



We Need Your Help Providing Shelter from the Storm of Domestic & Sexual Violence

The Starting Point's shelter, the Grace House, houses up to 13 guests - five adults and as many as eight children and is almost always at capacity. The shelter has five separate bedrooms, three bathrooms, a children's playroom, a large shared kitchen, a community garden, and storage, as well as office space for the Shelter Manager and a Shelter Advocate.

Last fiscal year, Starting Point, with your help, provided more than 2,000 bed nights at the Grace House and over 7,000 bed nights in our emergency housing assistance programs - along with providing empowerment for obtaining medical access and insurance, community resources, transportation, mental health care, education, employment, and permanent housing, among other services.

Most importantly, our shelter provides a program and a haven for victims to heal from trauma and gain personal control and financial independence.

Just like private homeowners, we are challenged with constant building repairs and updating of systems with the added necessity of maintaining critical security and other safety systems mandated for all public housing structures.

Our current federal and state funding does not permit Starting Point to complete these major repairs and updates, replace broken and damaged items, or combat rising inflation costs for food, electricity, and heating.

Last year's increases resulted in electric bills of over \$5000 and heating bills exceeding \$8000.

We need help raising funds for:

- Installation of solar panels to reduce our carbon footprint
- Energy-efficient lighting and appliances
- A new roof, replacement windows, and doors
- And other ongoing or emergency repairs and enhancements to ensure a safe and healing environment for victims and their children.

Your support IS the safe haven all victims require and deserve.
Thank you!

Please consider a [DONATION](#) for shelter upkeep.

STJ Productions Proudly Presents



The Second Annual
Silas Berrier Memorial

SEEK THE JOY

Comedy Night

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023

8PM Doors at
7:30PM

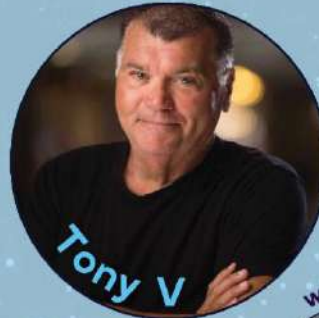
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Brian Glowacki



with

Janet McNamara

HOSTED BY
Jeb Berrier

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ALL PROCEEDS TO ASSIST WITH LOCAL SERVICES FOR
VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Starting Point is honored to be chosen as the receiving charity for the
2nd Annual Silas Berrier Memorial Seek the Joy Comedy Night!

August 22 at the Public House in Tamworth Doors open at 7:30 pm

Last year was a sold-out show, so don't miss out!
Get your tickets [HERE](#) now!!

Pre-Show Buffet by Reservation only
book a table [HERE](#)



Fran Latch, Starting Point Volunteer, is Honoree of Myra Kraft Community MVPs



Awarded \$10,000 Donation for Starting Point!!

Starting Point has been fortunate to have shining star volunteers steward our mission from the very beginning, championing for victims, and supporting staff in the work of ending violence in our community.

None brighter than our Fran Latch!!

Fran has been a steadfast volunteer for Starting Point for the past 14 years. She works on the crisis line, in the shelter, at the advocacy center as our receptionist, tabling at events, and as the sexual assault advocate at Memorial Hospital. When and wherever needed Fran is there to help with a sweet smile, tender heart, and a fierce devotion to the cause!

Thank you Fran for all that you do to make our community safe!



Starting Point is in Desperate Need of Gas Cards for Client Needs

Sometimes a tank of gas is all a victim needs to get home to family or to a safe space after experiencing abuse. Sometimes a tank of gas is the difference between maintaining a sense of normalcy for displaced victims and their children. Sometimes a tank of gas is the difference between fleeing violence or having to stay.

Sometimes a gas card can save a life.

Cards can be purchased at any Irving gas station and mailed to Starting Point, PO Box 1972, Conway, NH 03818.



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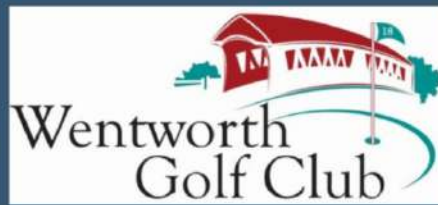
**FEATURING
STARTING POINT**

AUGUST 23

A portion of Wednesday's sales will go to a featured non-profit each week!

Starting Point

**BOOK YOUR TRIP!
603-447-4275**



**JOIN US FOR the
9th Annual Starting Point Challenge
Wentworth Golf Club
Monday, September 18th 2023**



Fee: \$120

Includes: 18 Holes, Green Fees, Cart, & Contest Package!
Meal at the Shannon Door Pub & Restaurant
w/live music!

4-Person Teams, Shot Gun Start at 12 pm,
Scramble format

**Information & Registration at:
www.StartingPointNH.org
or call 603-901-2237**

To Benefit Starting Point: Services for
Victims of Domestic & Sexual Violence
Serving Carroll County since 1981

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Stay Up to Date with our Dates!

August 22 - The 2nd Annual Silas Berrier Memorial **Seek the Joy Comedy Night** at the Public House in Tamworth (See above FMI & Tickets)

August 23 - Paddle for a Cause for more information, call 447-4275 or visit [Saco River Tubing Center](#)

August 26 - Tamworth Farmer's Market, 9 - 12 PM

August 31 - Movie Night at Ledge Brewing Company in Interval. Watch the Movie 'Hook' under the stars! Proceeds to benefit Starting Point. Food trucks, music, and beer!

Sept 7 at 6 pm - Men's Advocacy Group Mtg. at Starting Point Advocacy Center, 30 Pleasant St. Conway. For more information or to RSVP, email community@startingpointnh.org

Sept 12 - Valley Food Fight with Beth Carta-Dolan representing SP.

Sept 18 - 9th Annual Starting Point Golf Tournament at Wentworth Golf Club. Followed by Dinner and Music at Shannon Door in Jackson. Register [HERE!](#)

Sept 28 - Wolfeboro Farmer's Market 11-3 pm at the Nick Rec Center

Sept 29 - DVAM Vigil at 6 PM in Schouler Park in North Conway.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month - more events to come. For now, be sure to save these dates...

October 5 - Wolfeboro Farmer's Market 11-3 pm at the Nick Rec Center

October 5 - Volunteer Training - online 5 - 8 pm (see below for full schedule)

October 12 - Wolfeboro Farmer's Market 11-3 pm at the Nick Rec Center

October 21 - DVAM - Men's Night at Tuckerman Brewing Co. Conway

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.

Big Thank You to our Boots 'n Bling donors, sponsors, and attendees for helping us raise \$90,000 for Victim Services!

Federal grants cover administration costs for Starting Point and help support many programs but often fall short in funding some of the more unique needs of victims in a rural/resort community. Thanks to all those who contributed, we can do so much more to help break the cycle of abuse right here in Carroll County.

Boots 'n Bling is tentatively scheduled for June 6, 2024

View a list of our sponsors [HERE](#)



Starting Point is Offering an Online Volunteer Training Beginning October 5, 2023.

The Starting Point volunteer training follows NH RSA law for confidentiality, meaning in order to work directly with clients, one has to complete 30 hours in total. The breakdown amounts to 24 in-person/online and six hours of self-guided study with the direction of our trainers. Training also includes all the shadowing and support needed to feel comfortable. We provide recertification sessions yearly and regular opportunities to interact with staff, volunteers, and board members. And a once a year Volunteer Appreciation get-together!

Starting October 5, the training will be held online on Thursdays from 5 to 8 pm for seven weeks, and one in-person training. Dates include October 5, 12, 19, 26, & November 2, 9, and 16. We'll take the Thanksgiving break and then have our final meeting on Nov. 30 in person from 5 to 8 pm at the Advocacy Center in Conway, 30 Pleasant St.

If you are not interested in direct service but would like to help with fundraisers and prevention work, we ask that you attend the first three sessions to have a better understanding of the work. After these nine hours, a facilitator will work with you to complete your application and arrange your volunteer time.

The initial commitment to training is a lot; we understand this and appreciate you and your time!

After the training, you can decide how much time you wish to commit. Perhaps, once a year at an event, twice a month on our crisis line, or seven days a week in our shelter! It'll be up to you.

Anyone interested in learning more about Starting Point and the work is encouraged to attend. Awareness is one of our greatest prevention tools. So, you are welcome to attend regardless of your commitment to volunteering.

Topics include understanding domestic and sexual violence, stalking, human trafficking, court & hospital advocacy, child & family services, LGBTQ+, intersectionality, listening skills, rape culture, trauma-informed advocacy, anti-oppression, community engagement skills for social justice, and more.

For more information or to register, please email community@startingpointnh.org

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