

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Confronting Domestic Violence in McHenry County





### FROM THE DIRECTOR

My first year at Turning Point has come and gone so quickly. The team and board have been extremely supportive and I have enjoyed meeting with our generous donors and community stakeholders.

There have been many positive changes at the organization over the last year. We have started our diversity, equity and inclusion journey by engaging in professional training with all of our staff and the board. Additionally, in partnership with MCC, we also held multiple workshops to improve our leadership and communication skills.

One accomplishment that I am proud of is our five-year strategic plan that was officially approved by the board on October 27, 2022. Over many months, we worked to identify four strategic pillars: staff development and empowerment, improved client experience, growth and expansion of current and future facilities and public relations and marketing enhancements.

Under the improved client experience pillar, we will also be developing a transportation program and an after-hours order of protection program.

Other programs currently underway are a pet program for our clients and a new planned giving program which we have named Road to Hope. We are also rebranding and have created a new Turning Point logo and will be updating all of our program materials, which is very exciting.

I cannot thank you enough for your support of our mission and the domestic violence survivors we help every single day. Thanks to your generosity, we will continue to offer our comprehensive services including a helpline where an advocate is available 24/7, emergency shelter, legal advocacy, individual and group counseling for adults and children, mental health services, a partner abuse intervention program and community outreach and education.

Wishing you and your family happy holidays and a safe and healthy new year in 2023!

Sarah Ponitz, Executive Director

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Sarah Ponitz

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A safe, non-violent, equitable society where everyone is valued, respected, and has a voice.



Confronting Domestic Violence in McHenry County



Empowerment | Respect |
Compassion | Integrity | Hope



## OUR PROGRAMS

#### **Victims' Services**

Group and individual counseling for anyone whose past or current life and day-to-day functioning has been impacted by domestic violence

#### Helpline

Our domestic violence advocates are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling our confidential helpline.

#### Emergency Shelter

Our shelter provides a safe and secure environment for up to 21 women, children, and men fleeing domestic violence.

#### **Legal Advocacy**

Legal advocates assist clients with orders of protection, legal referrals, and helping victims understand that they have certain legal rights to protection and safety.

#### Abuse Intervention Services

Educational services are available to adults including a partner abuse intervention program, nurturing parenting program, and a women's intervention survivors program.

### Outreach and Prevention

Our outreach team provides education focused on domestic violence and its effects on youth, adults, and the community.

# ADVOCACY BY THE NUMBERS

1,357 Adult and child victims of domestic violence served

Mental Health clients served

499 Orders of Protection Filed

1,835 Helpline calls answered

Partner Abuse
Intervention Clients

8,805 Participants attended outreach presentations

Adults and children sheltered

WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAY...

I was falling apart when I came here and now I have a life again.

#### **SHELTER CLIENT**

If it were not for Turning Point and my counselor, I would not be where I am now. For the first time in over 20 years I feel like I have a life and a future.

#### **ADULT DV CLIENT**

The program helped to show my behaviors that I never considered to be an issue. We are challenged in a good way – not only in what we say, but how we say it.



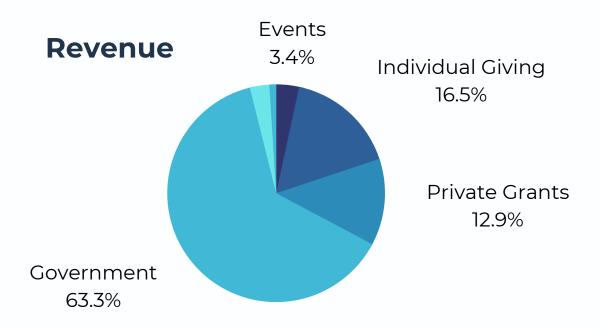
## PARTNER ABUSE INTERVENTION PROGRAM CLIENT

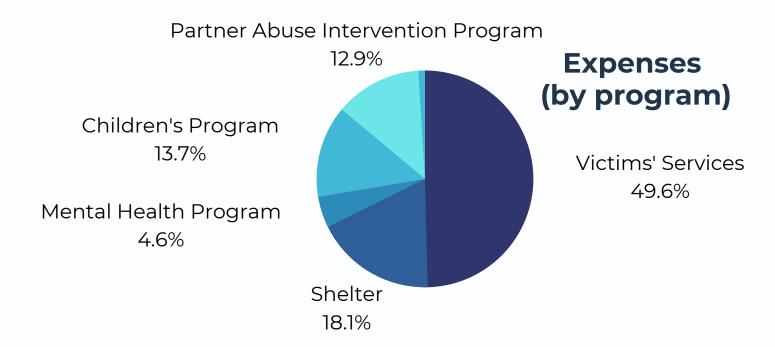
It is really helpful to have an outsider's point of view – other than family and friends. Some parenting styles are harsher than others and other people's perspectives can help us see that.

NURTURING PARENTING PROGRAM CLIENT



## **REVENUES AND EXPENSES**





Turning Point revenues and expense percentages represent a period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.



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