Domestic Violence Never Takes Time off for the Holidays

People often ask if there is an increase in domestic violence during the holidays. The data on this is limited because it is often based on call volume to crisis centers between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day, rather than the actual occurrence of the incident.

Starting Point advocates have experienced either no change or a slightly lower call volume during the holidays. They have, however, come to understand that this is not because domestic violence isn’t occurring but because victims tend to endure whatever they must to get through the holidays.

It is for this reason that calls to the crisis line typically increase in early January with reports of incidents that occurred during the prior two months, from Thanksgiving to New Year’s Day.

TO READ MORE ABOUT HOLIDAYS & DV

Thanks to all who attended the 2nd Annual Starting Point Vigil, an evening of remembrance and intention-setting, helping us remind victims that they are not alone!
Big thank you to Altrusa, The Lion's Club, Russell McConnell of the Church of Christ, and all those who sent gift cards this month for food and gas! Donations not only help with the everyday necessities but also remind us that we are not alone in the work!! Thank you!!

Below: Deb Weinstein, E.D. of Starting Point with Elizabeth Wheatley Dyson of Altrusa
Our Amazon Wishlist makes it easy for our supporters to fill the needs at the Grace House, the Starting Point Shelter.

Click here to view the GRACE HOUSE WISH LIST

Stay Up to Date with our Dates!

Nov 29 from 11 to 6 PM Giving Tuesday Open House at the Starting Point Advocacy Center. at 30 Pleasant St. in Conway. An opportunity to gather and give! This year we are collecting Visa Gift Cards to be used for client direct services.

As always please check our Facebook page or email community@StartingPointNH.org for updates or changes in scheduled events. We will continue to follow CDC recommendations and do our very best to keep our community safe and healthy.
Our fall volunteer training has just been completed. We are excited to welcome our new volunteers to the team!
Thank you to all our volunteers for making a difference in the lives of victims and their children!

If you are interested in volunteering please contact us to be added to our spring volunteer training list. Email community@startingpointnh.org for more information.

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*Edited by Roxane Gay*

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