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## TURNING POINTS

News and Updates from Turning Point of Lehigh Valley



#### Finally, Our First Safe Home

One Survivor's Story of Resilency and Hope

One night our helpline received a call from a woman who was fleeing her abuser. She shared her story of abuse including an attack that left her fighting for her life. The doctors told her the knife had missed her heart by centimeters. She was lucky to be alive.

That night, she took a courageous first step and called our helpline. She worked closely with our trauma-informed advocates to create a safety plan to exit her living situation. As advocates, we know that the most dangerous times for a survivor of domestic and intimate abuse are when they are leaving the abuser. Our advocates helped her research alternative housing options for her and her children, and connected her to resources around the Lehigh Valley where she was accepted into a transitional housing program.

When she received the keys to her new home, her shoulders seemed lighter as though a huge source of stress and fear had been lifted from her. She shared with our advocates that "finally, our first safe home."

It is because of the support we have from the community and donors that we were able to get her to safety, empower her along her journey, and provide hope for a better future.

### **Click here to give back**



## KENDAL CONRAD AT THIS YEAR'S VIGIL

Turning Point is excited to announce that local singersongwriter, Kendal Conrad, will be the featured performer at this year's Annual Vigil on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at The Civic Theatre in Allentown. Her single "Leader of the Pack" garnered over 26 million views on Tiktok and over 1 million plays on Soundcloud. She sang a duet onstage with Keith Urban at Musikfest.











#### **Community Partner Spotlight**

A special thank you to Sarah Davis and friends from the Elks Club for donating new backpacks to benefit children and youth. Thank you for making sure our youngest clients are prepared for a successful new school year!



### **Policy Updates from**



The White House Gender Policy Council (GPC) was established by President Biden in March to advance gender equity and equality in both domestic and foreign policy development and implementation. While previous administrations have had offices focused on women and girls, the GPC is the first freestanding policy council focused on gender equity and equality within the **Executive Office of the President.** 

Pennsylvania Against Domestic Violence (PCADV) is participating in an upcoming listening session hosted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) in order to provide recommendations and feedback to the White House.



To learn more about what we've been up to, visit www.turningpointlv.org



I wanted to build a bookcase for my Girl **Scout Silver Award** for the women and children at Safe House and fill it with books. I hope this bookcase can help them get through a difficult period in their lives by giving them a chance to escape into a good book.

FAITH GROSS, FROM GIRL SCOUT TROOP 61











## Sponsor or Donate to Our 2022 Virtual Spring Auction

Be a part of our signature fundraising event of the year and help us meet our goal of \$50,000 for this event. Join us as a sponsor for our Second Annual Virtual Spring Auction. All proceeds support our services and programs that benefit survivors of domestic and intimate partner abuse each year.

To learn more about our virtual auction and to view available sponsorship packages, visit: bit.ly/TPLV\_Sponsor

To sign up to donate an auction basket, visit: <a href="https://bit.ly/tplv\_sign-up">https://bit.ly/tplv\_sign-up</a>





#### Virtual Trauma-Informed Yoga

West End Yoga Center Benefit Class



Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Check out our
Updated Amazon
Survivor Wish List
<a href="http://bit.ly/tplv">http://bit.ly/tplv</a>



## UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL SURVIVOR VIGIL 2021

Wednesday, October 20th, 2021 at The Civic Theatre of Allentown from 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Door open at 6:00 p.m

Plan to bring a friend and a mask!

VIRTUAL TRAUMA-INFORMED YOGA

Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

The class will be instructed by Larissa Noto and Monique Shetayh of West End Yoga Center.

To register, click here.

A Zoom link will be provided to attendees in the confirmation email

All proceeds to benefit Turning Point of Lehigh Valley.















**Unmasking Domestic and Intimate Partner Abuse** 

# ANNUAL VIGIL

REMEMBERING LIVES LOST, HONORING SURVIVORS, AND GIVING HOPE TO THE FUTURE

Live Music. Survivor Speakers. Candlelight Vigil.



Wednesday, October 20, 2021 | 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Doors open at 6:00 P.M.

Civic Theatre of Allentown 527 N. 19th Street, Allentown, PA 18104

Admission at no cost to the general public

**Presenting Sponsor** 





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Desenmascarando el Abuso Doméstico y de la Pareja Intima

## VIGILIA ANUAL

RECORDANDO LAS VIDAS PERDIDAS, HONRANDO A LOS SOBREVIVIENTES Y BRINDANDO ESPERANZA PARA EL FUTURO

Música en Vivo. Testimonio de Sobrevivientes. Vigilia con Velas.



Miércoles, 20 de Octubre, 2021 | 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.
Las puertas se abren a las 6:00 P.M.

Teatro Cívico de Allentown
527 Norte Calle 19, Allentown, PA 18104

Entrada gratuita para el público en general

Presentando al Auspiciador





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