STARTING POINT MARKS 40 YEARS OF SERVICE!

Starting Point: Services for Victims of Domestic & Sexual Violence, Stalking and Human Trafficking is marking its 40th year serving Carroll County!

Healing is not linear, and neither is the evolution of a small nonprofit.

Starting Point was founded in April of 1981 under the name of Carroll County Against Domestic Violence (adding “Rape” to the title shortly after incorporating) with a small group of survivors, a landline, a few safe houses and a fierce conviction to effect change; to make sure that what had happened in their lives would not happen to others.

The way the agency provides services today has not been a straight line of growth but one that has veered from cultural norms, climbed over gender-biased confinement, swerved to accommodate trends, endured growing pains associated with needs-to-funds ratios, and has been persistently driven by evidence-based data.

All to say, that after 40 years of navigating the landscape of domestic and sexual violence Starting Point is the place to start a non-linear but none-the-less healing journey, for victims, their children and for our greater community.

Celebrate with us and help us meet our goal of raising
NEW OFFICE BUILDING FOR ADVOCATES!

Starting Point's first "office" was in a volunteer's basement. The support line was a landline and (wo)manned when volunteers were available. Victims were picked up by advocates and delivered to secure "safe houses" in private homes located throughout Carroll County.

We have come a long way since then thanks to the bold and brave advocacy of our founding mothers and the generous support of Starting Point donors.

The Grace House, Starting Point's permanent shelter, has the capacity for 13 victims (including children) and even family pets who have experienced domestic violence. Our support line is now 24/7/365, and our pagers were long ago traded in for smart phones. Our advocates are mobile and able to respond to Carroll County hospitals, courts, and other community agencies when they call, and to deliver critical intervention where needed, along with prevention and outreach in our schools and community.

Our office space, until recently, was the last holdout reminiscent of our humble beginnings. We have always been
We are giddy to share with you that our dreams for a new office have come true thanks to the generous support of Joy Tarbell and Eddie Minyard!

With Joy and Eddie’s support we were able to purchase a large office building, allowing us more space for in person services and community events.

We will be moving into our new office in September and will be able to provide walk in services, trainings and community forums on site starting in October!

Be on the lookout for our invite to an open house in October, we cannot wait to give you a tour!!

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**JODY’S CHALLENGE!**

**STARTING POINT 7TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 18 AT THE NORTH CONWAY COUNTRY CLUB**

Register

7th Annual Starting Point Golf Tournament: Jody’s Challenge! At the North Conway Country Club

The tournament format is 4-Person Teams, Scramble (Best Ball), Tee Times TBD

$75pp Early Bird, $80 after 8/1

Fee includes: 9 Holes, Greens Fees, Cart, Meal & Contest Package

$10,000 Hole in One Contest! Beer Tastings on the Course!

All proceeds to go to direct service support for victims!
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers built Starting Point and continue to be the foundation of the work. Please consider volunteering with us.

Volunteer positions range from direct service to outreach and fundraising.

After an initial commitment to training direct service shifts can be arranged to suit your schedule.

For an application click here: Volunteer F.A.Q's

To all our volunteers, we appreciate you to the moon and back!!

We saved this to the end of our newsletter because you are our foundation! Without your unwavering commitment to the work of Starting Point we could not do what needs to get done.

This last year was challenging for us all and even with your own challenges you remained steadfast to the care of victims
throughout Carroll County.

Thank you for all you do, not only for victims and survivors but for the advocates too. Knowing that we were not alone in the work was our balm and our fuel to carry on!

Even a thousand trips to the moon would not begin to fully express our love and gratitude for you and the work you do for Starting Point and our community!!