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**Board Update: Welcoming New Voices, Celebrating Ongoing & Outgoing Leadership**

**WEST JORDAN, Utah** — South Valley Services (SVS) is pleased to announce recent changes to its Board of Trustees, reflecting a continued commitment to strong leadership and community service.

Joining our board are Gary Cox and Heather Twede. Gary Cox is the Executive Officer to the Police Chief for West Jordan's Police Department 9 (returning in 2025 after retiring in 2009 as the Police Chief). Gary was one of the driving forces in the development and construction of South Valley Services in 1998. He will be stepping in with a wealth of history, insight, and passion to guide the organization into its next chapter. Heather is a Utah native with a background in accounting and auditing. Heather is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and holds a Master of Accounting. During her career, she has developed a deep understanding of financial reporting, internal controls, and compliance.

Alongside our newest additions, we are grateful for the continued dedication of our existing board members who bring invaluable leadership, expertise, and passion to our mission. Our board includes Ruth Weniger, Eric Kropf, Eric Montague, Michael Harris, Romy Humphries, and Libby Vasiljevic. Each member plays a vital role in guiding our work and ensuring that we remain strong in our commitment to supporting survivors and strengthening our community.

In addition, Ruth Weniger transitioned from Interim Board Chair to Board Chair, and Eric Kropf and Eric Montague were elected Treasurer and Secretary, respectively.

A thank you to Michael Harris for his time spent as our Treasurer, and to Joanne Miller for her time spent as our previous Secretary. We'd also like to extend an additional thank you to Michael for his help in our acquisition of [Pathways in 2023](#).

Rita Wright, Carol Earnshaw, and Joanne Miller transitioned out of their roles with the board this past fiscal year. We thank them for their dedication, time, and contributions to advancing our mission.

"We are grateful for the dedication of our outgoing board members and thrilled to have both long-standing and new leaders helping us shape the future of South Valley Services," said Executive Director Lindsey Boyer. "Their combined experience and commitment strengthen our ability to fulfill our mission and serve our community."

South Valley Services remains committed to being 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, working alongside community members, partners, and supporters to create lasting impact.

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Above, to the Left, Heather Twede, to the right, Gary Cox.

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