



Thanking Mason County for its continued support of the shelter

By Cheryl Cathcart
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Mason County cares about its people! You need only look around to see organizations, businesses and individuals using their time and talents to make a difference.

At Turning Pointe we experience much of the best others have to offer, from donations of household goods, pet supplies, new clothes and cleaning supplies for client use to the local food bank deliveries that ensure everyone is fed.

What would we do without you?

In the past several months we have been given so much support from the local community; for example; the staff at **Windermere Real Estate** came to the shelter and pulled weeds, mowed, placed bark and spruced up the grounds. Two staff members went beyond the call of duty and paid someone to mow for the summer, freeing staff to focus on client services. Another individual from **Windermere** learned we had long ago disconnected Direct TV because we could no longer afford the luxury. Because of their generosity, kids can watch cartoons while mom prepares meals, and the women's TV room provides much needed down time in the evenings.

Auntie Em's Dog Grooming held a fundraiser at their first annual Women's Business Expo in August, where vendors donated the cost of their booth rental to Turning Pointe,

raising \$172.00 and filling a truck with donated supplies for pets, adults and children that was delivered to the shelter, easing our already stretched-to-the-limit budget.

A couple weeks ago a group of ladies from **North Bay Lutheran Community Church in Belfair**, stopped by for a tour of the shelter and blessed us with a \$1,700 donation, coming close to the \$2,500 per day cost of running the shelter in the summer time. Countless individuals checked our website needs list, stop by and called weekly to drop off supplies, toys, clothes, diapers and furniture items. What would we do without you? You ease the large demand we have for basic needs!

I know there are many of you who donate to us on a regular basis and I know I didn't name everyone, but please know how much we appreciate you and the difference you make here at Turning Pointe.

As many of you already know State and Federal cuts continue to impact our community and Turning Pointe is no exception. The loss of funding has impacted our staff, cutting a skeleton crew back yet again. Not only are we one of the **largest** domestic violence shelters in the State, we have the **fewest** number of employees, 7 full time and 3 part-time, to provide 24/7 coverage of a 54 bed shelter that remains full on consistent basis.

The needs are many, the families are working hard to regain their independence and a dedicated staff pulls it all together because of a community that cares enough to help us keep going.

Over \$17,000 raised at TP Golf Classic

Turning Pointe's 3rd Annual Golf Classic, held in July, raised \$17,547. That is just outstanding! A huge shout-out to all the sponsors and volunteers who made the event so successful. Special thanks to Green Diamond, Druzianich Foundation, and Peninsula Credit Union as the main tournament sponsors. Thanks also to Mike and Judy Callaghan who were the event organizers again this year.

Highlighting the day were the 11 army soldiers from Ft. Lewis, mostly Special Forces and Rangers. One soldier who couldn't make it donated his entrance fee and all have agreed to come back for the 2012 event. A poignant moment came as they went outside to have the picture taken. It was explained to the people at the luncheon who they were. When the soldiers came back in, everyone stood up and applauded.



Soldiers from Fort Lewis who played in Golf Classic. Thanks for your support, guys. See you next year!

The team of Thad Bamford, Miles Silverthorn, Steve DeMiero and Brett Lensch won 1st place for the third year in a row. The team that had the "most fun" consisted of Dan and Brenda Stainbrook, Mona Anderson and Dave Harris.

Plans have already begun for next year's event, to be held July 21, 2012, at Lake Limerick Golf Course.

Single-mom poverty huge in U.S.

Given that the at least one-third of single parents are mothers leaving domestic violence situations, here are some things to think about (compiled by Timothy Casey, Sept. 15, 2011, tcasey@legalmomentum.org).

- ♦ Over one quarter of U.S. children under age 18 reside with only one of their parents. The vast majority - over 85% - of single parents are single mothers. (US Census Bureau)
- ♦ According to the recently released Census Bureau data on poverty in 2010, people in single mother families had a **poverty rate of 42.2% and an extreme poverty rate of 21.6%**. Poverty level \$14,570 for a family of two in 2010. Extreme poverty means an income less than half the poverty standard.
- ♦ The 42.2% poverty rate for people in single mother families was almost three times the 15.1% rate for the population as a whole, and was more than four times the 10.1% rate for people in married couple families.
- ♦ The 42.2% single mother rate was also much higher than the 25.6% poverty rate for people in single father families.
- ♦ In 2010, single mother families accounted for over 75% of the 171,000 families officially counted as homeless.⁶ (Dept of Housing and Urban Development)
- ♦ Single mother poverty rates are much higher in the U.S. than in other high income countries. In the mid-2000s, the poverty rate for single mothers in the U.S. was the highest among 16 high income countries, and almost twice the average rate in the other 15 high income countries. (Legal Momentum, 2011 www.legalmomentum.org)
- ♦ A low minimum wage, scarce employment, occupational segregation into low-wage "women's work," unaffordable child care, child support delinquency, the absence of a family allowance program, and a weak unemployment insurance system all contribute to the exceptionally high U.S. single mother poverty rate.

Turning Pointe booth at Taste of Hood Canal Event



Pictured are Board Member Sandra Herndon (top) and Board President Patti White (lower) as they staffed the booth at the 2011 Taste of Hood Canal. Green Diamond generously donated the booth to Turning Pointe to support our efforts in the community and many donors gave funds to support the women, children and pets that are working hard to regain independence. We look forward to next year's event and we hope to see you there!



Brick Sales Events

Turning Pointe is sponsoring two opportunities to purchase DECORATIVE BRICKS. Proceeds from the brick sales will support the Turning Pointe Domestic Violence Shelter.

The bricks can be personalized with your name, a special message or honorarium for someone you know and love. The decorative bricks will surround the Turning Pointe facility, creating a lasting symbol and remembrance of supporters and survivors of domestic violence, their children and pets.

Nov. 4 & 5, Shelton Walmart
Nov. 11 & 12, Belfair Safeway
10 am – 2 pm all days
\$35 for one brick, \$100 for three

Belfair DV support group

A support group for domestic violence survivors is available at the new Belfair satellite office of Turning Pointe. The group meets every Friday from 1-2:30 pm.

Belfair Turning Pointe is located in the Mason County Resource Center building, 23554 NE State Route 3, in Belfair. The building is in the Lincoln Center behind Peninsula Credit Union.

Questions? Call the Belfair office at 360-275-3652 or the Shelton office, 426-1216.

Volunteer News

Volunteer meeting: Volunteers for the Events Committee meet the first Tuesday of the month; the next meeting is Oct. 4 from 10:30-noon at Turning Pointe.

Volunteer training begins November 2, 3, and 4, from 9:30-5 pm at Turning Pointe. Please call the office to request an application. Approved applicants are required to serve for a minimum of six months. Call Cheryl, 426-1216.



Attention Artists!

We are looking for someone who is willing to donate their time and talent to paint our logo on the wall inside the lobby of the shelter. We also are looking for someone who could paint a mural in the shelter's children's room. Donations of paint would also be greatly appreciated. If you are interested, please call 426-1216.

Violence Against Women Act: 17 years of national and local impact

Marking the 17th anniversary (9/13/2011) of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) helps us both appreciate the great strides that have been made in addressing all types of violence against women and recognize the fact that more needs to be done to create a society free from domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. The Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) remains committed to addressing these crimes in a broad and comprehensive manner.

The concept of a coordinated community response is one of the most critical and visible achievements of VAWA. In the years since VAWA's enactment by Congress in 1994, we have witnessed a sea-change in the ways that communities respond to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence. VAWA encourages communities to bring together stakeholders from diverse backgrounds to share information and to use their distinct roles to improve our responses to and prevention of violence against women. These groups include, but are not limited to: victim advocates, police officers, prosecutors, judges, probation and corrections officials, health care professionals, leaders within faith communities, and survivors of violence. New programs and amendments have strengthened the law and enhanced our work.

Did you know that first responders have been meeting monthly in Mason County to develop domestic violence and sexual assault/abuse protocols and procedures for victims of crime? Turning Pointe would like to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of all first responders and personally THANK the Mason County Prosecutors Office, Shelton Police Department and the Mason County Sheriff's Office for coming together to establish a coordinated community response that provides victim safety and perpetrator accountability.

Grupo de Apoyo para Mujeres Latinas (Hispanic women's support group)

Sobrevivientes De Violencia Domestica
(Survivors of Domestic Violence)

Cuando: Cada Viernes a las 12:00 p.m.
(When: Every Friday at 12:00 p.m.)

Donde: Sala de conferencias en Turning Pointe
(Where: Turning Pointe conference room)

El objetivo de nuestro grupo de apoyo es autorizar a sobrevivientes por educación, y compañerismo. Cubriremos unas 16 series de parte de discusiones que definirán el ciclo del abuso, los efectos en la familia, experiencias comunes de mujeres Derrribadas, entre muchos otros temas.

Incorporaremos un 12 paso aproche a nuestro grupo de apoyo, a fin de reforzar nuestros objetivos de la obtención de poder.

(The objective of our support group is to empower survivors through education, and fellowship. We will be covering a 16 part series of discussions which will define the cycle of abuse, the effects on the family, common experiences of Battered women, among many other topics. We will be incorporating a 12 step approach to our support group, in order to strengthen our objectives of empowerment.)

Shelter News

Compiled by Ruth Stout, Shelter Manager

IMMEDIATE Shelter Needs:

Household items!!

(Dishes, silverware, strainers, big bowls, storage containers, large crock pot, drinking glasses, pans, blankets, pillows/pillow cases, bath towels)

Umbrellas!!

Ongoing needs:

Disposal diapers and Pull-Ups (all sizes), baby wipes, basic needs items (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant); food

Other Needs

School supplies (backpacks, paper, glue, pens, pencils, markers, crayons, scissors, folders, art supplies, lunch bags, etc.)

Car seats/booster seats

Gift cards (gas, Fred Meyer, Walmart, Safeway...)

Cleaning supplies (high efficiency laundry soap, bleach, Lysol disinfectant spray, Windex, Clorox wipes, cleaning gloves, garbage bags—13 gal/45gal)

Personal (new socks/slippers—all sizes, new finger & toe nail clippers, nail polish/remover)

Hair products (hair dryers)

Books about recovery/self help/DV/parenting/ children/teen

Comfy chairs for teen and children's rooms (bean bag chairs, video game chairs, etc.)

Stereo for teen room/adult room

Small appliances (coffee pots, toasters, mini microwaves)

Office/shelter grounds

Scissors, pens, office organizers

Garden storage shed/bench, hoses, hose holders

NOTE: TP cannot accept open containers of items. Contact us at 426-1216, if you have questions regarding appropriate shelter donations. Donations also may be taken to Treasures or Sonrise. They give us client vouchers, so be sure to indicate that the donation is in the name of Turning Pointe.

Special thanks to STEPH'S ESPRESSO in Shelton for donating some \$1200 worth of backpacks, supplies and shoes for shelter kids as they started the school year!

Quotes from client surveys:

"I thoroughly love the staff! They seem tough at first but it's only because they care and want the very best for all of us. This place is what you make it and the advocates really do their best to help everyone. I really appreciate this place and all that everyone has done for me."

"I was accepted by residents and staff and was given the support I need. The staff has helped me to see the effects of domestic violence in my life and they are all patient and understanding."



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Working together to end domestic violence in Mason County

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Attention Mason County Business Community:

Turning Pointe is asking local businesses to collect food items for the shelter, especially meat and non-perishables. If your business would like to participate, please contact Ruth Stout, 426-1216.

Pick-up is available

Commitment for Change Form: If you would like to set up a monthly recurring donation billed to your credit or debit card, or billed to you directly, just fill out the form below and return it in the enclosed envelope. For more info, call 426-1216.

Calendar of Events

- Oct. 4, 2011, Events Committee meets:** First Tuesday of each month, 10:30-noon, Turning Pointe conference room.
- Nov. 2, 3, 4, Volunteer Training:** 9:30-5 pm, Turning Pointe conference room. Call Cheryl, 426-1216, for volunteer application or for more information.
- Nov. 4, 5 and 11, 12, Decorative Brick Sales:** 10-2 pm all days. Shelton Walmart (Nov, 4, 5) and Belfair Safeway (Nov. 11, 12).
- Belfair Support Group:** Fridays, 1-2:30 pm, in the Belfair Turning Pointe office, located in the Mason Co. Resource Center Building, 23554 NE State Route 3, Belfair (behind Peninsula Credit Union); 360-275-3652
- Grupo de Apoyo para Mujeres Latinas:** Cada viernes a las 12:00 pm, en la sala de conferencias en Turning Pointe. (Hispanic women's support group, each Friday 12:00 pm, Turning Pointe conference room)
- July 21, 2012, Saturday, 4rd Annual Golf Classic:** Lake Limerick Golf Course. Tee time: 9 am. Watch for more details.

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COMMITMENT FOR CHANGE

Count Me In!

Yes, I want to make a commitment for a monthly contribution to the domestic violence shelter in Mason County.

My Gift:

- \$200.00 \$100.00
 \$50.00 \$25.00
 Other: _____
for _____ months.

One time donation of \$ _____

Check enclosed (Payable to Turning Pointe)

Bill my Visa/ MasterCard

Account number _____

Expiration date _____

Signature _____

Name _____

Address _____

This gift is made in: Honor of Memory of Other

(birthday, anniversary, special occasion)

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