

Turning Points Network

Preventing Violence
Promoting Respect
Strengthening Lives

Dear Friend,

When her dream marriage turned into a nightmare, Jane (not her real name) thought she was going to die. Her husband began beating her, smashing their furniture and shouting that she was to blame for everything; he ripped out the phone so she couldn't call for help. They separated, but he found her and attacked her again. Afraid for her life, she confided in a friend who suggested she call Turning Points Network.

"That was absolutely a turning point for me," she remembers, now several years later. "I began to realize that my husband was not going to change. Living in TPN's shelter, I felt safe for the first time and with TPN's help I obtained a restraining order and began work on divorce proceedings."

"Healing was a process. When I struggled with depression, my counselor at TPN encouraged me to volunteer at other Sullivan County organizations, which I did, and that helped me feel productive and valued. I took self-defense classes and technical training that led me to steady work that I continue to do today."

"I started from a hopeless and broken place but now I am in charge of my future, thanks to Turning Points Network. Every year I am grateful that I can give back to TPN by participating in the Steppin' Up to End Violence Walk."

Jane's story is just one of over 800 lives that were changed this past year by Turning Points Network's services for those affected by domestic violence, sexual abuse and harassment, and stalking.

But TPN cannot provide these services alone. In addition to federal grants, a county grant, United Way, Changes thrift store, and special events like Steppin' Up, TPN must still raise over \$100,000 annually to maintain its shelter program and bring programs to Sullivan County youth designed to prevent the pattern of violence before it begins.

By providing advocacy and support to survivors and engaging the entire community in messages about anti bullying, healthy relationships and promoting respect, Turning Points Network strengthens lives, supports lifestyle changes and encourages some of the most vulnerable individuals and families to become confident and empowered members of our community.

Please join me in making the most generous gift you can to keep these services strong and available to everyone in Sullivan County who needs them.

Sincerely,

Alice Roberts, TPN Board Chair

PS--- Please make your gift today so that women, children and men who experience domestic violence and sexual abuse in Sullivan County continue to have a place to turn for safe shelter and supportive services.