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### **DOVE Center receives \$30,000 “Helping Hands” donation**

ST. GEORGE, UTAH – A small gathering of DOVE Center employees, board members, Allstate agents, Allstate Corporate representatives and supporters converged at Erin’s House to watch as DOVE was presented with the \$30,000 Helping Hands grant from The Allstate Foundation.

This is the second year that DOVE has received the Allstate Foundation Helping Hands Grant, thanks to a group of Allstate agents who are the direct driving force behind DOVE being awarded the funding.

In addition to the “Helping Hands” grant, local Allstate agents Shonie Christensen, Greg Lund, Ryan Bishop, and Richard Harris, along with 26 other Utah Allstate Agents, held in-kind donation drives at their offices. Items gathered through the drive were donated to 13 different shelters across the state.

“Nationally, the domestic abuse statistics are 1 in 4, and in Utah it’s 1 in 3,” Dove board member and Allstate agency owner, Shonie Christensen said. “This is obviously something that’s a major problem and it’s something that Allstate feels very, very strongly about—trying to get out and empower survivors.”

While government grants provide a portion of DOVE’s funding, having private donors and grants from agencies like The Allstate Foundation allows DOVE to serve an even wider variety of clients.

“It’s really a critical thing to have what we refer to as unrestricted funding from private foundations,” Lindsey Boyer, Executive Director of DOVE Center said. “It helps us build the programs that really make the biggest difference.”

Each grant and donation DOVE receives allows the agency to continue to grow their services and support for survivors of domestic abuse in Washington County.

“The DOVE Center Board and staff extend our gratitude to Shonie for her tireless advocacy on behalf of domestic violence survivors,” DOVE Board President, Ruth Weniger said. “Because of her efforts and co-ordination with Allstate agents across the state, survivors will know that our communities care.”

If you or a loved one is in need of information or resources concerning domestic violence, please call DOVE Center’s 24-hour help line at 435-628-0458; or visit their website at [www.dovecenter.org](http://www.dovecenter.org).

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**About DOVE Center:** 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, visit [www.dovecenter.org](http://www.dovecenter.org).

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