Candlelight Vigil - October 7th

Please mark October 7th, 7-9pm on your calendar to join us for a Candlelight Vigil. We will gather at 6:45 pm at the Church of Nativity in North Conway and walk together to Schouler Park. It will be a time 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

Moving Day!

Moving an office is an enormous undertaking; packing, painting, getting phone lines up, security systems, scheduling movers, unpacking and 100 other details. With the help of our supporters and an excited staff, all went smoothly! And, we never missed a beat. At one point we were out of the old office and not quite into the new one - Brad, our Direct Service Coordinator, did what advocates do, he swung into action with a makeshift office at the playground!

Starting Point Library

One of our upcoming projects is to spruce up our library collection. If you are looking for a good book to read to help you better understand some of the challenges of our work or a read that might help you chart a path to greater support of victims or if you'd like to make a contribution please email raetha@startingpointnh.org.

Know My Name by Chanel Miller is an excellent book for learning more about the court process and the emotional turmoil of being a victim of sexual assault. We have several copies to loan if you are interested.

Check out this interview with Chanel https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PTvHn2_0evo
Now Hiring

Starting Point currently has two openings:

Development Assistant a part time position
&
Housing/Shelter Advocate a full time position

For more information call Deb Weinstein at 603-901-2227 or email deb@startingpointnh.org

Big THANK YOU to our vendors who provided fundraisers for us this past month - CP Golf, North Conway Country Club, Thyme by the Farm, Cheese Louise and Eastern Slopes Dental. We are so lucky to have so many supportive local businesses!

#LoveWhereILive
October - Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Due to continued uncertainties about Covid19 and variants, we will not be hosting any inside public events for DVAM this year.

Please follow us on Facebook and share our DVAM campaign with friends so that we can broaden the awareness and create conversation around the issues of domestic violence in order to reduce the shame and increase accountability.

Oct 7 - Candle Light Vigil at Schoular Park in North Conway. Gather with us outside at 6:45 pm at the Lutheran Church of the Nativity in North Conway for a remembrance and a meditation, followed by a short walk to Schoular park where we will hear from those doing the work of victim advocacy. This is also a time to mark Starting Point's 40 years of tireless work advocating for Victims and Survivors in Carroll County.

Oct 14 - Gift Card Drop! So many of our clients struggle with financial stability due to their abuse and sometimes the difference between violence and getting safely away is a tank of gas. Victims often flee their violent situations with nothing more than the shirts of their backs. Gift Cards are a way of providing anonymity and empowerment to clients. If you are able to contribute a Gift Card for Hannaford's, Shaw's or Walmart, or a gas card please stop by our office at 30 Pleasant St. in Conway to drop them off and get a warm thanks from our staff. If mailing gift cards is easier our address is: Starting Point PO Box 1972 Conway, NH 03818.

Oct 21 - Ribbon Cutting and Open House 12pm. In order to protect our guests and staff we are scheduling 1/2 hour tours in small groups for the new office starting at 1pm. The Ribbon Cutting will be celebrated outdoors, rain or shine and all are welcome! Call 603-901-2237 or email raetha@startingpointnh.org to RSVP for a tour.
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

- 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States.
- 34% of people who are injured by intimate partners receive medical care for their injuries.
- 20,000 calls placed to domestic violence hotlines nationwide on a typical day.
- 500% increase in risk of homicide when a gun is present in a domestic violence situation.
- 72% of all murder-suicides involve an intimate partner.
- 94% of the victims of these murder-suicides are female.

Women between the ages of 18-24 are most commonly abused by an intimate partner.

Only 271 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, 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!**