

Annual Report 2020

Success Story

“Hannah” came to Turningpoint through our Lethality Assessment Program (LAP)—a partnership with Pierce and St. Croix County law enforcement that educates victims/survivors of intimate partner violence about their risk factors for homicide. The program connects victims/survivors to Turningpoint and its support and safety planning services.

Hannah has learning disabilities and physical disabilities, which make leaving her husband more challenging.

Earlier this year Hannah’s husband was arrested on assault charges and taken into custody by law enforcement. Utilizing the LAP procedures, law enforcement connected Hannah to Turningpoint via the 24-hour crisis hotline. Turningpoint’s Client Services Coordinator arranged to meet with Hannah at our New Richmond satellite office.

Hannah was overwhelmed and frightened. Her husband had made bail, and he was going to be angry about the arrest. She needed safety planning. She wanted to know what was going to happen to her and her husband over the following weeks.

Turningpoint’s Client Services Coordinator took her time explaining Hannah’s husband’s criminal charges and what that could mean for Hannah as the victim of the crime. Upon Hannah’s request, they discussed potential restraining order options and how to file for divorce. They also discussed obtaining a caseworker for Hannah through the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). The two of them called ADRC together to facilitate that process.

Hannah stayed in her home, and her husband was issued a No Contact Order. Later in the week after the incident with her husband, Hannah met with the Client Services Coordinator again to complete an Individual At Risk Restraining Order application. The following week, Turningpoint’s Legal Services Coordinator drove Hannah to the courthouse to file the paperwork. Hannah was assigned a Guardian Ad Litem who was able to meet with her prior to the hearing. A Turningpoint volunteer transported Hannah to and from the meeting with the Guardian Ad Litem. Hannah relied on Turningpoint for emotional support, safety planning, legal system support, information and referral services, and transportation services.

Hannah has filed for divorce, and she is in the process of moving out of her home. She is in the process of being assigned a social worker to help her continue to identify appropriate resources for mental health and housing. Turningpoint’s Client Services Coordinator continues to follow up with Hannah to address her questions about the process.

Hannah has grown a great deal over the last few months after leaving her husband. She is safe, and she continues to work with Turningpoint through the difficult process of removing herself from an unhealthy relationship.

Hannah is just one of the 618 victims/survivors of violence who received assistance from Turningpoint last year.

Safety. Support. Strength.

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CRISIS LINE
1-800-345-5104

LOCAL LINE
715-425-6751

TEXT HOTLINE
715-821-8626

Our Mission
Turningpoint’s mission is to provide support and resources to achieve freedom from domestic and sexual violence.

Our Vision
Turningpoint’s vision is to eliminate domestic and sexual violence in our service area of Pierce and St. Croix Counties.



Turningpoint is proud to be a United Way St. Croix Valley Agency Partner

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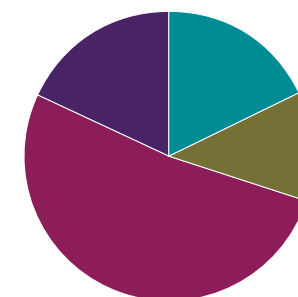
History, Governance, and Staff

Founded in 1979, Turningpoint is governed by a 9-12 member volunteer Board of Directors and led by a full-time Executive Director.

Approximately 20 full-time and part-time staff provide client support and retail and administrative services.

Funding Sources

Turningpoint’s annual operating budget is approximately \$1,000,000. Funding is derived from government grant contracts; support from corporations, foundations, and local businesses; individual donors and faith-based institutions; United Way St. Croix Valley; and earned revenue from Second Chances Thrift Store program.



- Individual Donors & Faith-Based Institutions **18%**
- Second Chances Thrift Store **12%**
- Government Contracts **52%**
- Corporations & Foundations **18%**



A **Turningpoint** Second-Hand Store

SecondChances

About

Donations to Turningpoint’s Second Chances Thrift Store support victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Proceeds from Second Chances provide unrestricted operating dollars to Turningpoint, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization.

Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM Saturdays: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Donations

Donations are accepted Saturdays from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM; and Monday – Friday by appointment. To schedule an appointment, call 715-426-5463.

Items We Accept

Gently used furniture: sofas, chairs, and dining room sets; kitchen items: cookware, silverware, china, glassware, and coffee mugs; bedding (sheets, comforters); towels, curtains, throw pillows, throw rugs; clothing for babies and children, women, and men; accessories: jewelry, purses, bags; household decor: lamps, knickknacks, vases, candlesticks, frames, wall hangings; books, videos, cassettes, CDs, DVDs; craft supplies; and antiques.



Did You Know?

- **Only 10-15% of Turningpoint's clients reside in temporary crisis shelter.** The remaining 85-90% of our clients receive legal services support, receive assistance with safety planning, participate in support groups, or receive other one-on-one support.
- **Turningpoint offers services throughout Pierce and St. Croix Counties.** In addition to our River Falls-based crisis shelter, we offer services at the Second Chances Building in downtown River Falls and at a satellite office in New Richmond.
- **All services are confidential and free of charge.**
- **Turningpoint is the designated Sexual Assault Services Provider (SASP) for Pierce and St. Croix Counties of Wisconsin**



The economic cost of each sexual assault ranges from **\$87,000 - \$240,000** including medical and victim services, loss of productivity, quality of life, and law enforcement resources.

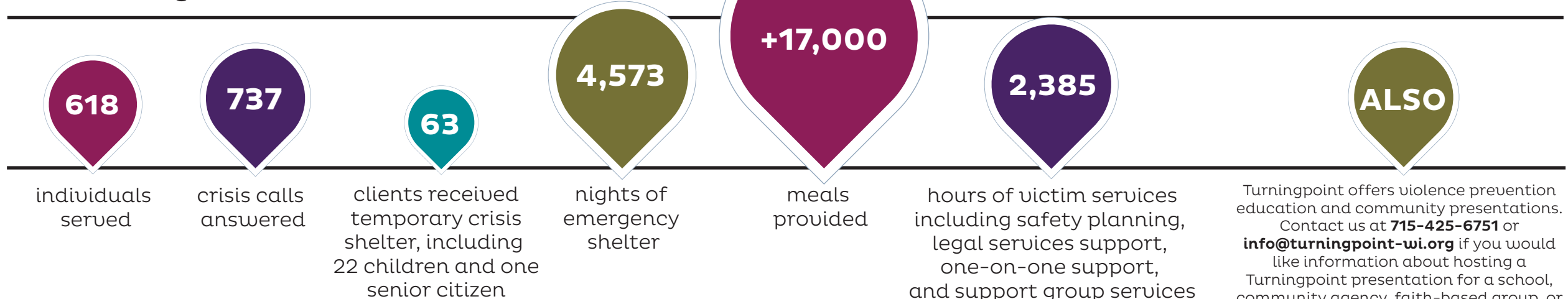
SOURCE: Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault (WCASA)

On average, nearly **20 people per minute** are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States

-10 million people every year.

SOURCE: National Coalition Against Domestic Violence

2020 by the Numbers



Ways You Can Help

Talk

Tell people about Turningpoint and our services. One in three women will be a victim of violence in her lifetime.

Donate

Clean out your closet and donate furnishings and household goods to Second Chances Thrift Store. Items are donated to victims in need and sold in our thrift store. Second Chances is a program of Turningpoint, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization. Donations are tax-deductible. Revenue from Second Chances transforms lives of victims and survivors of violence in Pierce and St. Croix Counties. Call 715-426-5463 to schedule a donation drop-off.

Get Involved

Join us for our annual Transforming Lives Fundraising Event on Thursday, December 9 via Zoom. Hear from our Board of Directors, Executive Director, staff, volunteers, community leaders, and people who have received services from Turningpoint. The event is free. Guests will be asked to consider making a contribution during the virtual event. Registration is required. To register, contact Amy Berg, Resource Development Director at 715-629-1671 or amyb@turningpoint-wi.org. The 2021 Transforming Lives Fundraising Event is sponsored by Xcel Energy.



Programs & Services

24-hour phone and text crisis hotlines

21-bed crisis shelter

Sexual assault crisis support

Safety planning

Legal system support

One-on-one support

Support groups

Children's programming

Violence prevention education

Wellness programming

Client transportation

Outreach food pantries for victims/survivors and their families

Second Chances Thrift Store program

UW River Falls Campus Advocacy