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DOVE Center Announces Newcomers to Board of Trustees

St George, UT – DOVE Center, a local service provider for victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault, recently welcomed two new members to its Board of Trustees. Making up the class of 2017 are Miriah Elliott and Jillene Lander, both of whom reside in the St. George area.

Elliott, who is originally from Idaho, moved to the area in 2015 to work as in-house counsel for a small renewable energy company. She brings a strong commitment to helping women and children achieve their potential; and has an unmistakable enthusiasm for DOVE's mission. Elliott was elected last week to a four-year term on the Ivins City Council.

Lander has lived in St. George for 16 years. She has been actively involved with many nonprofits serving women and children and was a founding member of Assistance League of Southern Utah. Her professional background is in marketing and business development.

Trustees work closely with DOVE Center staff and play an active role on various committees such as community partnerships, prevention education, marketing and communications, volunteering, and fundraising. "I can't say enough about how much I appreciate the experience, wisdom and dedication of our trustees," said Lindsey Boyer, DOVE Center's Executive Director. "The work we do with survivors is so vital to our community, and our trustees do so much to help us expand our reach and improve delivery of services to those who need it most."

In addition to welcoming two new trustees, the Board also elected a new President and Vice President. Ruth Weniger, a Trustee since 2015, will serve as President; and Natalie Ashby, a Trustee since 2016 will serve as Vice President. They replace Cindy Richardson and Teri Koenig, respectively, who will remain on the board for one more year of service. "I'm especially grateful for the leadership Cindy and Teri provided during my first few years as Executive Director," Boyer said. "During that time, they rallied to increase board involvement with fundraising, and their influence strengthened the connections between board member talents and the needs of the organization. I really want to thank them for their leadership, and what they did to take DOVE to the next level."

The new trustees join existing board members mentioned above, along with Sharon Hoiekvam, Secretary; Mary Lloyd Barth, Treasurer; Thomas Bayles, Leslie Bowler, Lori Burgess, Shonie Christensen, Tammie Richeson, Amori Shaw, and Debra Townsend.

Board members meet monthly and may serve up to two, three-year terms. To learn more about board service, email info@dovecenter.org or call 435-628-1204.

DOVE Center is a local agency that provides emergency shelter, advocacy, counseling, and transitional housing to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. More information is available at www.dovecenter.org.

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Note for the editor: DOVE Center is a 501.c.3 not-for-profit organization committed to cultivating an informed community free from domestic and sexual violence. We empower survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault through education and resources to increase safety and promote healing from trauma. For more information go to www.dovecenter.org



Miriah Elliott, DOVE Trustee



Jillene Lander, DOVE Trustee