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Verizon HopeLine® grant helps DOVE Center to expand prevention education, digital outreach

ST.GEORGE, UT – For the eighth year in a row, DOVE Center has received the Verizon HopeLine® grant, which will help the organization to grow its services, education programs and outreach.

DOVE Center is Southern Utah and surrounding area's local agency dedicated to serving survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault. Funds from the HopeLine® grant are awarded to any local non-profits that are committed to providing domestic violence awareness.

"Verizon shows continued commitment to helping survivors of domestic abuse with the HopeLine® grant and we are so thankful," Lindsey Boyer, Executive Director of DOVE Center said. "It truly allows us to expand our reach as we are entering into a dominant digital age."

DOVE Center intends to use the funds from the grant to further its digital communications development, with a focus on educating through social media and newsletter content. The organization promotes topics such as identifying signs of abuse, knowing basic rights, prioritizing safety and where to find local resources.

Funds will also help DOVE to continue its prevention and awareness education. So far, the organization has provided prevention education to over 1,500 middle and high school students in the Washington County School District. The interactive presentations touch on topics like respect, consent and sticking up for peers. Students are also given information on how to report abuse.

DOVE provides similar courses to various community organizations in Washington and Kane counties.

To learn more about DOVE's awareness and prevention programs, submit an inquiry to outreach@dovecenter.org or call 435-628-1204. If you or someone you know is in need of immediate resources or help, please call DOVE's 24-hour helpline, 435-628-0458 to speak with an advocate. To make a donation, visit 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. Our mission is to 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.