thank You to...

## ...Our Generous Donors

On any given day we could have 30-40 people staying in our emergency shelter. Needless to say our kitchen gets an incredible amount of use. Thanks to the generosity of our Turning Point donors we were able to provide a brand new kitchen to help our clients feed themselves and their children as they begin to rebuild their lives. Your donations make a huge difference in the lives of these survivors!



## ...All of our Talented Survivor-Artists

On September 12th, Turning Point held its first ever domestic violence survivor art show at the Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center in Allentown. These brave men and women shared their stories of past abuse and their walk towards hope through a wide variety of artistic expression. Turning Point would also like to thank Adrian and his staff at Bradbury-Sullivan for providing a beautiful space for these individuals to showcase their talents.

Please stop by to see the survivor artwork, which will be on display at the Bradbury-Sullivan galleries until October 25th. All of the artwork on display is for sale and the proceeds benefit the artists and Turning Point of Lehigh Valley.

