

45TH ANNIVERSARY
1981 EMPOWERING SURVIVORS 2026



ANNUAL REPORT

FY 2026



A LETTER FROM THE

BOARD PRESIDENT



As Turning Point Domestic Violence Services celebrates 45 years of serving McHenry County, I am filled with gratitude for the many individuals who make our work possible. For more than four decades, our organization has grown alongside our community, expanding programs and services to meet the needs of survivors while remaining grounded in our commitment to safety, advocacy, and support.

We are fortunate to be part of a region that continually demonstrates compassion and a willingness to support one another. The generosity of our donors, volunteers, community partners, and advocates strengthens our ability to serve those who need us most and reinforces the vital role Turning Point plays throughout McHenry County. Because of this collective support, individuals and families can access critical resources, advocacy, and hope when they need it most.

I am also grateful to my fellow Board members, whose dedication, leadership, and service help ensure that Turning Point remains a strong and trusted resource for our community. Together with our staff, partners, and supporters, they help guide the organization as we continue to expand our impact and build upon the foundation established over the past 45 years.

As we look ahead, I am excited about the opportunities before us. We remain committed to strengthening our programs, expanding our reach, and building upon our 45-year legacy of service to McHenry County. With the continued support of our community, I am confident that our future is bright.

Thank you for being part of this important work.

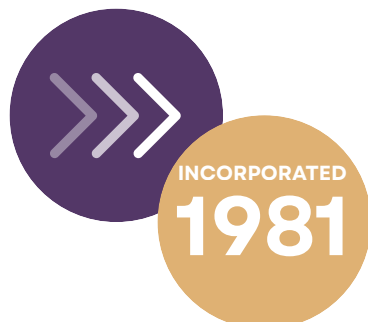
With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Heinking". The script is fluid and cursive.

FAIA, LEED Fellow
Board President
Turning Point, Inc.



Susan, along with board members Katelyn, Vanessa, Abby, and Angela represented Turning Point at the annual Service League of Crystal Lake Fashion Show!



A LETTER FROM THE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

For 45 years, Turning Point has been part of this community's response to domestic and intimate partner violence. Thousands of people have walked through our doors, called our helpline, joined a group, worked with an advocate, or simply found a safe place to begin figuring out what comes next. But Turning Point's story has never belonged to us alone. It belongs to a community that continues to show up—the first responder who understands there may be more to the story, the healthcare professional who asks one more question, and the friend or family member who simply says, I believe you.



A lot has changed in 45 years, and we are still learning. We understand more about trauma, coercive control, mental health, the impact of violence on children, and the complicated reasons someone may not—or cannot—simply leave. Technology has changed how we connect and created new ways to control and isolate. Economic pressures create additional barriers, and the needs of survivors continue to evolve. So we have to evolve, too. We must continue to listen, learn and ask what survivors need from us today—and what our community needs to understand to prevent violence tomorrow.

Because our work cannot begin only after someone has been hurt. We also have to talk openly about what healthy relationships look like: respect, boundaries, communication, accountability and consent. Those conversations need to happen with people of every age, in our homes, schools, workplaces and communities. We need to challenge attitudes that normalize abuse, support survivors without judgment, and help the next generation understand that safety, dignity and respect should be expected in every relationship.

As we celebrate Turning Point's 45th year, I am incredibly proud of what has been built here and grateful to everyone who has been part of it. An anniversary is also an opportunity to ask what comes next. The question for our next 45 years isn't simply how Turning Point will continue to serve our community. It is how, together, we will continue to shape the kind of community we want to be. Thank you for continuing to show up and for being part of that work.

In love and light

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mary Margaret Maule".

Executive Director
Turning Point, Inc



At the 2026 Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards dinner, Mary Margaret Maule was honored with the prestigious ATHENA Leadership Award.

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**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US BUILD A
SAFER, STRONGER TOMORROW.**



***These board members terms concluded in September 2026. We thank them for their exceptional service to survivors in our community.**

JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026

YEAR IN REVIEW

Reflecting on the past year, we celebrate meaningful progress, strengthened partnerships, and continued commitment to our mission. Here are four achievements we are exceptionally proud of!

1

WELCOMING DR. JACKSON KATZ

In 2025, Turning Point's Outreach Team reached out to gender violence prevention educator and author Dr. Jackson Katz to invite him to speak in McHenry County. It was an absolute privilege to welcome Dr. Katz into our community and present his work on the Bystander Effect and taking action towards a safer, more supportive future for everyone.

2

A WALK IN THEIR SHOES

During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, 13 local Woodstock businesses displayed artwork created by Turning Point survivors and community members as part of "A Walk in Their Shoes". Scan below to read their stories.



Mary Margaret Maule
and Dr. Jackson Katz

3

BREAKING \$100,000 AT PAINT THE NIGHT PURPLE

For the first time in Turning Point's 45 year history, our annual gala raised over \$100,000 for survivors of domestic violence. This milestone was made possible by the dedication and devotion of our staff, Board, and supporters to our mission.

4

A NEW ROOF FOR THE SHELTER

Thanks to a substational contribution by The Foglia Family Foundation, our 20-year-old shelter roof was replaced, along with repairs made to our main office building and greenhouse. Thank you to the Foglia Family for this investment into our future!



35 unique baskets were auctioned
at Paint the Night Purple



Peerless Roofing did a phenomenal job
replacing our shelter roof!

OUR CORE PROGRAMS

Since being established in 1981, Turning Point's holistic approach ensures that we address domestic violence at every stage—from crisis intervention to prevention—so that we're not just reacting to violence, but actively working to stop it before it begins.



24/7 EMERGENCY HELPLINE AND SHELTER

Our emergency helpline and shelter operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year by trauma-informed Turning Point staff. Our 21 bed emergency shelter provides safe, secure housing for up to 90 days for individuals and families who are fleeing domestic violence.



GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING

Our group and individual counseling programs are for adults and children as young as 5. These programs providing emotional support, safety planning, help with decision-making, linkage and referrals to other services, and education on domestic violence as well as a place to share experiences and to support each other.



LEGAL ADVOCACY

Our legal advocates at our satellite office at the McHenry County Courthouse provide information on how to navigate the legal system for survivors of domestic violence, as well as assistance in filing an Order of Protection. *Turning Point legal advocates are not attorneys and cannot provide legal advice.*



ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE

Our Alternatives to Violence programs, held at our Crystal Lake office, include our Partner Abuse Intervention Program, Survivor's Intervention Program, and Positive Parenting Interventions program. These programs are open to the community and have sliding scale fees.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We offer Outreach and Prevention programming to local McHenry County schools and community organizations covering topics such as healthy relationships, bullying, and digital safety. Our outreach team also tables and presents for churches, farmers markets and other community events.

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I am most grateful for the assistance I have been receiving. I have been able to recognize patterns in abusive behaviors and red flags. I am able to use techniques provided by my therapist at Turning Point to overcome the abuse and re-establish my sense of self being - Turning Point Client

ADVOCACY BY THE NUMBERS

Our performance reflects the heart of our mission—empowering individuals, strengthening communities, and creating pathways to safety and hope.

Over fiscal year 2026, we saw an **increase** of 8% for total number of clients served in all programs. Our shelter housed 143 adults (+54%) and 69 children (+47%), the highest in the past 10 years.



GOLD INDICATES AN INCREASE OVER LAST FISCAL YEAR

1,774
CRISIS CALLS
ANSWERED

5,615
NIGHTS OF
SHELTER

450
ORDERS OF
PROTECTION FILED

1,541
ADULT SURVIVORS
SERVED

147
CHILDREN SERVED

153
MENTAL HEALTH
COUNSELING CLIENTS

239
PARTNER ABUSE
INTERVENTION CLIENTS

47
PARENTS IN THE POSITIVE PARENTING
INTERVENTIONS PROGRAM

15,686
STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN
SCHOOL PREVENTION PROGRAMS

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We consider ourselves immensely fortunate to have (my child's Turning Point counselor) in this pivotal role. Her unwavering commitment, professionalism, and genuine empathy are truly commendable, and we unequivocally believe she is the ideal person to guide and support my son - Turning Point Client

GROWING FORWARD

For the past 45 years, Turning Point has been meeting domestic violence survivors where they are. Our commitment to clients and our community has grown into a broad continuum of support and we are excited to introduce two programs that help us support our client's long-term healing.



POSITIVE PARENTING INTERVENTIONS

Our trauma-informed parenting group is held at our Alternatives building for both English-speaking clients as well as Spanish-speaking clients. The group focuses on providing parents with topics that are relevant to their growth and healing as individuals. Parents in the group receive information about intergenerational trauma, child development, brain development, the impact of trauma on the child, healthy relationships, attachment styles, respectful communication, and boundaries. Throughout the 10-week course, participants are able to learn from each other as well as the facilitator, and provide peer support on parenting situations.

Each 10-week cohort is comprised of 3-6, and sometimes up to 8, clients at a time. The group is all gender and covers all parenting situations. We have served biological parents, biological grandparents raising children, legal guardians, step-parents, and co-parents. Each individual comes for different reasons, but are primarily court-mandated due to an active DCFS case that is requiring the client to be involved in parenting classes. Our classes are more than just informative, they are meant to be healing and transformative.

In FY26 we provided services to around 50 clients between both groups, and from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, we provided 5 group cohorts.

EXPRESSIVE ART GROUP

As of January 2026, we were able to restart our Expressive Art Group with our new facilitator, Lauren Witsiepe. Lauren provides trauma-informed art group services to adults and children. Within the group, participants are provided a safe space to grow creatively and produce art while processing emotional experiences. Clients come as they are and are provided with the option of a particular focus from the facilitator or they can work on their own project. For the children's group, the projects are theme focused and structured by the facilitator. Children will often produce one piece in one group, whereas the adults may take a few group meetings to complete something.



The art group is ongoing and open to new participants every week. The participation in each group ranges from 3-5 individuals for both the adult and children's group.

In FY26, we served 10 clients throughout the first 6 months of restarting the program.

FROM STUDENT TO TEACHER

Community outreach is essential to Turning Point's work because it raises awareness, reduces stigma, and connects survivors to lifesaving resources. Our prevention work builds a foundation for trusted community networks that support education, safety, and healing, and we are thrilled to share this "full circle moment"!



My name is Gwen Gallagher and I have been an Outreach & Prevention Advocate at Turning Point since Fall 2025. This position has provided me with many opportunities to connect with the community, educate youth, and advocate for domestic violence survivors.

In May 2026, I was given a special opportunity to present about bullying and healthy friendships to fifth graders at my childhood elementary school, Eastview Elementary. I was also able to present in front of one of my role models and favorite teachers, Kevin Pokorny, right before he retired from teaching. It was such a full circle moment.

This teacher, who built me up, challenged me, encouraged me, and always emphasized that I would make a positive impact in this world, was able to witness me educating and empowering his class on an important topic many years later.

Throughout the presentation, I was struck by the thought that **I had not received this presentation when I was a fifth-grade student.** As a fifth-grader, so much is changing in your mind, in your life, and in your relationships. Receiving education on what a healthy friendship/relationship looks like, identifying what resources are available to me as a youth, and learning about how I could advocate for myself could have saved me from many painful experiences during my adolescent years. I am truly honored that I was able to be that trusted individual and provide that education to the next generation.

The power of community is such an integral part of the work we do here at Turning Point. Being able to contact a teacher from my childhood, advocate for the importance of the anti-violence presentations we have here at Turning Point, and build connections with the students at my childhood elementary school is such a gift and something I never take for granted.

Through the power of community and connections, I was able to present at Eastview Elementary School for the first time, getting a special experience while raising awareness about domestic violence. That is something that will have a dear place in my heart forever.



I love Turning Point! I'm so grateful my kids and I can get the love and support to heal. - Turning Point Client

1981 - 2026

45 YEARS OF ADVOCACY

TURNING POINT IS INCORPORATED



Board members from Turning Point, Inc. of McHenry County, from left, Peggy Peterson, Chris Lippert, Mickey Allen and B.J. Jones, plan household shower on behalf of the Elgin Community Crisis Center. Both organizations work to alleviate family violence and stress. The shower will be held at Turning Point's monthly membership meeting, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 15 at 703 Fremont, Woodstock. For more information, call 330-1365.



1994- Turning Point opens its satellite office at the McHenry County Courthouse.



2004 - Turning Point completed construction of our 6700 square foot shelter which would provide emergency services for 21 survivors each night. Due to lack of funding, the shelter cannot open.

1981

1984 - Advocates are meeting with clients in court, at McDonald's, and at coffee shops.

1995

1997 - Turning Point, along with other McHenry County agencies, form the local Family Violence Coordinating Council.

2007

1999 - The red brick building is rehabbed into advocate offices and the space is shared with the Family Health Partnership Clinic.

1979 - A group of McHenry County women were concerned that many woman residents were being abused by their husbands and boyfriends. With little protection from law enforcement, the Cary/Crystal Lake League of Women Voters refused to deny the problem and began a survey of local hospital and emergency rooms and found the issue of domestic violence was simply not being addressed.

1986 - The Alternatives to Abuse Program begins.

TURNING POINT ACQUIRES A PERMANENT HOME ON ROUTE 14 IN WOODSTOCK



TURNING POINT'S SHELTER OPENS



It is later named the *Leucht House of Hope* in honor of the generous support from Michael and Judy Luecht.

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I am here today because someone once saw something beautiful in me right there in that same shelter. The people who helped me, helped me believe that healing was possible. Today, I have a loving husband, a safe home, and a peaceful place to rest my head. - Former Turning Point Client

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When I was a child you guys took me in multiple times. You guys helped me grow up, learning how to think and act beyond my age. You gave me a safe place to hide from my monster. I want to thank you guys for everything you have done for this world and for me. - Former Turning Point Client

2011 - Turning Point celebrates 30 years incorporated! New Board President Tiffany Umbarger poses with Turning Point founding member B.J. Jones.



2018 - In partnership with the Sage Legacy Fund, Turning Point breaks ground on a new Alternatives to Violence building. At the time, Alternatives clients shared a secure space within the main office building.

2016 - Turning Point secured funding to contract with attorneys to represent clients in complicated legal matters.



2020 - The COVID-19 pandemic sees an increase in high-lethality cases. The agency quickly adjusts, adding phone and video counseling options as some advocates work out of their homes.

TURNING POINT TODAY



In FY 2026, Turning Point's "purple door" welcomed over 1,500 clients to our agency. Our trauma-informed staff continues to support survivors as we have for the past 45 years, and we are looking forward to the next 45.

2014

2017 - Turning Point begins welcoming male survivors in our shelter. Previously, male survivors fleeing domestic violence were given hotel vouchers.

TEENAGE BOYS ARE NOW ADMITTED TO SHELTER

At a time when many shelters were limiting acceptance of adolescent boys 13 years old or older, Turning Point staff and the Board of Directors unanimously agreed to accept all minor children, regardless of gender, ensuring that families fleeing violence would not face the choice of leaving their children behind.

2019

2020 - The Board votes to drop "against women and children" from Turning Point's mission statement to be more inclusive of all survivors.

THE NEW ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE BUILDING OPENS



2026



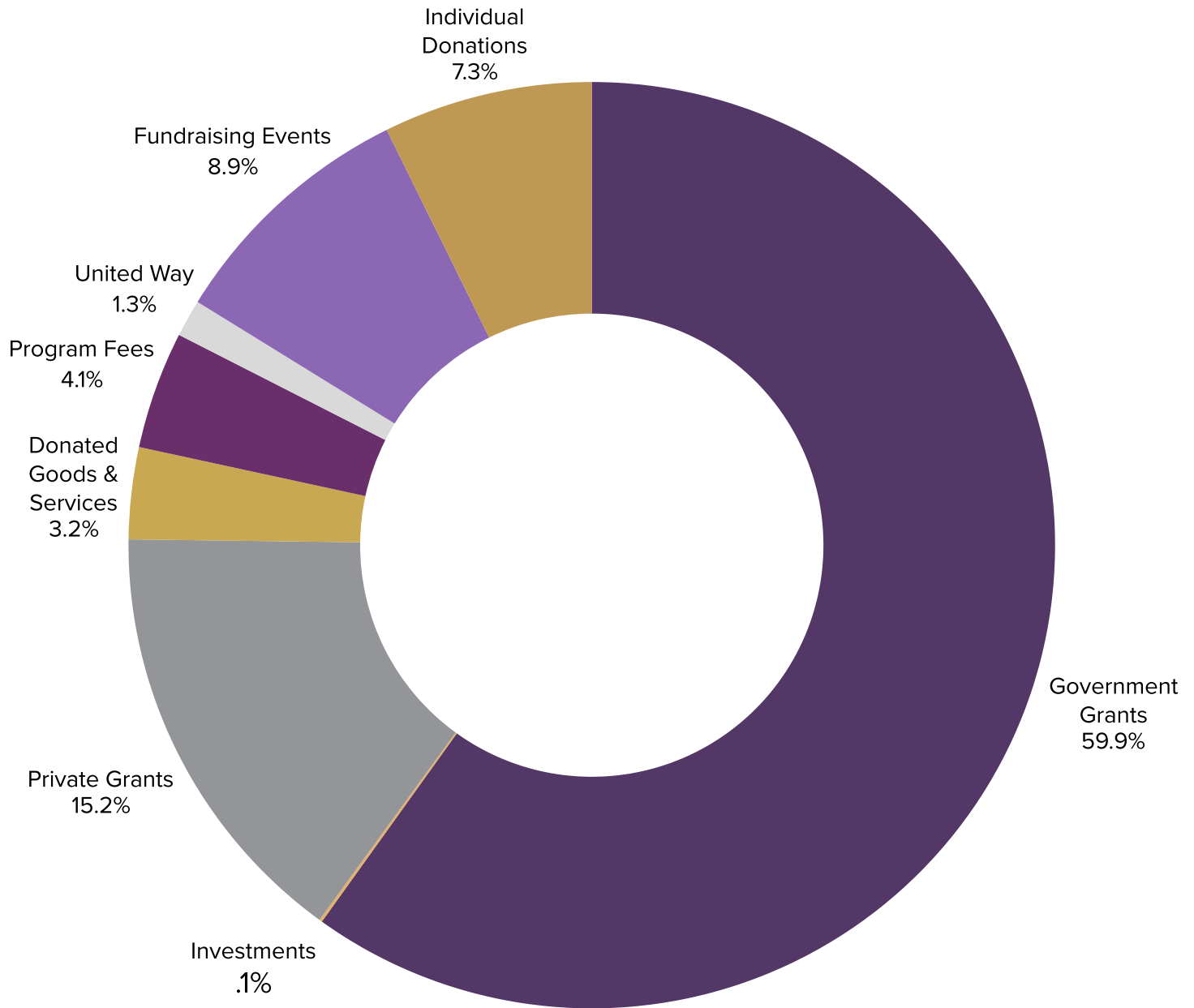
2023 - Thanks to a generous donation from the Foglia Family Foundation, Turning Point purchases a van to provide in-house transportation services for shelter clients.



GETTING THE TEAM TOGETHER

Turning Point staff raises awareness for causes close to our mission by hosting theme days throughout the year and encouraging everyone to wear colors representing the movement, such as Teen Dating Violence Awareness (orange), Childhood Abuse Awareness (blue), Mental Health Awareness (green), Suicide Prevention Awareness (purple and teal), and Domestic Violence Awareness (purple, photo).

FY26 REVENUE BY SOURCE

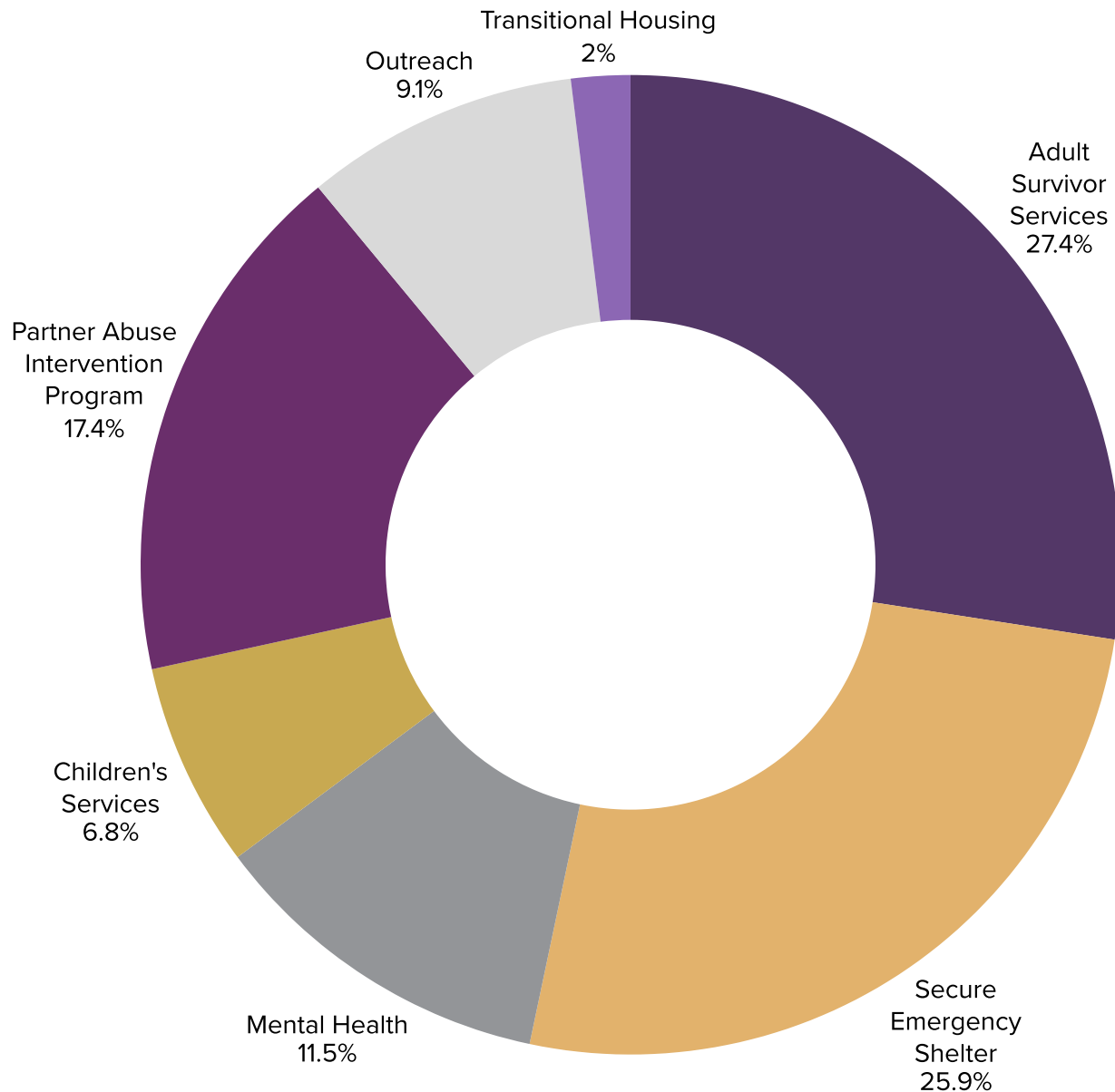


TURNING POINT REVENUE PERCENTAGES FOR JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026

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The topics are very interesting and each week they are different and I learn more about what domestic violence is. Everything has served me well because I apply the techniques and always learn. I am a completely different person, and I think more before acting. - Partner Abuse Intervention Program Client

FY26 EXPENSES BY PROGRAM



*TURNING POINT EXPENSE BY PROGRAM PERCENTAGES FOR
JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026*

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I learned to have different options and strategies to apply with the children. I try to have more patience, listen more, and apply techniques to correct them calmly. I learned new ways to manage difficult situations and useful strategies to educate and raise my children. - Positive Parenting Interventions Client

EVENTS & SPONSORS



THE COURAGE TO CARE WITH DR. JACKSON KATZ

Thank you to our Keynote speaker Dr. Jackson Katz, community supporter *The Community Foundation of McHenry County*, and sponsor *Rock Solid Builders*



CANDELIGHT VIGIL AND “IN THEIR SHOES” ART WALK

Thank you to our vigil speakers States Attorney Randi Freese, Board member Katelyn Lorenz, staff member Mallory Breutzmann, and Turning Point clients and supporters for sharing your stories.

PAINT THE NIGHT PURPLE GALA

Congratulations to our Heart Award recipient Tiffany Umbarger and our Hope Award recipients Michael and Linda Klingeneburg!

Thank you to our sponsors *PSM Partners, Exemplar, Home State Bank, Zurich, Pepper Construction, Advia, McHenry County College, The Center for Therapeutic Services and Psychodiagnostics, Northwestern, Old National Bank, and Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Starck Real Estate*



SUMMER SOCIAL COMMUNITY PICNIC

Congratulations to our Volunteer of the Year award recipient Tori Clausen and our Community Partner of the Year recipient Warp Corps!

Thank you to our sponsors *Miller Verchota* and *Dairy Queen Woodstock | Cary*



VOLUNTEERING FOR OUR MISSION

TURNING POINT AGENCY & EVENTS



Turning Point is incredibly grateful for the 86 volunteers who assisted us with donations, client activities, and fundraising events!

FALL DIDDLEY

Turning Point was honored to take part in the Mental Health Resource League's Fall Diddlely Craft Fair for the 27th year. Turning Point provides volunteer hours as part of a grant program with the MHRL.

CENTURY RIDE

For the 2nd year, Turing Point provided volunteers for the McHenry County Century Ride as part of a fundraiser with the Lake in the Hills People for Parks Foundation.

WOODSTOCK PRIDE



For the 6th year, Turning Point staff and volunteers walked in the Woodstock Pridefest Parade!

THE LAND CONSERVANCY



The Land Conservancy spent a day clearing space under a bur oak on Turning Point's Rt. 14 campus in an effort to preserve this beautiful tree!

ROCKIN' RIB FEST

Turning Point supports our longtime partner, the Lake in the Hills Rotary, at their annual Rockin' Rib Fest by recruiting volunteers to help run the event.

THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDERS

Turning Point is incredibly grateful to all of the individuals, companies, foundations, and other grantors whose contributions made our mission possible over the last 45 years. Special thank you to the following major funders for their ongoing commitment to empowering survivors in McHenry County.



**The Gerry and Bill
Cowlin Foundation**



The
**Community
Foundation**
for McHenry County



Lake in the Hills
Rotary
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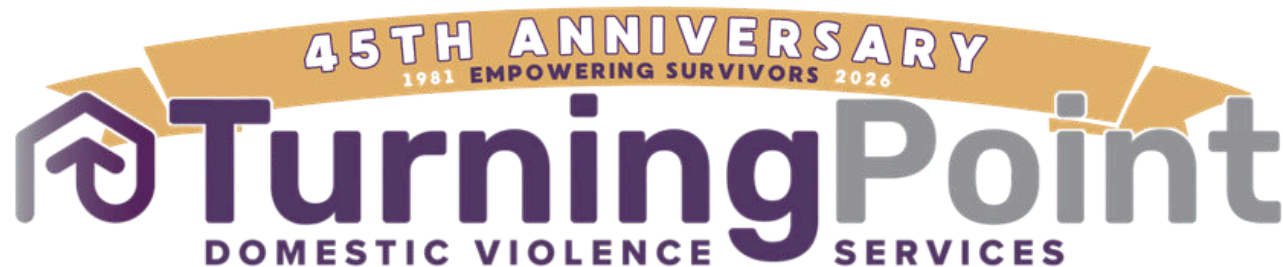


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Alice Fischer
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ABOUT US

Turning Point Domestic Violence Services is the only comprehensive domestic violence agency in McHenry County, IL. Our services for survivors include a 24/7 helpline, emergency shelter, individual and group counseling, mental health therapy, children's counseling, and legal advocacy. Our survivor services are offered at no cost to the community and are available in both English and Spanish.

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Domestic and intimate partner violence can affect anyone. Turning Point serves everyone and we do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, religion, gender, or sexual orientation.

MISSION

Confronting domestic violence in McHenry County

VISION

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

VALUES

Empowerment | Respect | Compassion | Integrity | Hope

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