

Advocacy In Action

April 2022 Newsletter - News and Updates from Turning Point of Lehigh Valley

Volunteer Letter of Appreciation

Thank all of the wonderful volunteers who devote their personal time to support our agency mission to eliminate domestic and intimate partner abuse in the Lehigh Valley through empowerment, education, and engagement. To all those who took the time to commit your time, it did not go unnoticed. Your support and effort are truly appreciated. To each and every one of you, who are reading this, and taking an interest in the work that we do, thank you.

Whether it be the retired school teacher that listens without judgement, counsels, and goal plans with clients one day a week, the intern who selflessly spends hours on-call in the wee hours of the night listening to the trauma that individuals in our community have suffered, the single mother with three children who serves as a mentor inspiring others with her story, the employees from local workplaces that sort and organize our donated items, our board members who work a full-time job while finding time to attend multiple monthly meetings and serve on sub-committees.

Thank you for sharing your skills and knowledge to help improve the lives of survivors. In turn, you will be forever changed from volunteering. The experiences, stories you hear, and people you will encounter will teach you more than you could ever have imagine. Thank you for your patience, respect, and perseverance. Most of all thank you for your kindness, caring hearts, and for being the inspiration the world needs.

In Peace,



Lori Sywensky



APRIL IS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

Celebrating Our Volunteers!

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
APRIL 17-23, 2022



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"Volunteers are vital to our advocacy work. The impact of their time and efforts has an enormous ripple effect whether it is with clients or behind the scenes in a supporting role. We truly appreciate them."

- ANDREA SEARCH

DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT



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Taking Volunteering To The Next Level



Pat Russo a longtime volunteer at Turning Point, who volunteer several hours weekly, providing empowerment counseling for survivors had this to say when asked why she volunteer her time this way:



"I think all should use our talents even though I was an excellent counselor for many years, I am not done yet! I feel blessed when I can help a client make a breakthrough and progress toward healing and empowerment. The bonus is I like and respect the counseling team!"



"I finally answered 'the call!' Starting with the excellent training and then getting to know the staff. I am still awed by the level of compassion, dedication, and expertise of the TP 'family.'"

-PAT RUSSO
TURNING POINT VOLUNTEER

Turning Point Board Highlight



Congratulations to Paul Mazzucco for being elected Treasurer by the Board of Directors at its March meeting. His business acumen and focus on security will be a great asset to Turning Point's financial management.



Good Luck to Kim Laurito, who unfortunately needed to leave the Board as she takes on new professional challenges working with Your Part-Time Controller. Kim's keen eye for detail and strong commitment to Turning Point have been greatly appreciated.

Thanks to both for their service to Turning Point!



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Another Successful Auction



Presenting Sponsors



Thanks to the support of community partners, local businesses, and Turning Point volunteers, we raised \$29,399 for survivors of domestic and intimate partner abuse. Thank you to all you made this auction a tremendous success!

Community Partner Spotlight: Women at Amazon



women@amazon

The Women at Amazon of ABE3 in Breinigsville, PA conducted a donation drive for Women's History Month this past March. They collected high priority needs for our Safe House residents. Thank you, Women at Amazon for supporting survivors of domestic and intimate partner abuse in the Lehigh Valley!

Upcoming Events

Our Spring Appeal begins April 28, 2022 and runs through June 30, 2022. All proceeds help to support our life-saving services that benefit thousands of survivors every year.

To donate, visit:
turningpointlv.org/donate

Interested in helping to plan our upcoming vigil? Our Vigil Planning Committee will begin meeting in June.

Email:
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for more information



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Thank You to Our Sponsors, Auction Item Donors, and Development Committee Volunteers for Making our Virtual Spring Auction a Success!

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If you would like to make a difference, donate, or learn about other ways to give back, please visit or scan the QR code:

www.turningpointlv.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/



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APRIL 2022

TURNING POINT OF LEHIGH VALLEY VIRTUAL DROP IN SESSION TRAININGS

MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

Traumatic Brain Injury - Not Just for Athletes

April 5th - 11:00am-12:00pm

April 19th - 11:00am-12:00pm

April 12th - 11:00am-12:00pm

April 26th - 11:00am-12:00pm

Domestic & Intimate Partner Abuse: Recognize, Respond, Refer

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

April 18th - 11:00am-12:00pm

April 11th - 11:00am-12:00pm

April 25th - 11:00am-12:00pm

Invisible Scars- The Lasting Effects on Children from Exposure to Domestic and Intimate Partner Abuse

April 7th - 11:00am-12:00pm

April 28th - 11:00am - 12:00pm

Domestic & Intimate Partner Abuse in the LGBTQ+ Communities

April 21st - 11:00am-12:00pm

TEENS AND ADULTS

Netflix series, "Maid" Discussion Group

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

April 24th - 7:00pm-8:00pm

Recognizing Healthy Relationships for Teens and Young Adults

April 8th - 7:30pm-8:30pm

April 18th - 3:30pm-4:30pm

April 15th - 8:00pm-9:00pm

April 27th 12:00pm-1:00pm

Recognizing, Responding, and Referring

Domestic & Intimate Partner Abuse for Faith Based Volunteers

April 5th - 5:00pm-6:00pm

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

April 11th - 3:30pm-4:30pm

April 20th - 10:00am-11:00am

Recognizing, Responding, and Referring

Domestic & Intimate Partner Abuse in the Workplace

April 6th - 3:00pm-4:00pm

April 15th - 12:00pm-1:00pm

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

April 26th - 7:00pm-8:00pm

Questions? Contact Meredith Mecca at MeredithM@turningpointlv.org



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