



Turningpoint for Victims of Domestic & Sexual Violence, Inc.

Holiday Edition

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Adopt-a-Family Holiday Program

The holiday season is fast approaching, and for many people, that means spending time with family, eating delicious holiday treats, and distributing gifts. But what about those who struggle just to put food on the table, let alone buy presents? For many survivors of domestic and sexual violence, this is often the reality. Many of our clients report economic challenges as the biggest barrier to achieving freedom from violence.

In recognition of this fact, Turningpoint for Victims of Domestic & Sexual Violence, Inc. has created a sponsorship program to provide holiday gifts to our clients. Community members sign up to purchase presents for a family and Turningpoint distributes these presents to each family. If you are interested in sponsoring a family, please contact Alena Taylor at 715-425-6751 ext. 104 or alenat@turningpoint-wi.org.

Strapped for cash but still want to help out? Second Chances, Turningpoint's used goods store in downtown River Falls, is collecting wrapping paper, gift bags, and other gift-wrapping supplies. If you would like to contribute, please bring items to Second Chances, located at 125 North Main Street. We will be accepting gift wrapping supplies until December 20th, which is also the cutoff date for dropping off Adopt-a-Family presents. Help us spread the joy of the season!

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Turningpoint for Victims of Domestic & Sexual Violence, Inc.'s Mission:

To empower those who have experienced domestic or sexual violence by providing necessary resources to achieve freedom from violence through community support and education.

Holiday Trees for Turningpoint for Victims of Domestic & Sexual Violence, Inc.

Saturday, December 11th: Noon-5:00pm

and

Sunday, December 12th: 10:00am-3:00pm

Dave's Automotive & Transmission

1597 Commerce Ct, River Falls, WI 54022 (Near Sears & Shopko)

Fresh Cut Balsam Trees-Variety of sizes, First Come First Serve \$35

Hand Crafted Wreaths-Price and Size Vary

Items are limited

All proceeds benefit Turningpoint

Any questions, please contact Kim at 715-425-6751 ext. 101



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A BIG Thank You to all our Board Members for all their hard work and dedication they have shown throughout the year!

Message from the Director

Turningpoint, correctly identified, should be Turningpoint for Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence, Inc. The name is so widely recognized we have gotten used to just saying "Turningpoint," but we are making an effort to say the name in its entirety; Turningpoint for Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence, Inc. Using the full name is a simple change that will allow us to meet one of our strategic goals, educating the community about our services. The realization that members of the community are not fully aware of what, why and how we serve victims came from our strategic planning process.

Turningpoint for Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence is currently involved in an organization wide strategic planning

process; which began in June 2010. This strategic planning process involves four phases; and we are nearing completion. Starting in January 2011, we will start the New Year with a working strategic planning document.

As part of the strategic planning process; we sent an email survey to staff, the board, community members and funders. This survey was completed and returned by 220 individuals. The returned surveys have provided us with extremely valuable information to aid in our process. Some of the key findings included:

- **96.6% of individuals surveyed reported their impressions of our organization were somewhat or very positive**
- **Only 89.3% of individuals surveyed knew we provide services for sexual assault victims**
- **76.6% individuals surveyed knew of Second Chances but many were unaware of its association with Turningpoint**
- **40% of individuals were not aware that we serve male victims**

(for more information about this survey, please contact Kim Wojcik)

Thank you to everyone that has been involved in this extensive and valuable strategic planning process.

Not only are we using our full name more, but we also want to make sure that all of our victims needs are met. Please visit us on the website or Facebook to see our needs lists. Or you can contact me directly so that I can let you know our biggest needs at any given time. Currently, it is diapers.

The challenging economy is exacerbating already abusive situations of domestic violence and sexual violence. It is essential that we continue to meet the needs of victims in our community and work to prevent domestic and sexual violence.

Finally, please allow me to wish you all a happy holiday season.

Here to serve, Kim Wojcik

From January 1 through October 1, Turningpoint for Victims of Domestic & Sexual Violence, Inc. has provided...

- 2,386 nights of emergency shelter
- 7,158 meals
- 509 clients served
- 219 crisis calls
- 4,521 hours of direct client service
- 127 children served, 43 being under the age of four

New Sexual Assault Services Coordinator



My name is Kimberly Quamme and I am the new Sexual Assault Services Coordinator here at Turningpoint for Victims of Domestic & Sexual Violence, Inc. I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as I am very excited to join the team here at Turningpoint and wanted to share with you a little bit about who I am. I earned my B.A. in Sociology of Law, Crime, & Deviance from the University of Minnesota with a focus in Social Work. I have been working with families in supervised parenting time for the past year and a half and have been an active community volunteer with the MN Department of Corrections. I hope to develop strong relationships within our communities and continue to support community awareness. I believe that by working together to support, listen, and participate in community awareness events, we can continue to fight and prevent sexual violence in our neighborhoods.

As the Sexual Assault Services Coordinator, I am here to provide confidential support and advocacy to victims of sexual violence. I pledge to provide a safe and comfortable place for victims to achieve freedom from violence through all avenues available to them including community support and education. I look forward to working with the communities of Pierce and St. Croix Counties in order to promote violence awareness and intolerance of these issues.

220 People Participate in Walk to Empower!

Thank you for helping to make this year's Walk to Empower a huge success! Every participant, volunteer, donor, and sponsor played a key role in raising funds, awareness and supporting victims. We believe we sent a clear message on Saturday, September 25, 2010 that Pierce County and specifically Prescott, Wisconsin is not going to accept domestic violence.

220 people attended the event

\$8,256 was raised to support victims

We look forward to seeing you at next year's walk. Also, we hope to have some additional teams and sponsors for next year. It never hurts to have some friendly competition. ☺

Thank you to our all sponsors!



Advanced Therapeutic Massage, Bo's n Mine, Corporate Apparel, First Bank of Baldwin, Freeman Drug, Inc., Inspiring Actions LLC, Minute Man Press, Moody's Inc, Nesbitt's Nursery, OFF the TOP, Prescott Chiropractic, Ross & Associates Ltd, Startech, St. Croix Electric, and Travel Leaders/Suntime Travel



Pictured above: City of Prescott Team that participated in the Walk to Empower



Pictured above: Butterflies were released in honor of victims of domestic & sexual violence



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Please call Turningpoint
for
support group times and
locations.
*All services are free and
confidential.*



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