

TURNING POINTS

News and Updates from Turning Point of Lehigh Valley



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2019/2020 Board of Directors Spotlight

Turning Point's Board of Directors held its Annual Meeting October 1st. We are pleased to announce that three new members will be joining our Board: **Cheryl Arndt**, Senior Education Consultant – Program Outcomes for LVHN, **Kim Laurito**, VP/Controller at American Bank, and **Lauren Wieser**, C.P.A. with Concannon Miller & Co.

The Board also thanked its outgoing President, **Joan B. Marcus**, for her leadership over the past two years and congratulated our new President, **Lisa Pammer**, on her election as President. In addition, **Shelia Ketterer** was elected as Vice-President, **Deb Cummins-Stellato** was elected as Secretary, and **Tom Domin** was re-elected as Treasurer. We thank each of them for their dedication and service to Turning Point!

Board Member Spotlight Lisa Pammer, President

Below is an interview with Lisa Pammer, our newly elected Board President. It's clear she is passionate about this new position and we are thankful to have her serving in this capacity.

What made you decide to get involved with Turning Point?

The people and the services helped me to decide to get involved with Turning Point. After meeting with Lori and Joan and hearing about the impact Turning Point has had on survivors' lives I knew this was the right organization for me. I was completely unaware of all of the programs offered - they enlightened me! I wanted to be involved with such an important mission.

What change do you hope to see during your presidency?

As Board President, I am very excited to be stepping into the leadership role at a time when Turning Point is looking towards its future. I have a single focus during my leadership and that is to support the long-term strategic plan by assessing current and future service needs and by supporting the evolution of the Turning Point to meet those needs. I challenge all of you to envision the future and embrace big possibilities.

What is the one thing you want everyone to know about Turning Point?

Domestic violence affects millions, both men and women of every race. No matter who we are or where we are, we are capable of making change. The staff at Turning Point are committed to providing comprehensive services and support to assist those seeking that change.



Lisa Pammer (left) and
Joan Marcus (right)

A Powerful Evening of Remembrance.

October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Thank you for all of those who joined us for our 2019 Annual Domestic Violence Vigil - Let Your Light Shine: A Community of Hope Ignited to Stop Domestic Violence. Despite the torrential rain and winds on October 16th, we still had a packed room with over 150 attendees. This was such a huge testament not only to the work that we do here at Turning Point, it especially speaks volumes that the Lehigh Valley embraces and supports our mission.

Thank you to Third Street Alliance for partnering with us this year. Thank you to all of our mentors, speakers, music/visual artists, volunteers, board of directors, staff, and community partners who attended!!!

Volunteers - Cedar Crest College Volleyball, Muhlenberg College Alpha Chi Omega, **Musician** - Beatrice Medina/Bachata Belly Dance, **Artist** - Flor Pachas, **Photographer** - Kevin Vogrin, **Speakers** - Meghan Morrow, Christina Dormans, Detective Dean Wilson (Northampton County District Attorney's Office), Mariska van Aalst from Congresswoman Susan Wild's Office, poetry read by Tiffany Humphrey, author Rebecca Migdal.

Visit our Facebook page for more pictures from the vigil - @turningpointlv.





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***“Spirit of Empowerment”
Holiday Gift Card Giving Drive***

Empower domestic abuse survivors to be part of the holiday shopping experience for their loves ones this holiday season. With your support, you can brighten the holiday spirit and warm the hearts for our clients and their children.

We will be collecting gift cards (increments of \$25) until December 16th, 2019 to allow for shopping time.

GIFT CARDS NEEDED: Giant, Target, Walmart, Wawa, Weis, Visa

Donations can be mailed or dropped off to our Administration Building, 444 E. Susquehanna Street, Allentown, PA 18103, Monday-Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm.

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