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TURNING POINT CELEBRATES ITS OWN SPECIAL OCCASION ON MARCH 17TH

VERONA, NJ – It was on March 17, 1975 that Turning Point, then located in Cedar Grove at the Essex County Hospital site, opened its doors to its first-ever clients: ten men struggling with alcoholism who could not afford to pay for private treatment.

Thirty-four years later, Turning Point has treated more than 35,000 people seeking recovery from their addiction. It has grown into a program that treats alcoholism, drug dependency and related mental health issues; both men and women; inpatient and outpatient clients; and provides services for up to 186 clients at any given time.

But one thing hasn't changed. As it does every year on March 17th, Turning Point once again held a festive Anniversary Celebration with a St. Patrick's themed luncheon. This year, nearly 175 clients, staff, Trustees and guests attended.

The event's highlight was the naming of two Employees of the Year. Geré Greene, Counselor Aide, and Dorothy Thomas, Medical Records Clerk, were selected by their co-workers as Turning Point's exemplary employees for 2009.

Turning Point provides effective and compassionate treatment for alcoholism, drug addiction and related mental health issues regardless of ability to pay. The agency was recognized as a model program in 2003 when the White House announced its nationwide Access to Recovery Treatment Initiative from a Turning Point treatment site. It is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. For more information, visit www.tpnj.org or call 973-239-9400.

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