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**T**urning Point is the Lehigh Valley's only non-profit organization that is dedicated to eliminating domestic violence. Our work involves educating and supporting abuse victims in order to help them discover their strengths and abilities so they can walk away from fear, isolation and desperation. We also believe it is important to increase community awareness of domestic violence through educational presentations and training seminars to various groups.

We are proud of our accomplishments. From July 2004 to June 2005, we:

- assisted **5,477 adult and child victims** of domestic violence,
- provided **17,968 hours of direct service** to adults and children,
- answered **4,268 calls** to our helpline (that's almost a dozen per day!),
- provided **8,508 nights of shelter** to 197 adults and 259 children, and
- assisted **3,163 individuals** who sought protection through the justice system.

In addition, our Outreach Department connected with:

- **6,801 people** through community education presentations,
- **9,954 teen-age students** through the Jennifer Woodard Prevention Program, and
- **1,586 medical professionals** through the Medical Advocacy Project.

And **volunteers logged 3,111 hours** of service to Turning Point.

A client's first contact with Turning Point is usually through the agency's 24-hour helpline, 610-437-3369. The helpline is answered by a person who will verify the caller's safety, explain Turning Point's services and discuss options.

When women, alone or with children, are forced to flee a violent household, Turning Point's two emergency shelters give them a safe haven. The agency has the capacity to shelter 15 families each night.

Other services include court advocacy, counseling, support groups, a children's program, and a transitional living program. All services are free and confidential, and are provided without regard to race, income, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, ethnicity or religious affiliation.

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