



The Point

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Calling all Founding Members and Volunteers!

We would love to hear from you as we mark our 40th year in service to Victims of Domestic & Sexual Violence, Stalking and Human Trafficking in Carroll County.

We would also love to share survivor's stories, these can be shared anonymously. The importance of sharing our stories can not be understated. When working with victims we often encounter unwarranted shame. When those same victims join one of our support groups and hear that others have had similar experiences, healing can truly begin.

Sharing our stories also removes the veil of shame from our culture and helps us focus on accountability of the abuser and lets victims and survivors know that they are not alone and not to blame for the violence.

"I grew up with two loving parents and 3 siblings who all ended up in happy marriages. I thought that was what I had until about 3 years into our marriage. What had once felt like protection became control. Togetherness became isolation and pride in me became jealousy. It all surfaced at the birth of our daughter. His complaint was that I had changed and was no longer "available" to him. After years of struggle I found help and came to understand that I had married an abusive narcissist. It was a long path back to finding myself but with the support of Starting Point advocates I was able to get through court proceedings, parenting plans, housing searches

and find my way to self-forgiveness, for staying all those years. Because I had no reference to what was happening, I kept going back to “fix” my marriage. My son and daughter have both had 'Healthy Relationship' classes in school with Starting Point advocates. I am so grateful that they have a better understanding of the warning signs than I did. It's not easy co-parenting with an abuser but even years after obtaining my first restraining order Starting Point has held my hand through it all. Thank you Starting Point, for all that you did to help me find safety and peace of mind and for all that you do for our community. Happy 40th!” Sarah D.

Please mark October 7th on your calendar to join us for a Candlelight Vigil in Schouler Park from 7-9pm, a day of awareness & remembrance and one of hope as we mark our 40th year in service to victims. If you are a survivor and would like to speak at the vigil please email raetha@startingpointnh.org or call 603-901-2237.

Help us mark our 40th year of service and meet our goal of raising \$40,000 by donating today!

40 for 40

There's still Time to Register for Starting Point's 7th Annual Golf Tournament - August 18!



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 8/10
Fee includes: 9 Holes, Greens Fees, Cart,
Meal & Contest Package

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



Help us make this a great fundraiser for Starting Point.
With your help we can change lives!

Proceeds to go to direct service support for
victims and their children!



Dine to Donate
Cheesing For a Reason at Cheese Louise!

Please join us August 11th at any Cheese Louise location where a portion of the proceeds from the day will go to help support Starting Point's direct service programs. Throughout the week \$1 for each special purchased will go to Starting Point's victim services too!

You can go to any Cheese Louise location on August 11th for *Cheesing for a Reason* or come to Cheese Louise on the Kanc and speak with an advocate about Starting Point's work and volunteer opportunities from 12 to closing.



What are Direct Service Programs and Why Do We Need Your Support?

We don't think of ourselves as a charitable organization. We certainly need your charitable donations to do our work but our work is to restore a person's basic human rights. This requires a great deal of support from Starting Point - crisis intervention, shelter, housing, transitional services, financial empowerment, court advocacy, and a good deal of hand holding. It also requires community support - embracing the victim so that they do not feel alone, holding abusers accountable, and providing clear pathways such as housing, work and a sense of belonging. All these are necessary in order for those who have experienced domestic violence to heal and thrive.

Although the goal is to build or restore the priceless entities of self actualization there is a worldly cost. One cannot achieve a sense of belonging and esteem without the staples of a stable living situation. So many of our clients come to us after fleeing violence with nothing more than the shirts on their back. A gift card for clean clothes, food, staples or a tank of gas can be the difference between returning to violence or moving toward a life of safety.

The return on your investment into Starting Point's direct service programs is a thriving community. So many of our clients return to Starting Point, not for help but to help others.

Please consider a donation today.

Count me in!



Starting Point's New Digs!

Work on our new Pleasant Street office in Conway is progressing on schedule and we are looking forward to welcoming the community into our new space come October. We feel very lucky to have so many supporters helping us get things done. Thank you! #lovewherewelive!

In September, we will be looking for donations of office furniture, including; a couch and chairs, shelving, filing cabinets with locks, kitchen equipment and more.

We can't wait to get moved in next month! We are just sooooo excited to share this space with our community!!

For more information or to make a donation please email raetha@startingpointnh.org

Eastern Slope Dental is Holding a Fundraiser for Starting Point August 27th!

We are forever grateful to our business partners who support Starting Point's work with victims. Although the work can sometimes be heartbreaking it can also be uplifting and inspiring when victims become survivors and survivors thrive!

Why not help celebrate the joy of the work with a sparkling smile!!

If you would like to sponsor a client in need of dental care please email raetha@startingpointnh.org or call 603-901-2237.

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Eastern Slope Dental is donating all the proceeds to Starting Point.

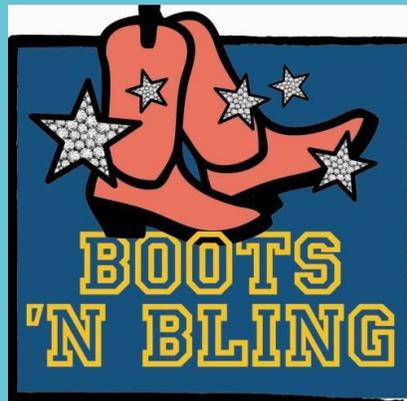
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Eastern Slope Dental



Only 308 days until Boots 'n Bling 2022!



It's been a while and it's still a little while longer to wait for our 10th Annual Boots 'n Bling, but in event planning time it's right around the corner. If you would like to volunteer or help sponsor our annual fundraiser please contact us at raetha@startingpointnh.org or call 603-901-2237.

Save the date for our 10th Annual Boots 'n Bling Fundraiser!
June 9, 2022 at the Wentworth Inn in Jackson!



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