



## **Press Release**

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### **Week Three: South Valley Services seeks public support for community-based survivor services – help us help survivors**

**WEST VALLEY, UTAH** - South Valley Services is halfway through its six-week fundraising campaign dedicated to raising awareness and support for survivors of domestic violence. We need the public's help to continue providing services at no cost to survivors. Each week of this campaign, we focus on a specific sector of SVS that funding helps support, highlighting various aspects of our mission and the critical services we provide. In the third week of our campaign, we are focusing on our community services and the importance of community members being aware of the resources available to them and the impact they can have.

Caseworkers, community resource centers, and clinical therapy services collectively form an integral support system, empowering survivors on their journey to healing. Resident S utilized our caseworker and therapy services. With this help she secured housing so her children could come from out of state to live with her, she obtained a better job with benefits that will help pay for school as she is planning to get her degree, and through our clinical department she has been able to start to heal and start EMDR therapy. She has stated "If it wasn't for SVS and being here I would be in survival mode, I wouldn't have been able to do any of these things."

### **The Importance of a Community Response Model**

Community Resource Centers serve a crucial role in assisting individuals in identifying and accessing tailored resources, covering areas such as family violence, referrals to other supportive programs, mental health, employment, and more. South Valley Services also extends housing services through its Housing Program. It is crucial we underscore the vital importance of community support in sustaining and strengthening these critical resources for domestic violence and sexual assault survivors. We urge everyone to join us in supporting this fundamental cause.

"Early on, South Valley Services realized that not all survivors needing help also needed emergency shelter," said SVS Development Director Josie White. "We saw a desperate need for community-based services where survivors could access the same services our shelter residents can – like case management and therapy – without a shelter stay. Without these resource hubs, thousands of survivors wouldn't receive the support they need to rebuild their lives. Community Resource Centers are a unique program in Salt Lake and Tooele Counties, so we're especially proud of the work we're doing and the help we've delivered to hundreds of clients."

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

Pathways (Tooele, UT)

- 64 adult survivors and one child received crisis intervention
- 123 adult survivors and nine children received victim advocacy services

- 47 adult survivors received individual or group counseling/support group
- 44 adult survivors and 10 children received criminal/civil legal advocacy

Salt Lake County Community Resource Centers (West Valley and Salt Lake City)

- 705 survivors received case management for a total of 1,848 hours provided.
- 450 survivors received clinical therapy services for a total of 1,557 hours.

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

- ***Week Four: Children Services in Domestic Violence***
- Explore 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***
- Showcasing the unique challenges and triumphs of Pathways, our rural shelter in Tooele, UT.
- ***Week Six: Community Education and Prevention***
- The final week is concluding the campaign by focusing on education and prevention efforts, emphasizing the community's role in breaking the cycle of domestic violence.

### Get Involved!

We invite you to make a difference by contributing to South Valley Services. Your support enables us to continue providing critical services to survivors and work towards a future free from domestic violence. To donate, 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).

### Provided Photos:

