

Happy Holidays from Bay Area Turning Point



Words from the CEO

As the end of year approaches, it is a joy to pause and reflect on the support the agency has had in 2019. Through the generosity of our community Bay Area Turning Point has



been able to provide services that have saved the lives of thousands of individuals impacted by family violence and/or sexual assault. You have been a very important placeholder in the life of someone in need. You made a difference on a very real level!

I have watched clients shake in fear, stand firm and strong in their resolve to have a life free of violence, and rejoice as they are able to accomplish each goal needed to be self sufficient. B ATP works to prevent violence from occurring and supports clients on their journey from the beginning stages of victimization, the transition to safety, and the move to independence. Each day I am humbled at the strength and endurance I see and am honored to work with incredible staff that walk with each person reaching out for help.

What I see daily does not happen without you. Bay Area Turning Point needs your continued support, your commitment to prioritize saving the lives of citizens in your own community, and, for you to stand firm with us in preventing violence from occurring. You are valued and you are needed. The year-end gift you offer will help us move into 2020 with the resources needed to continue providing this crucial care.

I am thankful for your gift!

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Ways your can support Bay Area Turning Point all year long

Monetary Donations

- **One-Time**
- **Monthly**
- **Become a Rings of Hope Member**

Company Match Program

Planned Giving

Volunteer

Attend Fundraising Events

Provide Meals

Like and share our Facebook page:

Link your Kroger Card

Amazon Smile

In-Kind Donations

- **Donate items from our Monthly Needs List**
- **Donate items to our Donation Center**
- **Participate in the Bag it, Recycle it Program**



Crisis Intervention Center

210 South Walnut St.
Webster, TX 77598
Phone: 281-338-7600

Donation Center & Satellite Office

18207 Egret Bay Blvd.
Houston, TX 77058

Chambers County Satellite Office

2202 South Main
Anahuac, TX 77514
Phone: 409-267-4337

Serving the Following Counties

Harris, Chambers,
Eastern Brazoria and
Northern Galveston

24 Hour Crisis Hotline 281-286-2525



This is why we need your support!

We met Jenny* after a local hospital called our hotline to request an advocate for an emergency accompaniment. Jenny shared with us that she had met a kind man that befriended her during her layover at a bus station while traveling through Texas. During the layover Jenny's bus was delayed to the next day. About that time, Jenny realized that her wallet and phone were missing. Jenny was in an unfamiliar place with no money, identification, or way to contact anyone. The man that befriended Jenny offered to show her to the nearest bank, so that she could get cash for any needed expenses. When they arrived, the bank was closed. The man offered to get her something to eat and pay for her hotel room for the night. Jenny recounted that the man was so generous and charming that she was deceived into believing she could trust him.

When Jenny and the man arrived at the hotel, the man booked one room and forced her inside. Over the next **several** days, this man physically and sexually assaulted her and held her against her will. He even took her clothing with him when he left the hotel room to ensure that she would still be there when he returned. Jenny was finally able to seize an opportunity to leave in the middle of night when he was asleep. Through the assistance of hotel staff, law enforcement was called and Jenny was transported to the hospital.

Once we arrived at the hospital we were able to support Jenny through her medical exam and interview with law enforcement. Jenny entered our shelter so that she could have somewhere safe to be until she was able to go back home.

*Name has been changed due to confidentiality

How Has Your Donation Helped B ATP This Year?

- You helped purchase medication for individuals who had to flee to safety without any of their belongings
- You ensured that special food was available on holidays
- You provided a children's advocate to enroll children in school, meet with teachers to help them work through the trauma of being uprooted and placed in a new school, and provided school supplies and clothing
- You provided free childcare at the shelter so that parents could work toward getting the family back on their feet
- You helped clients move into safe affordable housing with items like sheets, towels, dishes and pots and pans

Donation / Resource Center

With your amazing support 2019 brought about a significant change for Bay Area Turning Point. The Board of Directors and staff spent time strategic planning and looking closely at how to be good stewards of the gifts received. During that process it was determined that we could more efficiently house administrative and advocacy staff in two locations instead of three. In doing so, we shifted all counseling and therapy programs to the Crisis Intervention Center and transitioned our resale shop into a satellite office space and resource center for clients.

At the beginning of September we were able to move out of the location on Gemini, saving us thousands of dollars each month, and closed the resale shop to the public. The resale shop space at 18207 Egret Bay Blvd was then modified to house client services offices, a donation center, and a client resource center. From the location we are now able to accept and store all donations, provide a free private shopping experience for clients and have the extra office space needed.

The feedback on the changes have been tremendously positive:

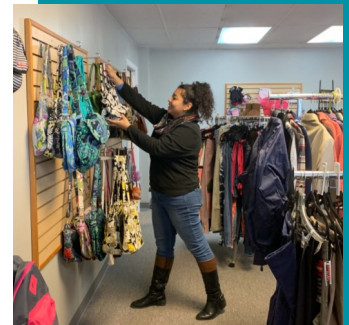
- ⇒ From donors – “We love seeing where our donations are housed”; “Coming to one location for all donations makes it so simple and convenient”; “It is wonderful to see how the client resources are made available.”
- ⇒ From clients – “I am no longer embarrassed to shop and ask for assistance.”; “Before, when it was a resale shop, I was afraid that someone would figure out I was a client of BATP.”; “I love being able to get everything I need without having to worry about how I will pay for it.”

Bag it, Tag it, Recycle It!

Bay Area Turning Point has a recycling program that accepts too-far-gone clothing, shoes, purses & hats in any condition. (Except wet or contaminated with hazardous materials)

BATP receives funding for every pound collected, which directly supports BATP programs and services!

**Recycled donations accepted at our Donation Center!
18207 Egret Bay, Houston, Texas 77058**



Pictured above are dedicated volunteers.



*Bay Area Turning Point
P.O. Box 58537
Webster, Texas 77598*

Please visit our website for more information or to make a donation.

www.bayareaturningpoint.org

Interested in learning more?
Contact Tracy Powell
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2019 Employee Service Pins

Peggy Cooper - 11 Years

Sandra Goldman - 18 Years

Sybil Winters-Little - 20 Years

SAVE THE DATES

February 12, 2020 - Appreciation Breakfast

April 1, 2020 - Dogs & Divas Fashion Show and Luncheon

October 9 & 10th - Holiday Market

Find event information on our website
www.bayareaturningpoint.org

