

BATP To Open Second Resale Shop!



Bay Area Turning Point is opening a resale shop in Seabrook in addition to its established store in Nassau Bay. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is set for 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7 at the new location, 1908 Hialeah, Ste. C, in Seabrook (the street

next to McDonald's on Hwy 146), and friends of the agency are invited to attend the event. The shop opens for business the next day.

Everyone likes a bargain, and resale shops are among the fastest growing segments in the retail industry. The existing resale shop has been open in Nassau Bay since 1996. Its showroom and storage areas are packed and more room is needed to serve the growing number of customers.

The new establishment will be open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. If the original store is an example, business will be brisk and continuing donations will be essential. BATP expects the second store to help fill the increasing needs of its clients and raise additional funds for the agency's programs. Clients who have left home and are starting new lives are supplied with vouchers that enable them to purchase clothing and other necessities without charge. Additional profits from the store help support counselors, advocates, hotline staff and other direct services.

Acceptance of donations in Seabrook will begin on March 15. Items should be brought directly to the shop. Donations to the resale shop are tax deductible, according to the IRS regulations for charitable contributions, and receipts are available at the store. These are high demand items:

- New & Gently Used Clothing (Women, Men, & Children)
- Shoes, Accessories and Jewelry
- Furniture
- House wares and Home Decor
- Collectibles and Antiques
- Working Electronic Equipment and Small Appliances

For safety and legal reasons no toys, children's items including car seats, strollers, cribs or high chairs, can be accepted. Neither mattresses nor non-working appliances can be taken in.

Shoppers not used to resale shopping might be surprised at the merchandise available. A recent walk through the Nassau Bay store turned up children's soccer shoes to a Carole Little sequined jacket; incomplete dish sets to replace pieces you have broken over the years to a Waterford crystal tray complete with its original box; unopened gift wrapping paper to packages of Mardi Gras beads; nurses' tunics to a new-looking Samsonite suitcase; plastic candlesticks to vintage jewelry. And if it's not there today, something you want might be there tomorrow.

Volunteers are the heart of BATP. The new shop will need sorters, pricers, displayers and customer assistance. The agency hopes to add at least ten volunteer workers to cover the additional positions needed. Would-be volunteers may contact the BATP's Volunteer Coordinator, Terri Muesse at 281-338-7600 or tmuesse@bayareaturningpoint.com to schedule a day or a shift. Volunteer as an individual or with a friend for a rewarding experience.

~ Kathy Harlan, BATP Supporter & Friends member





Teen Dating Violence On The Rise

A 2009 study conducted by Teenage Research Unlimited for the Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPF) and Liz Claiborne Inc. concerning teen dating violence reveals some alarming statistics. Abuse is not limited to physical violence; verbal abuse, pressure to have sex and controlling behaviors are also abuse. The study covered a broad spectrum including all parts of the United States and every demographic in between.

The study concluded with what many experts on the subject have been saying - violence and abuse in teen relationships is a huge problem. The study also revealed that 82% (4 in 5) think they can spot the warning signs. The actual percentage, sadly, is lower than 50%. This is coupled with the fact that **80% of teens said either themselves or a friend have been abused in a relationship.** This figure far exceeds victimization rates for other types of violence affecting youth.

Of all the issues facing teens today - drugs, money, academics, family, the economy - dating abuse ranked dead last among issues talked about at home.

Half of the teens polled also reported themselves or someone they know has been victimized through technology. This includes texting between 12am - 5am, excessive phone calls or sharing of embarrassing videos or pictures. This has opened another huge avenue for abuse to seep in.

75% of teens who have been taught about dating abuse in school say it has helped them recognize the warning signs. But sadly, only a quarter of the teens have ever actually taken a course.

"Dating violence is a huge problem in this country, and we need parents, schools and everyone to take responsibility for helping keep teens safe," said FVPF President, Esta Soler.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- Talk frequently to your kids about dating abuse. **80% of teens admit they ignore talks/advice from their parents.** Continue to define and promote healthy relationships and intervene effectively if abuse begins.
- Don't trick yourself into thinking you know the warning signs; do the research yourself. **58% of parents can not identify all the warning signs.**
- Don't allow academics, financial woes etc. keep you from talking about dating abuse with your teen. **Remember dating abuse was last among issues talked about at home.**
- Push for your child's local school to offer dating violence prevention programs. Don't take no for an answer. Abuse is happening. **Remember 8 of 10 teens have witnessed or been a victim themselves.**
- Be aware of victimization through technology. Know what your child is doing on his or her cell phone and computer.
- Don't wait until tomorrow to talk - seize the opportunity that today has to offer. *Tomorrow may be too late...*

We provide specialized presentations on teen dating violence and date rape for young people FREE of charge to your group. For more information or a complete list of warning signs, visit our education page on our website www.bayareaturningpoint.com or call our office 281-338-7600 today.

VOLUNTEERS BUILD A BETTER WORLD

April 18-24, 2010 is National Volunteer Week. Special attention is paid to volunteers during this week all around America. Organizations that rely on assistance from volunteers can attest to how critical it is to have volunteer support in order to meet their program and service goals. It is wonderful that this special time is designated for this worthy purpose, but volunteers merit special attention every day. Truly, volunteers are one of America's most valuable assets for all they do to improve our communities.

Bay Area Turning Point volunteers fill the many gaps that paid staff cannot fill due to the sheer magnitude of all the needs that we are confronted with. Volunteers are often the first listening ear for a person in crisis. Volunteers rock babies, read stories, perform clerical and maintenance tasks, stand in front of stores to collect food for the shelter, keep the resale shop operating, participate in our special events, raise money, serve in leadership positions and much more! We thank our many volunteers for all the time, talents and treasures that you so generously share. You offer a beacon of hope for those in crisis. God Bless All of You!!

For those who are not yet in "our family" and find that you might have a few hours to spend in service of others, we would gladly welcome. Contact Terri Muesse, Volunteer Coordinator, at 281-338-7600 x2117 or tmuesse@bayareaturningpoint.com to discuss how you can get started as a BATP Volunteer.

You just may find the place, and the cause, you have been looking for.



*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart."
~ Author Unknown*

2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I am so proud to announce our 2010 Board of Directors. It is an honor to work with talented, dedicated people who clearly have embedded our mission within their hearts. They share their various realms of expertise, their time, their financial resources and their collective strengths for governance and strategic thinking. The executive staff of Bay Area Turning Point appreciates each member of our board and looks forward to working together to effectively serve our clients this year and beyond.

- Diane Savage, President & CEO

Russell Herring, Chairman
Retired Engineer, Shell Oil

Patricia Ingram, LCSW, Vice-Chair
Strategic Account Executive
United Behavioral Health

Genie Bopp, Secretary
Vice President of Crew Health &
Research
Wyle Integrated Science and Engineering

Robert Heselmeyer, Treasurer
Retired Engineer, NASA

Kiley Wren, Assistant Treasurer
Aerospace Manager
Wyle Integrated Science and Engineering

Sally Rankin, Past Chairman
Realtor, Gary Greene Realtors

Larry Ward
Retired U.S. Army

Monica Millican
Branch Manager / Certified Mortgage
Planner, PrimeLending

Winnifred "Susie" Hebert
Community Engagement Specialist
Chevron

Myrna Baker
Business Development / Physician
Services, CHRISTUS St. John Hospital

Meade Bethel
Project Manager, Valero Energy

Gloria Salinas
Director and Program Manager, LMSO /
Bioastronautics Program
Lockheed Martin Space Operations

Marc Havican
President, Space City Films, Inc.

Lorna Hankins
Executive Director, Sickle Cell Association
of the Texas Gulf Coast

Allison McIntyre, Friends Auxiliary Chair
Staff Technical Integrator for Division over
Robotics & Space Walks
NASA

WANTED



Resale Volunteers who:

- Can ring up sales
- Sort and price merchandise
- Likes to meet new people
- Want to assist in helping others rebuild shattered lives
- Want to develop marketable skills
- Likes to decorate and be creative

For a complete list
of volunteer
opportunities visit
bayareaturningpoint.com

**If interested, contact Terri Muesse, Volunteer Coordinator
at 281-338-7600 or tmuesse@bayareaturningpoint.com**

Victims often speak out to those whom they can trust, those whom they see when their abuser is no where around. Salon professionals typically have a trusted relationship with their clients and see their clients in a safe setting with few or no men around, especially a woman's abuser. It may be easy for a salon professional to recognize when their clients are acting out of the ordinary or see the bruises and cuts that are typically hidden behind someone's hair.

In 2006, the CUT IT OUT campaign began in Alabama and has since been taken to a national level. The campaign consists of an hour long seminar where domestic violence agencies educate those in the salon industry on signs of abuse and ways to assist clients who may disclose they are in an abusive relationship.

Bay Area Turning Point will begin educating salon professionals in the area of domestic violence and sexual assault issues starting Wednesday April 14, 2010 at the Freeman Library in Clear Lake in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. From there, BATP will coordinate on-site visits to local salons to educate entire salon staffs on the CUT IT OUT campaign including presentations at Remington College in Webster for cosmetology students.

If you would like to register for the upcoming training or for more information, please contact Jessica Sheehan at (281) 338-7600 x2105 or jsheehan@bayareaturningpoint.com.



*Salons Against
Domestic Abuse*

DID YOU KNOW?

...in Texas

**1 in 5 women and
1 in 20 men are victims of
sexual assault...**

**...most victims are
sexually assaulted
by someone they know...**

**...sexual assault is
never the victim's fault...**

**...only about 20 percent
of rapes are ever
reported to the police...**

VIOLENCE PREVENTION

The Bay Area Turning Point Violence Prevention Committee (VPC) consists of members of our community and volunteers who address and identify the causes of violence in the Greater Bay Area. The VPC shares a vision with BATP to end violence in the community. The committee implements various violence prevention activities.

The committee meets every other Tuesday from 5:30-7pm at the BATP CIC building. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday March 30, 2010. Current VPC members include community members Genie Bopp, Dorothea Pongetti, Audrey Flowers, Rica Mauricio and Don Nyberg, as well as BATP staff Diane Savage and Jessica Sheehan.

The VPC is looking for individuals that hold various roles in the community to become part of the efforts to end violence. If you are interested, please contact Jessica Sheehan at (281) 338-7600 x2105 or jsheehan@bayareaturningpoint.com for more information.

*April
2010*

**SEXUAL ASSAULT
AWARENESS MONTH**

2009 SERVICES

Making A Difference In Our Community

Hotline Calls	7,958	Case Management Hours	1,496
Individuals Sheltered	704	Hours of Individual Therapy	747
Shelter Days Provided	26,626	Hours of Support Group	491
Meals Served	88,813	Violence Prevention Education	103
Structured Childcare Hours	12,776	Community Education Activities	229
Advocacy Accompaniments (police, court, hospital, DA)	129	Parenting Skills Classes	44

"Sara" came to our program after being raped. During the assault she was severely beaten. This left her so afraid that she almost became house-bound. A BATP Legal Advocate helped her apply and receive Crime Victim's Compensation and also accompanied her to all court proceedings. Over time, she made the decision to participate in therapy with the program's Adult & Child Therapist. During one therapy session, the therapist explored an option of the client getting a large dog. In time, Sara did just that. She even began to bring her "new friend" with her when she came to therapy. Gradually, she and her new friend began to take walks around the neighborhood. This was an activity that Sara once thought she would never be able to do again. Sara still attends therapy but no longer has the demeanor of a person who lives in fear. She stands tall, smiles and seems hopeful that she will regain her life. She gives the credit to her dog and our therapist. But, we know the credit is all hers because she is working hard to overcome the trauma of rape and not allow the rapist to continue to have power in her life.

Dual Victimization: Family Violence / Sexual Assault = 913
Sexual Assault = 363

Total BATP clients impacted in 2009 by Sexual Assault 1276

RAPE
talk About it
PREVENT IT



PARTNERS AND DONORS ARE VITAL FOR OUR CONTINUATION

We are excited to announce that our Partners Initiative is in its second year. Partners are needed now more than ever to continue our work to prevent and address violence in our community. The initiative began with the goal to have a solid base of contributors annually choose BATP as their charity of choice. Each year we strive to grow our base allowing us to continue to keep critical services in place for both shelter and non-residential clients. We appreciate our local contributors who fill the gaps in funding areas that grants do not meet.

We've chosen the Partners program as the most efficient way to maximize donations. We are also striving to be good Partners and offer benefits to our community as you will see on the donation form.

The enclosed form defines Partner levels at \$250 and up and provides a way to help through our general Donor program. Please know that all gifts are appreciated and collective gifts of all amounts save and change lives. Both types of donors are vital to ensure victim's have an opportunity to become survivors. The fear and suffering of a life of domestic violence and sexual abuse is a reality for thousands of your local *neighbors* in the Bay Area. BATP believes that this is 100% preventable and a future generation free of abuse and exploitation is possible. You can help this vision become a reality.

Please view the BATP film on our website: www.bayareaturningpoint.com or contact Christi Cheramie, Development Director, to schedule a viewing at our site or yours, 281-204-8841.

Thank you for becoming a Partner or Donor and joining the ranks of heroes who make it possible for BATP to meet many critical needs in our community.

To schedule a speaker for your civic organization, church or business contact Christi Cheramie, Development Director at 281-204-8841 or ccheramie@bayareaturningpoint.com.



*We are thankful for all of
our generous supporters.
We may never meet the 2nd
and 3rd generations of
those we help today, but
our impact will be
immeasurable.*

Recognition of New and Renewed Partners

November 2009 - February 2010

FOUNDING PARTNER \$50,000

- D B Beakley Foundation
- Chevron

CHANGE PARTNER \$10,000

- The Simmons Foundation

VISION PARTNER \$5,000

- Clear Lake Presbyterian Church
- Community Partners Program—ExxonMobil
- KBR
- Wyle Integrated Science & Engineering Group

PEACE PARTNER \$3,000

- Star Furniture *
- ZONTA Club of Houston

INDEPENDENCE PARTNER \$2,000

- Clear Lake Presbyterian Church
- George & Ann Lyon
- Owen & Joyce Morris
- Barry Tillman *In memory of Dorothy Pastrone*
- University Baptist Church

PREVENTION PARTNER \$1,000

- Gabriel & Joanne Cuadra
- Louis Donghi
- David & Mary Granger
- Anne Martt
- Rana Pepper
- PrimeLending - Monica Millican
- St. Bernadette Church
- Welcome Neighbors Club
- David & Elaine Wynegar

OUTREACH PARTNER \$500

- BIP Crude
- Joann Brown-Owens
- Genie Bopp
- Cambridge Healthcare Management
- Jane Campo
- Clear Lake Presbyterian Church – *Loaves & Fishes Alternative Christian Market*
- Computer Comforts, Inc.
- Wilbur “Pete” Dunten, Attorney
- Tom Frierson
- Charles & Kathy Harlan
- INEOS Marina View Community Activities Team
- Michael & Libby Jones
- Paul Lucas
- Jeanie Martin
- Chad & Carrie Mulholland
- Janet Olson
- Mike & Lori Anne Price

- Prudential Gary Greene, Realtors
- John & Vicki Smith
- Doug & Debra Quillen
- Merri Sanchez
- Blanche Stastny
- Laurel Stine
- Gopalroa V-N & Amitha Velagaleti
- Clair Williams
- Women of St. Christopher Episcopal Church
- Women’s Club

SAFETY PARTNER \$250

- Macie Baston-Lafon
- Marilyn Burt
- Dr. Daniel Casso
- Roxy Cramer
- Barbara Ehrlich
- Cari Greene
- David & Glennie Hefner
- Houston Bay Area Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae
- Jacobs Realty Group
- Ramesh & Shashi Khatri
- Landers Contracting, LP
- Patterson Lee
- Kathleen Leppert
- Philip & Candia Lundry
- McCarver Ventures Corporation
- Bob & Dorothea Pongetti
- Rankin Revocable Living Trust
- Salt Grass Chapter Texas Municipal Clerks Association
- Jeff & Jenifer Skrocki
- Carol Wilson

SUSTAINING DONORS \$35+

- Carol Bornstein
- Kirchoff Peterson Company
- Ralph & Virginia Metcalfe
- Shirley O’Donley
- Gary & Carol Prebilsky
- Jayne Samson
- Becky Schergens *In Honor of Mary Ann Shallberg*
- William & Barbara Tuynmen
- Deborah Zendt
- Betsy Zimmer

And the many supporters, at all levels, who wish to remain anonymous.

* Honorary Partners donate in-kind services, food, household items, supplies, printing, building maintenance and repair, etc. valued at the Partner level indicated and may also provide financial support.

“You must be the change you want to see in the world.” - Gandhi



Bay Area Turning Point, Inc.



NON-PROFIT
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
PERMIT NO 237
WEBSTER, TX

**Bay Area Turning Point
Crisis Intervention Center**

**Bay Area Turning Point
Resale Shop**

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 57543
Webster, Texas 77598

Physical Address

18028 Nassau Bay Drive
Nassau Bay, Texas 77058

Physical Address

210 South Walnut
Webster, Texas 77598
Office: 281-338-7600
Fax: 281-557-0290

Hours of Operation

Tue - Sat 10am-7pm
Sun & Mon Closed
Donations 10am-5pm
Phone: 281-204-8877

**Bay Area Turning Point, Inc. provides
recovery solution services for survivors
of family violence and sexual assault and
facilitates violence prevention strategies
for societal change in partnership with
our community.**

www.bayareaturningpoint.com
www.myspace.com/bayareaturningpoint
Become a fan on Facebook

MAIL TO:

*Peace... Every Woman... Every Child...
Every Man... Every Day.*

Residential services funded in part by Harris County Community Services Department.

This publication paid for with general unrestricted funds. If you would like to be an underwriter for this newsletter or any of our other publications please call Jackie Keys at 281-338-7600.

SAFE KEEPING STORAGE
900 West Nasa Pkwy
281-286-0606

This company donates two storage units to BATP for food storage.

***You are such a blessing -
Thank you!***

 **STAR TOYOTA**
2112 Gulf Freeway
281-338-7600

This company is one of the most benevolent car dealers in the Bay Area!

***Thank you for your dedication
& support to our mission!***

AL PRINCE LANDSCAPING
281-338-6956

This company has donated lawn service to BATP for several years and does an excellent job.

Thanks Al for your much needed services!

**THIS
COULD BE
YOUR AD!**