



TURNING POINT ANNUAL REPORT

2024

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY OF LOYAL SUPPORTERS



Turning Point

“IN EVERY SEED LIES
THE PROMISE OF A
FOREST”

—UNKNOWN—



Hope

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About Turning Point

MISSION

Turning Point has the social responsibility to respond to the needs of domestic violence victims by providing shelter, counseling, advocacy and general support services and to identify and confront the causes of domestic violence.

OUR SERVICES

All of Turning Point's services are free of charge and confidential. Services are available to any victim regardless of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, marital status, amnesty or status as a covered veteran in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws, including victims of federal crimes. Turning Point is committed to being a Safe Zone, part of the visible network of LGBTQIA+ allies. LEP/Deaf/Hard of Hearing Services are available.

PROGRAMS

24 Hour Crisis Line & Texting | Shelter | Food, Clothing, and Transportation | Individual and Group Education and Support | Information and Referral | Victims' Rights Advocacy | Children's Programs | Community Education | Teen Advocacy | Ohio Reformatory for Women Outreach | Housing | Anti-Human Trafficking | Volunteer Program |

FUNDING

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LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Dear Friends and Supporters,

"The greatest oak was once a small seed who held its ground"-Unknown

I hope this letter finds you all in good health and spirits. As we embark upon the month of October, it is with a sense of responsibility and commitment that we come together as a community to observe Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). This annual campaign serves as a poignant reminder of the pervasive issue of domestic violence and the importance of fostering a community that stands united against it.

2023-24 was all about growth and development for Turning Point and the clients we serve. We set out to increase our revenue, programs, staff capacity, resources, and following. Because, oh so many things we could accomplish with **MORE**. As a reminder and according to The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men experience severe intimate partner physical violence within their lifetime. In addition to this, more than 20,000 calls are taken through domestic violence hotlines each year. The team of Turning Point are working daily to ensure clients have access to safe, adequate support services, and will continue to create and deploy programs that support the long-term success of domestic violence survivors.

This year's theme was **"Seeds of Growth"**. Over the past few years, we, along with other organizations and community members, have been focused on offsetting the cuts associated with the VOCA loss. With three years of continual cuts at the federal level we expected it during this fiscal year and made plans to mitigate to save the services that are so critical for domestic violence survivors. We have made great progress, but there is still so much more to accomplish. With that goal in mind our staff and community has banded together to ensure the critical services provided by Turning Point are here to stay in all 6 counties.

We have expanded our programming to support the national housing crisis and the successful transition of families into safe and affordable housing. The housing program prevents families from returning to volatile situations and provides a re-start for individuals looking to live long, healthy and prosperous lives that are free of domestic abuse. As mentioned in last year's annual report, **prevention** is key to the success of our clients and one preventative measure is to establish independence before individuals leave the shelter.

We have also expanded our services to support individuals who have or are experiencing human trafficking. This is a widespread national issue that is being addressed locally by The Attorney General's Office in partnership with several agencies to include our statewide coalition (The Ohio Domestic Violence Network). This is a growing problem for the world and our nation. From 2008 to 2019, the number of human trafficking victims identified grew from 30,000 to more than 120,000. Ohio is ranked number 10 in the nation for reported human trafficking cases, and that number continues to grow.

On a lighter note, we were also able to build sustainable partnerships that led to the support of 7,124 clients served in the areas of Teen Prevention, Shelter and/or Safe Haven, Advocacy, Outreach, Housing, Anti-Human Trafficking, and Other Case Management Support Services. In addition to total clients served we were able to provide 14,472 family days in shelter. We give many thanks to community partners, donors, and grantors who believe in the work that we do and have stepped in.

As we once again embark upon October, the Fall, and DV Awareness month. Let this message and all of the great work of Turning Point serve as a call to action. **Advocacy is at the CORE** of what we do, and so we challenge our advocates, allies, and professionals to plant **"Seeds of Growth"**, speak loudly about the triumph and courage of our survivors, and find creative ways to support.

Sincerely,



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Meet Our Leadership Team



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Captured Moments



CLIENT SUCCESS “BUT NEVER BACKWARDS”

-ABRAHAM LINCOLN

STORIES OF TRIUMPH: A JOURNEY OF STRENGTH AND HEALING

Domestic violence is a pervasive issue that affects individuals from all walks of life. Survivors of such experiences often face significant emotional, psychological, and physical challenges. However, amidst the trauma and hardship, many demonstrate remarkable resilience. This story explores the various facets of this resilience, highlighting the strength of survivors and the paths they take toward healing and empowerment.

Resilience is the ability to bounce back from adversity, trauma, and stress. For domestic violence survivors, resilience can manifest in several ways, including emotional strength, the ability to seek help, and the capacity to rebuild their lives. It's essential to recognize that resilience does not mean the absence of pain or struggle; rather, it reflects the survivor's ability to navigate through these challenges and emerge stronger. Many survivors find resilience through the support of friends, family, and community organizations. Sharing their experiences in safe spaces can be transformative. Support groups provide a platform for survivors to connect, share their stories, and learn from one another, fostering a sense of belonging and understanding.

About five years ago Melissa turned to Turning Point for support. She took back her power after experiencing years of domestic abuse. During the process of leaving Melissa found safety in attending POUND classes. POUND is a 45-minute workout class that incorporates strength training, Pilates, yoga and some cardio, for a fat burning session that leads to mental and physical re-grouping. Melissa says these sessions were truly what helped her through the process of dealing with the aftereffects of abuse. Melissa has been able to lose a total of 80 pounds and is continuing on her journey of both mental and physical healing. Healing often involves therapy or counseling, where survivors can work through their trauma in a safe environment. Therapeutic practices, such as cognitive-behavioral therapy, art therapy, and mindfulness, have proven effective in helping individuals process their experiences and develop coping strategies. POUND is another form of therapy that supports the process of healing.

Numerous survivors have emerged from their experiences not only as advocates for themselves but for others as well. Their stories of triumph inspire hope and illustrate the power of resilience. Melissa has partnered with Turning Point to both support and encourage other survivors to make the transition.

The resilience of domestic violence survivors is a testament to the human spirit's capacity for healing and growth. By understanding and supporting these individuals, we can create a more compassionate society that empowers survivors to reclaim their lives. As we celebrate their journeys, it's crucial to continue advocating for awareness, support, and systemic change to prevent domestic violence and foster resilience in all survivors.

"Pound for Turning Point was something that came about with the idea of just wanting to do something to give back. I was blessed to be able to escape an abusive situation and even more blessed to be able to share my story.

The intent was just to do a class and raise some money for the other survivors seeking help through Turning Point. I had no idea what I was doing. Little did I know I was doing something powerful that would not only motivate people but encourage them as well. Finally, people were paying attention to my story and what survivors experience.

I was asked to make the POUND events into annual celebration, and I didn't even think twice about it.

Never would I have thought this average girl, that chose to live and let her story be heard to those who chose to listen, would be making this type of impact in our community.

I am beyond blessed!"

-Melissa Jolliff, Pound with Melissa. Certified Pound Pro.



~Melissa Jolliff~
Certified Pound Pro.

DONOR IMPACT REPORT

THE IMPACT OF DONATIONS ON NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Thanks to the generosity of the community, Turning Point was able to collect a total of **\$412,255** in in-kind support. This support is inclusive of donated time, services, and well needed goods that support our survivors while in shelter and even after they depart.

In the realm of philanthropy, the power of generosity extends beyond monetary contributions. In-kind donations, the provision of goods, services, or expertise, play a vital role in empowering non-profit organizations to fulfill their missions. This often-overlooked form of giving holds the potential to create a profound and lasting impact on the communities we serve.

Diverse Forms of Support:

- In-kind donations embody a spectrum of support, ranging from tangible goods like clothing, food, and medical supplies to professional services such as legal advice, marketing expertise, and IT support. This diversity allows non-profits to address a wide array of needs within their communities, making a comprehensive and holistic impact.

Strengthening Operational Capacity:

- For Turning Point, managing day-to-day operations and covering overhead costs can be a formidable challenge. In-kind donations alleviate some of this burden by providing essential resources without necessarily straining financial resources. Donated office supplies, equipment, or pro-bono services contribute to operational efficiency, allowing us to direct a greater portion of funds toward the core mission.

Enabling Program Expansion:

- The ability to stretch limited resources further is a hallmark of successful non-profits. In-kind donations open doors for organizations to expand their programs and reach more individuals. For instance, a donation of educational materials can enhance the quality of the children's programming, while the provision of computers can enable an internal digital upgrade initiative to broaden its impact. Thanks to the generosity of **Greif**, we were able to provide new technology to our prevention team enabling them to deliver services to teens virtually and from anywhere. Also, a big thanks to the generosity of **HONDA** for assisting with services and transportation for more than 2,000 clients during the 23-24 fiscal year.

Fostering Community Engagement:

- The act of giving extends beyond the donor-recipient relationship; it fosters a sense of community and shared responsibility. When businesses, individuals, or other organizations contribute in-kind to Turning Point, it establishes a collaborative spirit that strengthens community ties. This engagement is invaluable and creates a network of support that extends beyond the immediate donation.

Building Sustainable Partnerships:

- In-kind donations often serve as a foundation for lasting partnerships. Businesses that provide goods or services are more likely to become engaged, long-term partners, contributing not only resources but also expertise and organizational knowledge. These partnerships, forged through in-kind support, can significantly enhance the sustainability and resilience.

The Greif logo is displayed in a bold, green, sans-serif font. The letter 'G' is significantly larger than the other letters, and the 'R' and 'E' are connected. The logo is set against a white background within a yellow triangular graphic element.



Program Advancement

**THE NUMBER OF HUMAN
TRAFFICKING CASES HAS GROWN
FROM 30,000 TO 120,000
WORLDWIDE**

Human trafficking is a grave violation of human rights that affects millions of individuals worldwide. It is a complex crime that manifests in various forms, including forced labor, sexual exploitation, and the trafficking of children. Serving victims of both domestic violence and human trafficking isn't just a local issue it is a global issue that requires partnerships and resources to mitigate. Turning Point has partnered with ODVN (Statewide Coalition), and the Attorney General's Office to address issues relative to human trafficking that plague the communities of Ohio.



Human trafficking is defined as the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, or receipt of persons through force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of exploitation. It transcends national borders, affecting vulnerable populations in both developing and developed countries. Victims can be found in various industries, including agriculture, construction, sex work, and domestic servitude.

According to the Governor's Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force here in Ohio, there have been nearly 3,500 "reported" cases of human trafficking to include minors, refugees and the general public within the last 6 years. There are even more cases of unreported human trafficking cases that could lead harmful things within our communities.

Human trafficking is a complex and pervasive issue that demands urgent attention and action. By understanding its causes and consequences, we can work collectively to raise awareness, support victims, and advocate for systemic change. It is imperative that we recognize our role in the fight against human trafficking and take meaningful steps to protect the most vulnerable members of our society

**IF YOU SUSPECT SOMEONE
MAY BE A VICTIM OF HUMAN
TRAFFICKING, FIRST REPORT
IT TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

**FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT
PLEASE REACH OUT TO OUR
CRISIS LINE AT
1-800-232-6505 OR**

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
WWW.TURNINGPOINT6.ORG**

CHANGES ARE A-MAZING

EMBRACING NEW BEGINNINGS: A RETIREMENT FAREWELL AND WELCOMING A NEW ERA

As we gather to celebrate a significant milestone in our workplace, we find ourselves both reflecting on the impactful journey of CJ Williams and looking forward to the bright future ahead with Marica Phipps-Johnson.

After 34 years of dedicated service, CJ is retiring from her role as The Outreach Coordinator at the Ohio Reformatory for Women (ORW). She has truly been the cornerstone of our team and partnership, contributing not only through her exceptional skills in mediation, coaching, training and **positive transformation** but also through her unwavering commitment to our values and culture.

CJ has touched the lives of many, leaving a legacy of, mentorship, and camaraderie. She has not only been a colleague but a friend to many, always ready to lend an ear, provide insightful words of encouragement, and share a laugh.

Throughout her tenure, CJ has accomplished numerous milestones, including:

- Working for YWCA, Fort Wayne, IN in a 60 bed DV shelter.
- CJ worked at the Women's Bureau in Fort Wayne, IN, as an Executive Assistant.
- She also spent time at the Women's Resource Center, in Atlanta, GA, (DV Shelter) as the Shelter Manager
- Other career highlights include being the Shelter Director at the Refuge House, in Tallahassee, FL, a Victims Rights Advocate in Dekalb County Prosecutors Office, A Shelter Manager at the Partnership Against Domestic Violence in Atlanta, she served as the State-Wide Fatality Review Coordinator in Georgia at the Commission on Domestic Violence and worked as the Shelter Manager at Choices here in Columbus, Ohio.
- Lastly, CJ has spent the last 12 years of her career feeding the spirits of the clients of Turning Point and Ohio Reformatory for Women. Over the past decade CJ has positively impacted more than 3,500 clients.

CJ was recently awarded the **Croucher Family Award** with recognition occurring through the statewide coalition against domestic violence (ODVN).

As we bid farewell, we thank CJ for the countless contributions and the positive impact she has made on our team. We will miss her expertise, infectious personality, and leadership.

As we say goodbye to CJ, we are excited to welcome Marica Phipps-Johnson to our team as Outreach Coordinator/ORW. With over a decade of experience, she joins us with a wealth of experience in domestic violence, training, public speaking, nonprofit management, and group facilitation. In addition to this, Marica currently operates her own non-profit titled "Battered Not Broken Inc." Marica has wide -ranging connections within the community and has collaborated extensively with law enforcement agencies, correctional institutions, and schools to provide education on domestic violence, personal safety, and resilience. We are eager to see how she will help us continue to grow and innovate. Marica brings a fresh perspective, and a passion rooted in her own personal experience with domestic violence, and we are confident that she will thrive in her new role within The Ohio Reformatory for Women (ORW).

To ensure a seamless transition, CJ worked closely with Marica over the last few weeks. This collaboration allowed for knowledge transfer and support as Marica acclimated to our team and processes.

Looking Ahead.....

As we embark on this new chapter, let us take a moment to celebrate both CJ Williams remarkable career and the exciting future with Marica Phipps-Johnson. Change is a natural part of any organization, and it brings new opportunities for growth and innovation.

Let's also extend a warm welcome to Marica, who is eager to become an integral part of our community.

Thank you, CJ, for everything you have given us. Here's to new beginnings for both you and our team!



Pictured-CJ Williams



Pictured-Marica Phipps-Johnson

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

	<u>Crawford</u>	<u>Delaware</u>	<u>Marion</u>	<u>Morrow</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Wyandot</u>	<u>Other or Unknown</u>	<u>Total</u>
Crisis Calls	51 (4%)	187 (16%)	292 (24%)	35 (3%)	59 (5%)	14 (1%)	558 (47%)	1196
Total Shelter								
Women	7 (4%)	35 (20%)	69 (40%)	13 (8%)	15 (9%)	7 (4%)	25 (15%)	171
Men	1 (25%)	0	1 (25%)	0	1 (25%)	1 (25%)	0	4
Transgender	0	0	1 (33%)	0	0	0	2 (67%)	3
Other/Unknown	0	0	0	2 (67%)	1 (33%)	0	0	3
Children	7	33	53	4	19	4	54	174
Family Days of Stay in Shelter	255 (2%)	2979 (21%)	5518 (38%)	334 (2%)	820 (6%)	179 (1%)	4,387 (30%)	14,472
Average Day of Stay	16	45	54	56	30	22	43	48
In-Shelter Transitional Housing # Families	0	1 (50%)	0	0	0	0	1 (50%)	2
Stand Alone Transitional Houses # Families	0	1 (25%)	2 (50%)	0	0	0	1 (25%)	4
Total Outreach								
Women	19 (5%)	71 (18%)	109 (28%)	13 (3%)	42 (11%)	6 (2%)	132 (33%)	392
Men	1 (2%)	0	2	0	1 (2%)	1 (2%)	36	41
Transgender	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	5
Other/Unknown	1 (3%)	6 (16%)	12	2 (5%)	0	0	16	37
Teen School Prevention								
# Students	989 (19%)	1747 (34%)	1313 (26%)	125 (2%)	433 (9%)	485 (10%)	0	5,092
# Schools	6 (16%)	12 (31%)	9 (23%)	3 (8%)	4 (11%)	4 (11%)	0	38

Populations Served

RACE

American Indian/Alaska Native.....1%
 Race Unknown.....1%
 Asian.....2%
 Multiple Races.....8%
 Black/African American.....10%
 Hispanic.....7%
 White.....56%

AGE

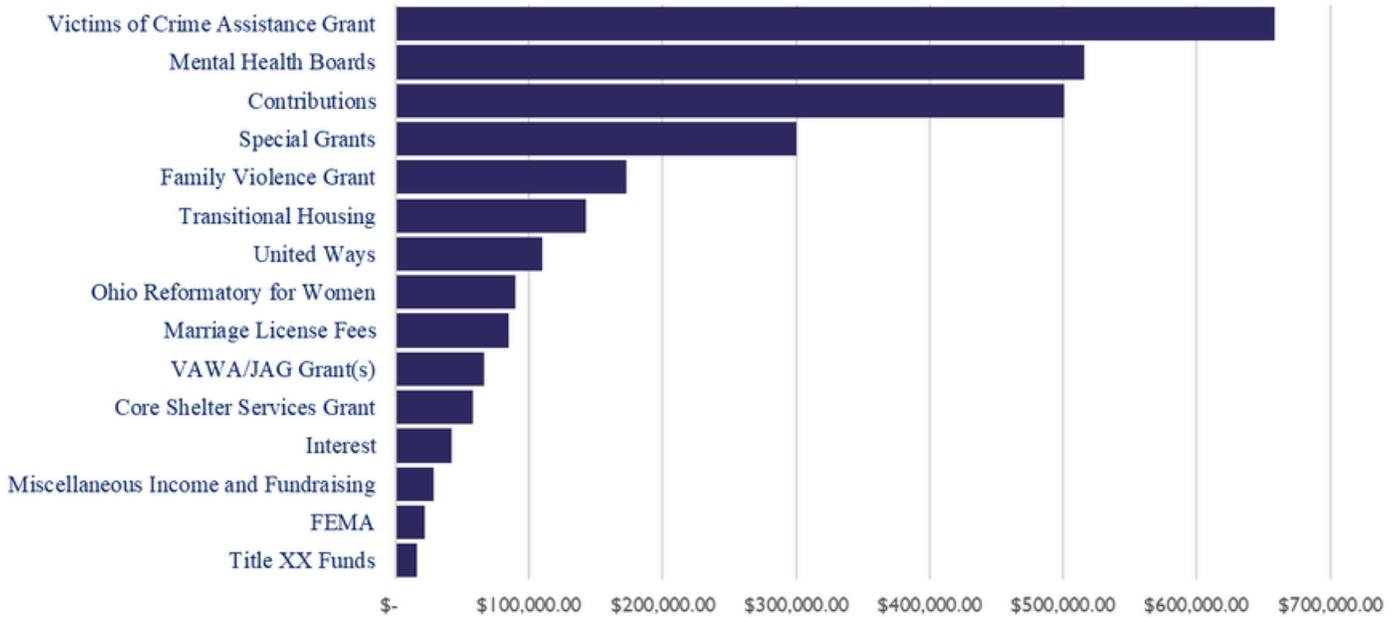
0-6 years.....18%
 7-12 years.....6%
 13-17 years.....4%
 18-24 years.....7%
 25-39 years.....62%
 60+ years.....1%

GENDER

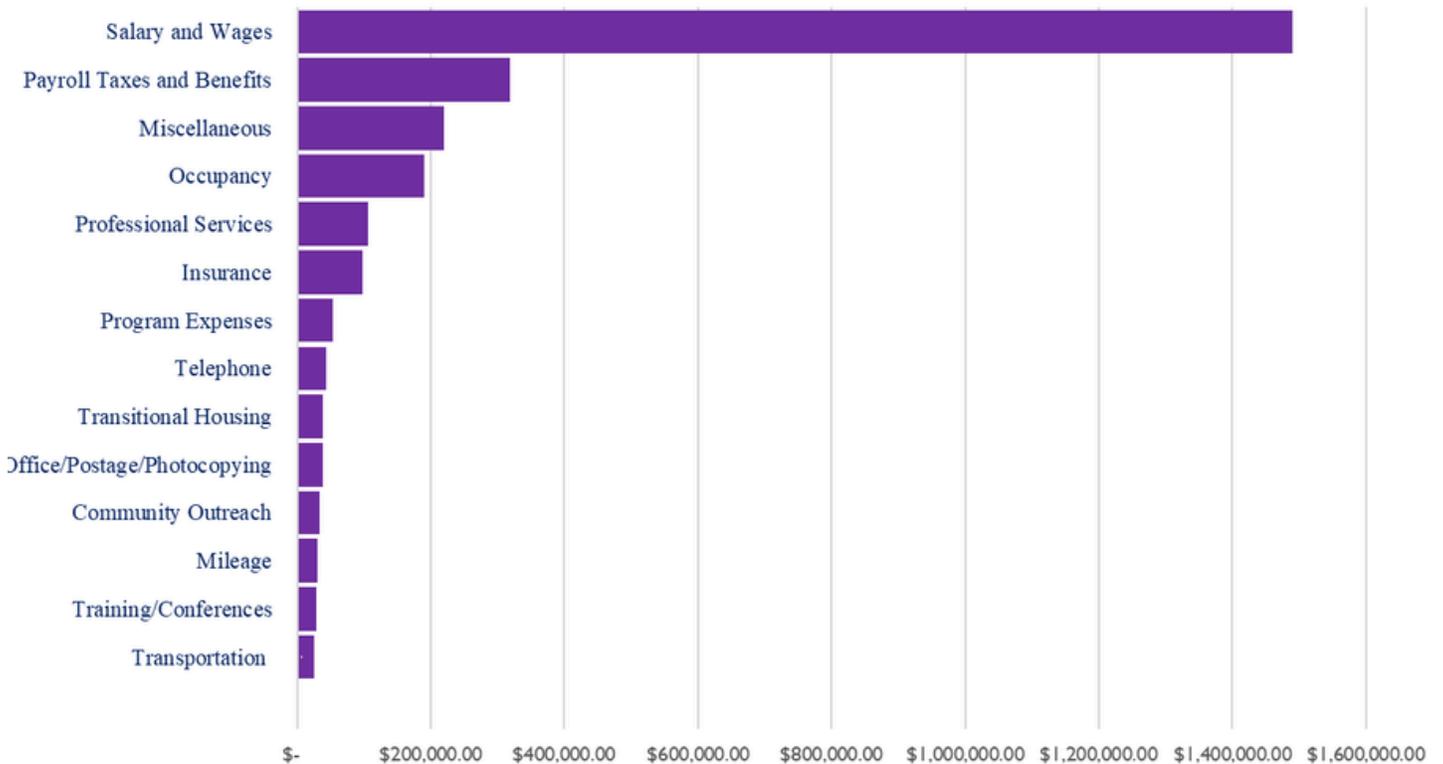
Female.....77%
 Male.....15%
 Transgender.....1%

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Support and Revenue Fiscal Year 2024



Operating Expenses- Fiscal Year 2024



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