Interview of Recurring Donor Cherae Beckham

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I work for Eli Lilly & Company and learned about Turning Point through the United Way campaign when a list of agencies available to support was given out. I was interested in donating to a non-profit working with victims of domestic violence because I was in a very abusive, horrific marriage years ago. I would have liked to have known of domestic violence services to help me when I was going through the abuse. I now try to support domestic violence organizations in many ways such as the Indiana license plate and donating to Turning Point.

I had a lot of challenges when dealing with domestic violence. The legal system was tough to navigate. The restraining order I had against my husband didn’t make a difference. I didn’t tell my family what I was going through. I had little support.

I wish others knew more about domestic violence and what someone goes through when in a violent relationship. It is hard to understand what you would do until you are in that situation. I didn’t feel I had any power to leave. I think it is important not to judge those in a violence relationship until you’ve been in one yourself.

If someone was interested in donating to Turning Point, I’d want them to know how very much domestic violence services are needed and appreciated. We need a lot more awareness of domestic violence so that people understand the importance of supporting such organizations.