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**Pathways Shelter Selected for Utah Pollinator Habitat Program to Support Healing and Ecosystem Health**

**TOOELE, Utah — July 14, 2025—** South Valley Services is proud to announce that Pathways, its domestic violence shelter in Tooele County, has been selected as a recipient of 240 native Utah plants through the Utah Pollinator Habitat Program.

The three-year initiative will support Pathways’ 2025 Yard Revitalization Project, transforming the shelter’s outdoor space into a peaceful, healing sanctuary for survivors of domestic violence and their families.

“This project allows us to create a space that promotes healing and connection with nature,” said Wendy Stilson, Pathways Shelter Director. “We’re grateful to be part of a statewide effort that uplifts both people and pollinators.”

In addition to enhancing the Pathways property, the program contributes to increasing pollinator habitats throughout Utah—an essential step in preserving the state’s natural ecosystems. The Utah Pollinator Habitat Program is funded by House Bills 224 and 251, passed by the Utah State Legislature to support environmental stewardship and habitat restoration.

For more information about the Utah Pollinator Habitat Program, visit <https://ag.utah.gov/pollinator-habitat-program/>.

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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 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).