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Domestic Violence Awareness Event Brings Tooele Community Together

Tooele, UT – October 17, 2024 – The Paint the Town Purple event, held on Friday, October 11 at Pratt Aquatic Center in Tooele City Park, was a heartfelt success, uniting around 80 members of the community to honor survivors of domestic violence and raising awareness during Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). Hosted by Pathways, a part of South Valley Services, the evening featured:

- Powerful speeches from both, Wendy Stilson, Pathways Shelter Director, and Carol Earnshaw, survivor and SVS board member.
- A cultural healing recognition during our candlelight vigil, led by Lillian Tsosie-Jensen born Yellow Woman, member of the Dineh' Nation. Her clan is Bitter Water, born for the Danish People. Lillian is a Traditional Practitioner
- A community mural dedicated to survivors and memorials with contributions from attendees.
- Local vendors offering support, including food trucks, local businesses and informational tables.
- An appearance from the Tooele chapter of Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA).

A special thank you goes to our amazing employees and volunteers who helped with planning, setup, and tear-down—whose dedication and hard work made this event possible. We are also deeply grateful to Limonada Drinks, Jurassic Tacos, Mr. G's Navajo Tacos, Dirty Dough Stuffed Cookies, and all the tabling vendors who generously supported the event, making it a memorable evening for all who attended.

"Together, we are raising awareness, showing survivors that they are not alone, and reinforcing our community's commitment to ending domestic violence," said Shelter Director, Wendy Stilson.

To learn more about Pathways: We will be participating in the 8th Annual Tooele City Downtown Trick-or-Treat! Stop into our Survivor Advocacy Center and say hello!

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About South Valley Services

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

