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# TURNING POINTS

News and Updates from Turning Point of Lehigh Valley



## SUPPORT DURING THE HOLIDAYS

When I think of Thanksgiving, the word family comes to mind. For those who live in homes free of abuse, Thanksgiving is a time to relax, feast, and count blessings. However, I always am aware that for survivors of domestic and intimate partner abuse, "home" often means a place that is unhealthy or even dangerous. I am grateful that there will be a number of families in our Safe House who will be able to enjoy a safe and enjoyable meal, and I worry for all of those who are not in a place where they have that same peace of mind.

We know that it isn't easy to "just leave" an abusive relationship. Worries about money, children, lack of support and hope for the abuser to change are real concerns. They can make seeking help or walking away challenging, if not seemingly impossible. And like is true for all of us, all problems are compounded by the pandemic. With the upcoming holidays we know we will see an increase in people seeking help while still living in an unsafe environment. That is why our staff works around the clock, helping our clients and answering our helpline which available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. If and when they need to flee or make a decision to leave, we need to be there for them.

My wish for all of you this holiday season is for safety and good health. May you and your loved ones create some new COVID-friendly traditions to give back to help those in need. Consider a Facebook fundraiser, donate gift cards, donate items from our wish list, or plan to participate in Giving Tuesday on December 1st. Thank you for your invaluable support as we continue our mission as we work amid the pandemic. Our survivors and our agency are stronger because of community.

In Peace,

  
Lori Sywensky  
Executive Director

### QUOTE THAT INSPIRED A DONOR TO GIVE:

"At the end of the day it's not about what you have or even what you've accomplished. It's about who you've lifted up, who you've made better. It's about what you've given back."

— Denzel Washington



# *Spirit of Empowerment*



## Holiday Gift Card Drive 2020

At Turning Point, we embrace the philosophy of empowerment. Our belief is to empower our clients through our programs and services to give choice and control back to domestic and intimate partner abuse survivors.

As the holidays approach, it is important to reflect on the joys and blessings in our lives while being aware that there are many families of domestic and intimate partner abuse who are in need.



Consider giving back through the Holiday Gift Card Giving Drive to help survivors celebrate with dignity during this holiday season. Your gift card donation empowers survivors to be part of holiday shopping experience for their children by allowing them to pick out just the right gifts for this holiday season.



## Gift Cards Needed:



<b>Target</b>	<b>Giant</b>
<b>Walmart</b>	<b>Weis</b>
<b>Visa</b>	<b>Wawa</b>



We will be collecting gift cards (increments of \$25 or \$50) until **December 18th, 2020** in order to allow for shopping time.



Please direct all questions to our Advancement Coordinator, Leah at [leaht@turningpointlv.org](mailto:leaht@turningpointlv.org) or 610-797-0530 ext. 234



# SOUTHSIDE BETHLEHEM GIVING BACK



SOUTHside  
**ARTS  
DISTRICT**



**FIRST  
FRIDAY**  
SOUTHSIDE

Barreform  
Bonn Place Brewing  
Homebase Skateshop  
Jenny's Quali  
Lehigh Pizza  
Roasted  
Social Still



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## THANK YOU SOUTHSIDE

for raising awareness  
and a total of

### \$1,722.70

2020  
Turning Point  
Champion

LEHIGH PIZZA  
\$600





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#GIVINGTUESDAY

OUR COMMUNITY IS STRONG

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Help our mission work in the Lehigh Valley  
even stronger. Join us in giving back for  
#GivingTuesday on December 1, 2020.

Every act of generosity counts and  
adds up to make a difference.



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