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## **Press Release**

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### **Verizon HopeLine® grant helps DOVE Center support survivors of domestic violence**

**St. George, UT**—DOVE Center, a non-profit agency serving survivors of domestic and sexual violence throughout Washington and Kane counties, received a Verizon HopeLine® grant to expand its work with individuals impacted by domestic violence.

“This generous contribution from Verizon HopeLine enables us to expand our awareness and prevention programs, making it possible to reach more members of our community and make a lasting impact,” said Lindsey Boyer, Executive Director of DOVE Center.

DOVE Center will use the \$3,500 grant from Verizon HopeLine in awareness and prevention programs. These educational programs are adaptable for any age, but are geared towards teens and young adults who are just beginning to engage in dating and/or intimate relationships. Participants learn about the warning signs of abuse and the realities of domestic and sexual violence. They learn how to show respect, get consent, and communicate boundaries in relationships. Additionally, information is provided on how to seek help for oneself or a friend in case of abuse or assault.

Verizon HopeLine supports domestic violence prevention and awareness programs across the country. HopeLine provides ways for individuals to take action against domestic violence by donating no-longer-used wireless phones and accessories in any condition from any service provider. Phones that can be refurbished are sold for reuse and those without value are disposed of in an environmentally sound way. Proceeds from the program are used to provide wireless phones and cash grants to local shelters and non-profit organizations that focus on domestic violence prevention and awareness.

“Verizon is committed to helping end domestic violence, and the HopeLine program allows us to honor that commitment,” said Krista Bourne, President-South Central Market, Verizon. “Wireless phones and technology are vital links for all of us. But they are also lifelines for domestic violence victims and survivors in times of crisis to get help and to stay connected with family, friends and employers.”

HopeLine phone donations are accepted at all Verizon Wireless stores across Utah. For more information about Verizon HopeLine, visit <http://www.verizon.com/about/responsibility/hopeline>.

To learn more about DOVE’s awareness and prevention programs, submit an inquiry to [outreach@dovecenter.org](mailto:outreach@dovecenter.org) or call the DOVE Center office at 435-628-1204.

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Note for the editor: DOVE Center is a 501.c.3 not-for-profit organization committed to providing safe, caring, and confidential shelter, advocacy, and support for victims of domestic violence, rape, and sexual assault; and to reducing the incidents of abuse through prevention education. For more information go to [www.dovecenter.org](http://www.dovecenter.org)