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14 Downton Salt Lake City Art Installations Spotlight Domestic Violence and Survivor Support
SVS, YWCA Utah, and Craft Lake City invite residents to explore a free outdoor BannerWorks exhibition during Domestic Violence Awareness Month

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Utah, October 13, 2026 — During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, SVS, the YWCA, Utah, and Craft Lake City are partnering to bring awareness of domestic violence and available community resources to residents throughout Salt Lake County through a public art campaign and community partnerships.

Craft Lake City's BannerWorks series is a public art initiative led by Craft Lake City. **14 Artist-designed banners** have been installed along Broadway (300 South) to spark conversation, increase awareness, and connect individuals to resources available for survivors of domestic violence and abuse. The exhibition is free and open to the public 24 hours a day during October.

To celebrate the collaboration and recognize supporters, SVS and the YWCA Utah recently hosted a 1920s-themed speakeasy event sponsored by [Sysco](#), [FinWise Bank](#) and [Rentmeister & Associates Inc.](#) This event reflected on how dramatically services for survivors have evolved over the last century. While survivors in the 1920s had few resources and limited support systems, today's community-based organizations work together to provide advocacy, shelter, transitional housing, education, and lifesaving services for those experiencing domestic violence.

"Seeing the SVS and WYCA Utah logos displayed together during Domestic Violence Awareness Month is a powerful reminder of what we can accomplish through partnership," said Executive Director Lindsey Boyer. "While this shared event is a new way of coming together, our organizations have been collaborating for years in support of survivors and safer communities."

"When we look back at what survivors, advocates, and community members built together, we're reminded that meaningful change has always been rooted in collaboration," Boyer said. "Their work made today's services possible, and it inspires us to keep moving forward, strengthening programs, and building safer communities for future generations."

The event brought together community leaders, advocates, artists, supporters, and partner organizations to recognize the importance of collective action in addressing domestic violence and supporting survivors.

"A century ago, domestic abuse was largely kept behind closed doors. People heard it through the walls, saw the signs, and too often called it a private matter and looked away. Tonight, we are bringing that conversation onto Broadway, into public view, through art, through stories, and through the willingness to stand together and say, " This happens here; these are our people."" YWCA Utah CEO Liz Owens said at last Friday's speakeasy event.

Throughout Domestic Violence Awareness Month, SVS has partnered with organizations across Salt Lake County to increase community awareness and encourage conversations about prevention, support, and available resources.

Community members are encouraged to visit the [BannerWorks](#) installations, learn more about local resources, and help raise awareness by sharing the project with friends, family, and neighbors.

How to get involved: Spread the word by sharing photos of our installation on social media and tag @svs.utah.org and @ywcautah | Donate to [SVS](#) and [YWCA Utah](#) | Volunteer with [SVS](#) or [YWCA Utah](#).

Media Resources Available: Downloadable photos, B-roll video, event footage, and interview opportunities are available [via this drive link](#). media assets include:
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themed event footage unity engagement and event highlights

Interview Opportunities: Representatives from SVS, participating artists, and project partners are available for interviews regarding Domestic Violence Awareness Month initiatives, survivor advocacy and resources, the importance of community partnerships addressing domestic violence and the impact of public art as an awareness-building tool.

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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.