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TURNING POINTS

News and Updates from Turning Point of Lehigh Valley









Painting by Angela Lender

Rising Above works of art by Lehigh Valley survivors of intimate partner violence

A benefit exhibit for **Turning Point of Lehigh Valley**

Curated by Deborah Rabinsky

Exhibit: September 9 - October 25, 2019 Artist Reception: September 12, 6-8pm

The Fine Art Galleries at Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center 522 West Maple Street at Bayard Rustin Way Allentown, PA 18101 www.bradburysullivancenter.org

The Fine Art Galleries at Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center present Rising Above: Works of Art by Lehigh Valley Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence. This exhibit features works by current and former clients of Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, the region's non-profit agency providing programs and services to support people affected by domestic violence and intimate partner violence.The exhibit, curated by Deborah Rabinsky, is a benefit for Turning Point of Lehigh Valley.On display from September 9 through October 25, the community is invited to join Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center and Turning Point of Lehigh Valley for an artist reception on September 12 from 6-8pm.

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DV Awareness Month Vigil October 16th, 6:00 PM 3rd Street Alliance in Easton, PA 41 North Third Street Easton, PA 18042

Please save the date of October 16th to join Turning Point at our Annual Vigil to honor those who've been impacted by domestic violence and celebrate the many accomplishments of survivors. The vigil will be held in the 3rd Street Alliance building right downtown. The event will include live music, survivor speakers, interactive displays, a candlelight memorial and more. Please join us as we bring much needed attention to this issue during Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Did You Know this about Turning Point?

One of the most important services Turning Point provides is emergency shelter for those in danger of being seriously injured or killed due to domestic violence. With the number of people seeking Safe House services increasing and the length of stay of current participants extending significantly, Turning Point often finds that our 32-bed Safe House building is at capacity. In these instances, the agency relies on agreements secured with local hotels in the area to offer stays in efficiency units. The cost of giving victims access to hotels when our safe house is full has been high, even with negotiated rates. Last year, the total for hotel expenses was \$53,648; we had allocated \$7,000 in our budget. Needless to say this has caused us to stretch financially. However, we simply will not tell any one that it's their turn to be severely abused, injured or worse because we can't make

space for them.

Turning Point would like to thank TCC for their recently awarded grant of \$3,000 to help offset hotel costs for survivors. Turning Point could not provide security to those in danger without the support of generous individuals and corporations like TCC. Many thanks!

The mission of Turning Point of Lehigh Valley is:

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



New Path Forward Program

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 2019 Limited amount of spaces available!

Equi-librium provides healing through interaction with horses. Adults and child victims of domestic abuse will experience the opportunity to gain self-confidence and increase self-esteem.

Requirements - You must have your own transportation and commit to 8-week program (1 session per week).

If you are interested in learning more, contact: Miriam at 610-797-0530, ext. *305 or miriamr@turningpointlv.org

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