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TURNING POINTS

News and Updates from Turning Point of Lehigh Valley



Laptops Helping Clients Reach Their Goals

We are happy to announce that we received a \$6,000 grant from the Truist Foundation to benefit our Workforce Development and Financial Empowerment Program. At Turning Point, we recognize the serious barrier that financial abuse plays in the lives of survivors. Our Workforce Development and Financial Empowerment Program made possible through Guardian is designed to give clients the financial knowledge necessary to better manage and grow their money.

"The availability of laptops for Safe House residents makes a profound impact on survivors' ability to be independent and work on goals. Survivors often leave in a rush and may not have had the opportunity to take personal possessions. Abusers may also break electronics to try and control survivors. Having fast access to a laptop allows survivors the chance to continue work or school related activities that may have been interrupted," enthusiastically expressed our new Housing Advocacy Director, Rachael Hamilton.

The funds from this grant were used to purchase 19 Dell Laptops. For one survivor, whose laptop was broken by an abuser, having access to a laptop enabled them to continue to run their small business and ensure that they did not lose any clients. With support from their network, they were able to find a place to stay, get funding for a new apartment, and get all new equipment to continue to run their business.

Thank you, Truist Foundation, for your support in order to make this happen! Visit our website or [click here](#) for our full Press Release about the Truist Foundation Grant.

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I am grateful for the support I received.

I was able to accomplish my goals of getting a job, getting a better car, and I was able to find housing.

FORMER SAFE HOUSE CLIENT



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TEENS AND ADULTS

Netflix series, "Maid" Discussion Group

Feb 13th - 7:00-8:00pm

Feb 27th - 7:00-8:00pm

Understanding Domestic & Intimate Partner Abuse

February 4th - 11:00am-12:00pm

February 18th - 10:00am-11:00am

TEENS

Defining Healthy Relationships with LGBTQIA+ Teens

February 9th - 7:00pm-8:00pm

February 23rd - 7:00pm-8:00pm

Teen Dating Awareness Month Trivia Night For Teens

February 7th - 7:00pm-8:00pm

February 16th - 7:00pm-8:00pm

ADULTS WORKING WITH TEENS

Healthy & Unhealthy Relationships for School Educators & School Counselors

February 2nd - 3:30pm-4:30pm

February 8th - 6:30-7:30pm

Healthy & Unhealthy Relationships for Youth Coaches & Youth Leaders

February 16th - 11:00am-12:00pm

February 21st - 1:00pm-2:00pm

How to Be a Safe Adult: Understanding Domestic & Intimate Partner Abuse in Teens

February 15th - 2:00-3:00pm

February 24th - 3:00-4:00pm

MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

Domestic & Intimate Partner Abuse: Recognize, Respond, Refer for Medical Professionals

February 3rd - 7:00pm-8:00pm

February 14th - 10:00am-11:00am

February 26th - 10:00am-11:00am

Domestic & Intimate Partner Abuse & the Impact on Children for Medical Professionals

February 10th - 7:00-8:00pm

February 21st - 10:00am-11:00am

Domestic & Intimate Partner Abuse in Pregnancy for Medical Professionals

February 7th - 10:00am-11:00am

February 17th - 7:00pm-8:00pm

Questions? Contact Meredith Mecca, at MeredithM@turningpointlv.org



Register today via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) or bit.ly/TPLVEventbrite

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February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

This February, along with advocates and educators from across the country, we are focused on the risk factors associated with teen dating violence and what can be done to prevent it.

Turning Point recognizes that teenagers and young adults may not have the tools needed to decipher if the relationships they have are healthy ones. Our Outreach team provides education for youth through schools, community groups, and faith-based organizations, to help provide them with these tools.

By engaging our youth in activities specifically tailored to fit their needs, we are giving them these tools. We also work closely with educators and adults in their lives to give them the tools need to recognize, and provide support for these youngest survivors.



Did you know that Turning Point of Lehigh Valley is a safe place for teens to talk to a trained advocate about teen dating abuse and witnessing domestic and intimate partner abuse in their homes? All of our services are confidential and at no cost.

Teens 14 years and older can call our 24/7 Helpline on their own to speak with someone as well as set up an individual counseling appoint with a Child/Teen Advocate. Teens that are 13 years and younger should have their non-abusive parents to call our 24/7 Helpline to schedule an appointment with our Child/Teen Advocate.



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



Marcus McTear and Ortralla Mosely were once among the most popular kids at Reagan High School in Austin, Texas. He was a football star and she was a beautiful cheerleader with straight 'A's. From the outside, it looked like an ideal teenage romance, but inside the relationship, Marcus was an emotional wreck who demanded complete control over his 15-year-old girlfriend. After several violent outbursts with her, he pulled an 8-inch kitchen knife out of his backpack in the school hallway and stabbed her to death.

What went wrong? How did a boy with such rage escape the attention of parents and teachers?

To read the rest of this article from Futures Without Violence, [click here.](#)



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A Record Breaking Gift Card Drive

Thank you for our most successful gift card drive in recent memory.



We raised a total of **\$16,125** in gift cards from **41 donors** for survivors and their families.

We were able to help **148** survivors, including **67** families because of your support. Thank you for your generosity!



We need non-perishable food for our Safe House pantry

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RESULTS ARE
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