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## South Valley Services Launches Speakers' Bureau with Community Engagement Already Underway

Salt Lake County, UT — South Valley Services (SVS) is proud to announce the launch of its new Speakers Bureau, an initiative designed to ensure conversations about domestic violence are not only heard but truly understood and acted upon. The Speakers' Bureau engages influential and credible speakers who resonate with specific audiences, fostering deeper awareness, encouraging action, and helping break cycles of abuse through education and understanding.

The Bureau is already active in the community. This past weekend, members Jeanine, our Pathways Shelter Manager, and Shonie Christensen of The Shonie Insurance Group spoke at the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Park City, bringing attention to the realities of domestic violence and the importance of prevention and support. They are also scheduled to speak at a ChamberWest Event for Domestic Violence Awareness Month on October 14, continuing to amplify this critical conversation.

Our Executive Director, Lindsey Boyer said when asked about the Speakers Bureau:

"Domestic violence impacts individuals across every demographic, yet meaningful change begins when the right voices speak to the right audiences—voices that inspire understanding, challenge misconceptions, and drive action. By expanding beyond the capacity of SVS' education staff, the Speakers' Bureau makes it possible to connect with legislators, schools, community groups, cultural organizations, and others interested in learning more about domestic violence and sexual assault in Salt Lake and Tooele County."

Through this effort, SVS is working to keep the issue squarely in the public eye, empower communities with knowledge, and foster a society where domestic violence is recognized, addressed, and ultimately prevented.

To schedule a presentation, visit our website: https://svsutah.org/education/schedule-a-presentation/

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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



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Pictured: left, Shonie Christensen (2), to the right, Pathways Shelter Manager, Jeanine.