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**DOVE Center's 2023 Annual Gala to demonstrate survivors' perseverance  
with artistic performance**

**ST. GEORGE** — DOVE Center's largest fundraiser is back in person with the organization's 10th Annual Gala "Voices of Courage" scheduled to take place March 4, 2023. The event aims to raise funds for survivors and share stories of their perseverance.

Executive Director Jillian Penhale said the organization's annual gala is a great way for the community to become involved with DOVE's mission of empowering survivors of domestic abuse and sexual violence.

"We served more than 1,300 survivors this past year," Penhale said. "These survivors experienced crimes that typically thrive in silence. We want them to know that they're not alone, and DOVE is here to help."

The event — presented by [The Staples Group at Sun American Mortgage](#) — will take place in the Garden Ballroom at the Dixie Convention Center March 4, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. In addition to a dinner, live auction and opportunities to donate to DOVE Center, the event will also feature an artistic performance interweaving survivors' stories with dance and music. The performance will feature dancers from Utah Tech University's dance department.

Janice Brooks, a member of the organization's Board of Directors, is artistically curating this year's gala entertainment and said she believes the performance will articulate the strength and courage survivors face in sharing their experiences.

"It is a brave feat to share one's traumatic experience and also seek help," Brooks said. "We want this performance and event to inspire our community to become a part of the solution in breaking that silence."

Funds raised during the event will be used to provide free and inclusive trauma-informed services to survivors in Washington and Kane counties. These services include safe shelter, transitional housing, individual and family counseling, support groups, prevention education for youth, and more.

Tickets are \$150 with an option to buy a table of eight seats for \$1,200. To learn more about the event and purchase tickets, you can visit [www.dovecenter.org/annual-fundraisers/annual-gala/](http://www.dovecenter.org/annual-fundraisers/annual-gala/).

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### About DOVE Center

DOVE Center is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is dedicated to providing shelter, advocacy and counseling to survivors of domestic abuse, dating violence, sexual assault, rape, sex trafficking and stalking in Washington and Kane counties.

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