



# SVS

South Valley Services

SUPPORTING VOICES OF SURVIVORS

## ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024



**Dear Friends of South Valley Services,**

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the resilience, courage, and compassion displayed by our community. In the face of increasing demand, our organization has continued to provide life-saving services to individuals and families affected by domestic violence across Utah. This year, we've seen an overwhelming need for our shelter services, legal advocacy, and counseling programs, and thanks to your unwavering support, we've been able to provide vital support to survivors seeking care.

Through your generosity, we have expanded our programs and launched new outreach initiatives to better serve underserved populations in rural areas. By strengthening our partnerships with local agencies, law enforcement, and healthcare providers, we are dedicated to ensuring that survivors receive the holistic support they deserve.

This year, we supported over 3,800 individuals, with nearly 300 being children, on their journeys to safety and empowerment. Behind each statistic lies a story of resilience—survivors reclaiming their voices and transforming their lives.

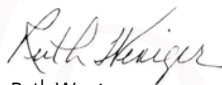
Yet, our mission is far from complete. The need for comprehensive resources is ever-growing, and we remain steadfast in our commitment to adapt and expand our services, ensuring that no one in our community faces domestic violence alone.

Thank you for standing with us. Together, we are forging a future free from violence, filled with hope and healing.

Sincerely,



Lindsey Boyer  
Executive Director  
South Valley Services



Ruth Weniger  
Board Chair  
South Valley Services

## OUR IMPACT IN SALT LAKE COUNTY AND TOOELE COUNTY



Served 3,812  
clients with 19,140  
total services



Sheltered 520  
clients for 16,245  
bed nights



Provided 2,065  
hours of case  
management to  
826 clients



Hosted 276  
educational  
events reaching  
6,851 people



Provided 1,298  
hours of therapy  
to 429 clients



Provided 3,301 hours  
of service through  
our Children's  
Learning Center

## 23-24 Board

**Ruth Weniger**, Chair  
**Ty Barnes**, Past Chair  
**Nicholas Nash**, Past Chair-Elect  
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## Updates from Salt Lake County

Our Education and Prevention Director revitalized the Financial Empowerment Program (FEP), which transitioned to a virtual format during COVID-19. Recognizing the importance of in-person learning, we brought the program back to our shelter and resource center. Financial education plays a crucial role in helping survivors of domestic violence regain control of their lives. By offering modules on financial abuse, budgeting, credit basics, loans, and savings/investment, this program equips survivors with the skills they need to rebuild their financial independence and create a stable future for themselves and their families.

Now that FEP is back in person, we're excited to watch this program grow and continue empowering survivors. The value of financial knowledge not only supports their immediate needs but also strengthens their long-term resilience. By fostering a safe and supportive environment, we aim to encourage open discussions about finances, breaking down the barriers that often hold survivors back. As participants engage in hands-on learning and share their experiences, we believe they will build confidence in managing their finances and making informed decisions.



## County Impact Spotlight:



Served over  
3,350 clients



Sheltered 435 clients  
for 12,690 bed nights



Answered 4,549 helpline calls  
1,100 Lethality Assessment calls




"The financial empowerment program was quite informative and gave me specific tasks I can do to help my credit score. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to learn more about money management."

– SVS Survivor

## Updates from Tooele County

Since opening our Survivor Advocacy Center in December 2023, we've established a welcoming space for Community Support Groups, providing essential resources for those impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault. Held every Tuesday, these sessions offer a supportive, judgment-free environment where individuals can connect, share experiences, and heal together. Our groups aim to reduce the isolation that survivors often feel, creating a safe space to discuss trauma's effects. Each meeting utilizes the Seeking Safety curriculum, offering practical tools for managing trauma and stress. Members find the curriculum relatable and empowering, engaging actively to voice frustrations and navigate personal challenges.

Beyond individual growth, the groups foster a strong sense of empowerment and connection. Many participants express relief in knowing they're not alone, finding strength in shared experiences and mutual encouragement. The camaraderie within these sessions often leads to lasting bonds, forming a supportive network that extends beyond weekly meetings. We're inspired by the growth and resilience we've witnessed and are grateful to have the Advocacy Center as a dedicated space for this vital support.



## County Impact Spotlight:



Served over  
450 clients



Sheltered 85 clients  
for 3,555 bed nights



Answered 989 helpline calls  
127 Lethality Assessment calls



"Survivors actively engage with the material, finding it relatable and meaningful. The group has become a safe haven where they can share their frustrations and ask important questions, fostering a sense of trust and support."

- Pathways Staff



## Donor Spotlight

Donna Rentmeister's journey with South Valley Services is a testament to the profound impact caring individuals have when they support their community. Her personal journey fuels her commitment to our mission, as a longtime donor, former Board of Trustees member, and a survivor, Donna is a powerful advocate for creating safe, supportive spaces for survivors.

Beyond her generous personal contributions, Donna has leveraged her support to make an even greater impact, helping us secure matching gifts from American Family Insurance and the American Family Dreams Foundation. Her efforts have provided significant resources in just three years, amplifying her commitment to our mission and showing how individual gifts can open doors to additional support.

Driven to uplift others, Donna has also been instrumental in organizing our first Strike Out the Violence event and our Community Fundraiser Breakfast. This year, as a Platinum Sponsor, she enabled us to host a keynote speaker and a meaningful author meet-and-greet, uniting the community around our mission.

Donna's story reminds us that each of us has the power to make a difference. Together, we build a community that stands with survivors, fostering hope, healing, and resilience. Join us in supporting this mission—because every contribution strengthens our community and creates lasting change.





# Volunteer Spotlight

Over the past year, volunteers have been essential to SVS, providing survivors with 1,603 hours of meaningful support. Their contributions created opportunities for healing, empowerment, and connection.

Volunteers organized activities for children that brought moments of joy and stability, such as holiday celebrations, craft sessions, and outdoor events. Others dedicated their time to assembling care kits, preparing meals, and creating welcoming spaces within our facilities, offering comfort to survivors during difficult times.

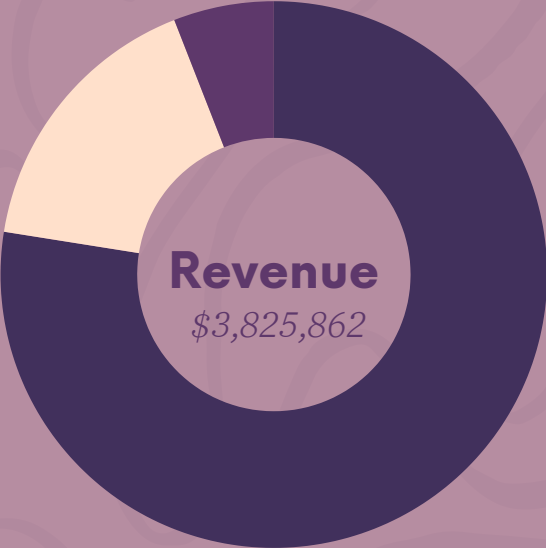
Some volunteers used their skills to enhance our spaces and services with yard work, assembling furniture, organizing resources, and preparing for seasonal activities like summer camp. Their efforts helped to create a supportive and functional environment for survivors and their families.

Every volunteer effort, whether large or small, demonstrated a commitment to fostering safety, dignity, and hope for survivors. Their presence sent a powerful message to survivors that their community values and supports them.

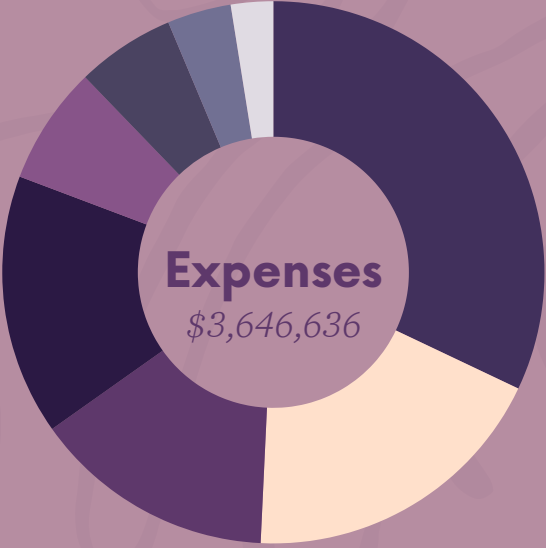
We are grateful to all who shared their time and talents with us this year. Volunteers' efforts make a profound and lasting impact on the lives of survivors and their families.



# Financial Information



- Government: \$2,965,265
- Private: \$633,464
- In-kind: \$226,882
- Other: \$250



- Sanctuary: \$1,104,677
- Pathways: \$699,429
- Admin: \$540,394
- Community Resource Center/Housing: \$581,712
- Fundraising: \$263,487
- Clinical: \$219,966
- Education: \$142,570
- Children's Learning Center: \$94,401

## Change in Net Assets: \$179,226

SVS realized a positive Change in Net Assets due to revenue recognized in FY 2024 that reimbursed SVS for fixed assets capitalized on the Statement of Financial Position. These fixed assets will be depreciated over their useful life.

# Looking Ahead

As we reflect on the incredible progress South Valley Services has achieved over the past few years, we are inspired by what is yet to come. Looking ahead, we know we can't settle with our current capacity. We must expand our ability to serve the unmet needs of our community through increasing bed space, housing, specialized clinical services, and ongoing supportive advocacy and case management. We have some work to do, and we need your support.

Today, we continue to face the difficult challenge of turning away survivors' requests for shelter services when our beds are full, while our staff works tirelessly to minimize the wait list for counseling services. Meanwhile, the need for community awareness and prevention education efforts has not diminished.

Our goal for the coming year is to increase the quality and capacity of services provided at our shelters and community advocacy centers. To achieve this, we will add additional groups and classes; we are committed to expanding our educational reach across Salt Lake and Tooele Counties to raise awareness and financial support for these critical life-saving services; and we are preparing to increase bed capacity with transitional housing to better support those in need.

We ask you to please look for ways you can support us in these efforts. Volunteer. Donate. Share our information with your networks and share your "why" for supporting SVS with friends and colleagues in your circles. With your help in expanding community support, we can achieve our goal to increase our capacity to serve more. Together we can build stronger community support and help lift survivors in their time of need, so they aren't alone while on their path to safety and an empowered future.



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