

**BAY AREA
TURNING POINT**

**SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:**

**From Victim
to Survivor**

Volunteer

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BATP Astros Game

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From Victim to Survivor

'Anna' came to Bay Area Turning Point in the spring of 2009 after she was sexually assaulted by a classmate inside her home while her parents were at work. Adrianna came into BATP's Crisis Intervention Center with both her parents who didn't know where else to turn. Anna's parents told Anna's advocate they were terrified to send her back to school in fear that her peers would taunt her for getting another classmate in trouble.

Anna felt it was not necessary to seek counseling services, reassuring her parents and the advocate that she was 'fine' and just needed time to let it all 'blow over' at school. The advocate sat down alone with Anna and explained that no matter what anyone else says, what happened to her is not her fault. It was explained to Anna that though right now she may be afraid or embarrassed to speak with a counselor, she may find it beneficial to speak with a professional about what had happened to her. Anna still felt uneasy about meeting with the therapist, so the advocate made a deal with her. All Anna had to do was attend one individual counseling session. If she hated it, she never had to go back.

The next afternoon Anna came in to meet with the therapist one on one. When the session was over the advocate went over to Anna to say hello and ask how things were going only to find Anna setting up another appointment with the therapist for the next week. Anna continued to go to therapy for the next several months. One day when the advocate was leaving work Anna approached her and thanked her for encouraging her to seek counseling; it really helped her in the healing process.

Sexual Assault
Awareness Month

National Volunteer Week

This year National Volunteer Week will be celebrated from April 18-24. During that week volunteers across the nation are recognized for the wonderful assistance they provide to organizations everywhere. At Bay Area Turning Point volunteers assist with a variety of things including assistance with childcare, clerical, hot-line, fundraising, maintenance, resale, and special events. Volunteers are often the first cheerful voice or smiling faces that greet our clients and the community. As an agency we would like to thank each and every member of our community who volunteers for our agency. It is because of you that we can assist as many individuals as we do.

If you are interested in volunteering with the agency please contact Terri Muesse, Volunteer Coordinator, at 281-338-7600 x2117.



A Special Thank You...



In March, employees of Austin Industrial came to both the Administrative Offices and the Shelter to give Bay Area Turning Point quite a makeover! The crew assisted with landscaping the outsides of both buildings including adding new mulch to the flowerbeds, shrubbery, and playground at shelter. Additionally, crew members assisted with clerical work and maintenance inside the Administrative Offices including changing and cleaning light bulbs. Thank you to the over 20 Austin Industrial Employees who showed up to lend a hand!

BATP Night at Minute Maid Park

On April 10 at 6:05 p.m., the Phillies vs. Astros game will feature Dollar Hot Dogs, compliments of Classic Foods. Those dogs can be washed down with Coca-Cola Classic fountain sodas, which will also cost a buck. To receive discounted tickets request BATP special pricing, 1-800-Astros2 or log on to www.astros.com/batp. The first 10,000 fans receive a 45th Anniversary cap, compliments of Methodist Neurological Institute.



The game will also include ballpark entertainment features from the '65 season and a special pregame ceremony featuring several members of the original 1965 Astros team, including Bob Aspromonte, Ronald G. Brand, Danny Coombs, Larry Dierker, Mike White and Jimmy Wynn, as well as former Astros radio broadcaster Gene Elston. Some of those returning members from the historic team will also sign autographs at Minute Maid Park prior to the game.

Please call Christi Cheramie, 281-204-8841 with any questions or groups of 20 or more. To receive discounted tickets and request BATP special price and Astros make a donation to BATP www.astros.com/batp.



CUT IT OUT

BATP will host a CUT IT OUT: Salons Against Domestic Abuse presentation at the Clear Lake Freeman Library at 6:30p.m. in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The presentation will teach salon professionals in the area to look for signs of abuse and how to assist clients who may disclose that they are in an abusive relationship and/or have been sexually assaulted.

The presentation is open to the public and completely free of charge. Additionally, BATP will come to area salons and present the information to entire salon professional staffs and cosmetology schools.

If you are interested in attending the presentation or BATP coming to your salon, please contact Jessica Sheehan 281-338-7600 x2105 for more information.

