



Turningpoint for Victims of Domestic & Sexual Violence, Inc.

Holiday Edition

November 2011

Adopt-a-Family Holiday Program

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

The holiday season is fast approaching and for many people that means spending time with family, eating delicious holiday treats and distributing gifts. This time of the year can create additional burdens for those who struggle to just put food on the table. 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.

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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 16th, which is also the cut-off date for dropping off Adopt-a-Family presents. Please help us spread the joy of the season!

Interested in a presentation?

We offer **FREE** educational presentations targeted toward K-12 students and staff. Some topics include: safe touch, child abuse, healthy relationships, protective behaviors, and domestic violence & sexual assault. Contact Jen at 715-425-6751 ext 105 for more information.

January 1-September 30, 2011 Statistics

4,315 hours of support services

2,803 nights of safety

10,037 meals provided

660 men, women and children served

87 children under the age of 10 served

11 Spanish speaking individuals served

14 Individuals self reporting a disability served

On average, one person a week is killed in a domestic violence incident in Wisconsin according to a report released by the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

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**Message from the Director**

I believe that there is strength in numbers--Strength that can be used to change social norms and stop domestic & sexual violence in our community. Together we are making a difference every day; together we can and should do more. I know this is "graphic" but in our community, people are being raped, beaten, violated, verbally abused, tortured, held prisoner in their own homes, afraid for their lives & the lives of their children. Children are sexually violated, beaten and witness horrific situations on a daily basis. Teens are hopelessly trapped in violent dating relationships. Vulnerable citizens are being controlled and abused with no way out. Turningpoint has been providing services for 33 years. If you are receiving this newsletter, more than likely, you have been involved with Turningpoint on some level. You may have received services, referred a friend, heard a presentation, been employed, volunteered and/or donated. Regardless of the circumstance, you are on our master mailing list; 3,000+ individuals and organizations. Together we are strong. Together we can continue to make a difference and make a change. Join with me and Turningpoint in making an effort to talk about the tough topics and educate others about basic human rights. The right to live without being abused, threatened, sexually assaulted, beaten, harassed or controlled. Today, simply by talking about domestic and sexual violence with your family and/or coworkers, we can send a message that we will not pretend this isn't happening

A few things we can do: Be violence free and never commit, condone, or stay silent about an act of violence ♦ Call 911 if you witness domestic violence ♦ Talk about domestic violence and break the silence ♦ Teach our sons and daughters to respect women and that strength is not defined by violence or domination ♦ Like Turningpoint on Facebook (via www.turningpoint-wi.org).

—Kim Wojcik, Executive Director

Give to the Max Day—November 16

What if you could help Turningpoint win \$1000 just by giving 10 bucks? On November 16, *Give to the Max Day*, you can! Last year, more than \$10 million was raised for Minnesota charities in 24 hours during Give to the Max Day. Now charities all over the United States have the chance to be involved. Give to the Max Day amplifies your giving impact in a number of ways. First, a \$1,000 "Golden Ticket" will be given to a random donor's charity every hour. Also, your donation on November 16th could put us on the leader board. By giving online with GiveMN, our community has the opportunity to make a huge difference for Turningpoint. We hope you will help support our community by logging on to GiveMN.org on November 16th and give to Turningpoint. Be a part of this historic event and help us end Domestic and Sexual Violence.

http://givemn.razoo.com/story/Turningpoint-For-Victims-Of-Domestic-And-Sexual-Violence?referral_code=share

NEW in 2011...Support Groups for Sexual Assault Program!

2011 has been an exciting year for Turningpoint's Sexual Assault Program! In January, I was able to start a sexual assault support group at the St. Croix County Jail. It has been a very exciting opportunity for me to reach a population of people that wouldn't normally receive services. I have been able to create some wonderful relationships with jail staff and clients who have attended support group. And in return, some have reached out for services after being released from jail. Additionally, this summer, I began a sexual assault support group that meets on the third Tuesday of every month from 6:00-7:30pm. This has been a wonderful opportunity for individuals to connect with one another and to support each other in their experiences.

If you are interested in attending or volunteering your time to either of these groups, please contact me at kimberlyq@turningpoint-wi.org.

—Kimberly Quamme, *Sexual Assault Services Coordinator*

207 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. On October 8th, we again sent a clear message that Pierce County and specifically Prescott, WI is not going to accept domestic violence.

207 people attended the event

\$11,016 was raised to support victims

Visit our Facebook page for pictures from the event! Also, check out our website for a needs list and volunteer opportunities. We look forward to seeing everyone back again next year!



Thank you to our all sponsors!



Bo's n Mine



Pictured above: Tin Pan Ally Cats performed after the walk!

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Pictured above: Team that walked in memory of Sherrie Stockwell



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for times and locations.
*All services are free and
confidential.*



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