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***Survivors gain expanded access to safe housing and healing with sanctuary serving Carbon & Emery Counties***

*January 20 SVS Ribbon-cutting honors continued access to safety, healing, and stability for survivors and families*

**Carbon County, Utah — January 12, 2026** — SVS will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony on **January 20** to mark the opening of **Colleen’s Sanctuary** (previously known as the Colleen Quigley Women’s Center) **servicing both Carbon and Emery Counties**. The sanctuary strengthens Utah’s statewide network of protection and healing for survivors and their children, particularly in rural communities where access to services is limited.

The sanctuary became a part of SVS in response to a continued need for safe, confidential spaces where survivors can begin to heal, regain stability, and make choices about their futures. Designed with survivor dignity, privacy, and well-being at the forefront, the sanctuary offers more than shelter — it provides a place to rest, recover, and reconnect.

“This sanctuary represents a commitment to survivors — to their safety, autonomy, and healing,” said Lindsey Boyer, Executive Director of SVS. “Growing our support to rural Utahans in the state; it’s about ensuring more survivors are met with compassion, respect, and meaningful support when they reach out.”

With the taking on of this sanctuary, SVS expands its ability to provide trauma-informed advocacy, housing support, counseling, and connections to long-term resources. The organization serves survivors across multiple counties and continues to focus on outcomes that promote safety, stability, and self-determination.

The ribbon cutting will bring together community partners, local leaders, and supporters who played a role in making the sanctuary possible. The event will highlight the importance of community investment in survivor-centered solutions and the collective effort required to address domestic violence in Utah.

**Public Ribbon Cutting Details:**

- **Location:** Carbon County Chamber of Commerce
- **Date:** January 20, 2025
- **Time:** 12:00 p.m. MT
- **Colleen’s Sanctuary Webpage:** <https://svsutah.org/colleens/>

Community members, leaders, partners, and members of the media are invited to attend. Interviews and photo opportunities will be available.

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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).