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TURNING POINTS

News and Updates from Turning Point of Lehigh Valley



An Inspiring Message From One of Our Community Advocates

In the midst of the holiday season, keep in mind that while some people find happiness in all things peppermint or gingerbread scented, there are also many for whom this time of year can be difficult. It's hard to be surrounded by joy and holiday cheer when you're going through a difficult situation such as domestic and intimate partner abuse. Take a moment to read this inspiring message to our staff from our Community Advocate, Abby Frensky that helps to bring joy to this holiday season:

I want to thank all of you for the amazing job you do to help our clients. I find solace in the fact that I can take some time for self-care, knowing that my clients are being left in good hands with each and every one of you! I'm all in my feelings right now after meeting with 10+ clients in the past two days to give them their Holiday Gift Cards and help them pick the perfect toys and items for their children. I am grateful for the generosity of our amazing donors. We could not make this happen without them!

The amount of love and gratitude I've experienced in under 48 hours is overwhelming. It is such a good feeling to help others. I also got to meet one of my clients support dogs who I've heard so much about- and let me tell you, he is such a good and handsome boy! Also, just finished my day with my last client thanking me for referring her to PIRC (Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center) because they offered to take her case for immigration to help with her divorce. Such a relief for her and for me! What she said to me really choked me up so I wanted to share that as well:

"I was thinking before I called - I don't know what I would do without you! I would love to meet you in person! You have been very special to me and I am so grateful! You really helped my confidence and my psychological wellbeing. You are always helpful and resourceful."

I hope you all have a happy, loving Holiday and whatever you do, I hope you can practice self-care as well!



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HOLIDAY BILL OF RIGHTS

In case you missed this on our social media page from a Facebook post from 12/5. Thanks to The National Network to End Domestic Violence @NNEDV for sharing these Holiday Bill of Rights. It's a reminder that - "As we get into the holiday season, a reminder that everyone has the right to celebrate (or not!) in the ways that feel authentic, comforting, and joyful to them.

If you don't follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or LinkedIn...what are you waiting for? Like us and share! Raise awareness and follow us on social media and share our content to help educate people in your community about the realities of domestic and intimate partner abuse and how they can help.

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"I reached out to Turning Point because I just watched the series "Maid" on Netflix. It really hit home and I realized that I was in an emotionally and financially abusive relationship. I've also been told that it's not abuse unless he hits me by friends and family, but I now know that yes, my relationship is abusive and no, I won't stay silent anymore."

— TURNING POINT HELPLINE CALLER



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THANK YOU

FOR SUPPORTING SURVIVORS IN 2021

Our allies and community partners make our work possible.



HOW YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE IN 2021

You helped our Safe House program with nights of safe shelter in hotels when our emergency shelter was at capacity to all survivors and their children who were fleeing abusive relationships and had no other safe alternative.

\$3,000	\$15,187	\$29,428	\$49,217
January - March	April - June	July - September	October - December

Let's Partner in 2022!

There's more than one way to make a difference in the life of a survivor. To set-up a meeting to learn how your organization can support survivors, please contact: leaht@turningpointlv.org



Check out our Updated Amazon Survivor Wish List



THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!



Kathy, Kathy, Kathy from Lehigh Valley Hospital NICU



Jen, Janelle, Maria, and Asheley from Trulieve Whitehall formerly Harvest of Whitehall

Help support us with Target Circle.

Vote by December 31.



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Youth Empowerment Group

All 13-18 year-olds are welcome in this virtual space to learn about healthy relationships, teen dating abuse, and coping skills. This is a safe place to discuss your experiences.

Meets
virtually
every
Wednesday
at 5:30 PM



Starting
December 15, 2021

ALL OUR SERVICES ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND AT NO COST

Interested in attending? Contact:
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