

## Press Release

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### Join South Valley Services in Reaching Their Six Week Fundraising Goals!

**SOUTH JORDAN, UTAH** - As we approach the end of 2023, South Valley Services has launched a six-week fundraising campaign dedicated to raising awareness and fundraising for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Each week of this campaign focuses on a specific sector of SVS that donations help fund, highlighting various critical services we provide.

#### **Week Two: Spotlight on the Heart of Hope - Domestic Violence Shelters**

In our second week of the campaign, we are focusing on the essential role of domestic violence shelters within our communities. These shelters serve as a sanctuary for survivors, offering a haven where they can rebuild their lives free from abuse.

#### **SVS's Impact in 2023**

- Our South Jordan Shelter served 443 individuals, 202 of those being children, for a total of 14,160 bed nights.
- 3,589 hotline calls to our Salt Lake County number.
- Pathways Shelter (Tooele, UT) served 94 individuals, 35 of those children, for 3,427 bed nights.
- 402 Hotline/Crisis calls taken by Pathways (Tooele County).

#### **The Importance of Community Support**

Domestic violence shelters are lifelines for those seeking refuge from abusive situations. Through our campaign, we aim to underscore the vital importance of community support in sustaining and strengthening these crucial resources. This week is an invitation to our community to recognize the impact shelters have on the lives of survivors and to join us in supporting this fundamental cause.

"The holidays aren't a safe time for everyone, so spreading the word about shelter services at SVS is crucial this time of year. We want people to know that our shelter and hotline are staffed 24/7, including on the holidays," said SVS Development Director Josie White. "We also know that it's the small moments that make our lives and holidays rich, whether that's something like checking in with a loved one who might need help or pausing to donate to a charity like South Valley Services. We can all work together this season to give everyone the safety and support they deserve."

#### **Coming Weeks: A Glimpse into Our Campaign Themes**

- **Week Three: Community Services:** Highlighting the integral role of caseworkers, community resource centers, and clinical therapy in empowering survivors on their journey to healing.
- **Week Four: Children's Services in Domestic Violence:** Exploring the specialized support and services provided to children affected by domestic violence, emphasizing the importance of creating a safe environment for their growth and development.
- **Week Five: Pathways - Our Rural Shelter in Tooele, UT:** Highlighting the unique challenges and triumphs of Pathways, our rural shelter in Tooele, UT.

- **Week Six: Community Education and Prevention:** Wrapping up the campaign by focusing on education and prevention efforts, emphasizing the role of the community in breaking the cycle of domestic violence.

### Get Involved!

Join us in making a difference by contributing to South Valley Services. Your support enables us to continue providing critical services to survivors and working towards a future free from domestic violence.

To donate or learn more about our campaign, please visit [www.svsutah.org/donate](http://www.svsutah.org/donate).

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South Valley Services (SVS) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that has served the local community since 1998. South Valley Services is a survivor-centered organization where individuals impacted by domestic abuse and sexual violence can realize their own strength, courage, and resilience while on their path to an empowered future. For more information, please visit our website at [www.svsutah.org](http://www.svsutah.org).

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