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Mary Kay Ash Foundation® Selects SVS Among National Shelter Grant Recipients with \$20,000 award

Mary Kay Ash Foundation® Awarded Over \$1 Million in Grants to 51 Domestic Violence Shelters in the US

Utah (March 9, 2026) – In support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October 2025), Mary Kay Ash Foundation® announced that it was awarding \$1 million in grants to 51 domestic violence shelters across the country. SVS received a \$20,000 unrestricted grant to support local survivors of domestic violence in Utah.

The Mary Kay Ash Foundation® was established in 1996 with the overarching purpose of supporting issues impacting women. In 2000, the Foundation expanded to include ending domestic violence as part of its mission. The Foundation is committed to funding the life-saving work of women’s shelters, and the annual shelter grant program has helped finance critical needs, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, counseling, and legal aid. All these resources support women and children as they seek refuge and relief on their journey to an abuse-free life. In 2025, more than 400 organizations applied for the Mary Kay Ash Foundation Domestic Violence Shelter Grant.

“Thanks to unrestricted grants, we can address our communities’ most pressing needs, ranging from physical shelter and trauma counseling to legal aid and on-site pet kennels. When a woman makes the difficult decision to leave, SVS can help ensure survivors have access to everything they need,” said Executive Director, SVS, Lindsey Boyer.

Unrestricted funding is one of the most powerful investments a community can make in domestic violence services. Unlike restricted grants that limit how dollars can be used, unrestricted support allows organizations to respond in real time to survivors’ most urgent needs — whether that’s covering a hotel stay when shelter is full, replacing a car battery so someone can get to work, hiring and retaining trained advocates, or keeping lights on in rural facilities. It creates flexibility, stability, and sustainability. For survivors, that flexibility can mean faster help, fewer barriers, and more individualized support. Unrestricted funding doesn’t just support programs — it strengthens the entire safety net.

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About the Mary Kay Ash Foundation®

Guided by Mary Kay Ash’s dream to enrich the lives of women everywhere, the Mary Kay Ash Foundation® raises and distributes funds to end domestic violence and invest in breakthrough cancer research to find cures for women-related cancers. Since 1996, the Mary Kay Ash Foundation has contributed more than \$98 million to organizations aligned with its two-fold mission. In addition, the Foundation supports awareness initiatives, community outreach programs, and advocates for legislation to ensure women are healthy and safe. Together, we can make the world better for women. To learn more about how to educate, advocate, volunteer, donate, and join life-saving work to support and empower women, visit marykayashfoundation.org, find us on Facebook and Instagram.

SVS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that has served the local community since 1998. SVS 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.