

Midway City Council  
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## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION 2022



**Whereas**, domestic violence remains a pervasive issue across Wasatch County, Utah the United States, and the world with implications for personal and community health; and

**Whereas**, domestic violence does not discriminate, touching all communities regardless of age, race, disability, gender identity or socioeconomic status; and

**Whereas**, Peace House provided services and support to 80 Wasatch residents including 6 people from Midway City to include emergency shelter, transitional housing, therapy, case management and legal advocacy; and

**Whereas**, in Utah, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men are physically abused by an intimate partner; and

**Whereas**, in Utah, 42% of adult homicides are domestic violence related; and

**Whereas**, considering medical expenses, lost productivity, legal costs, and property loss and damage, domestic violence costs victims nearly \$103,767 over their lifetime and collectively costs the United States \$3.6 trillion per year; and

**Whereas**, research shows that by creating communities where people are connected, supportive and care for one another, there are fewer incidents of domestic violence; and

**Whereas**, every day in Midway City individuals and organizations play a part in supporting people impacted by domestic violence, by providing services including therapeutic, legal, educational, housing, advocacy, and medical services; and

**NOW**, Therefore Be It Resolved that Midway City Mayor Celeste Johnson and the Midway City Council on behalf of all residents of Midway does hereby proclaim October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We invite the community to act by acknowledging the various community resources and opportunities that help shed light on this insidious epidemic that so many of our friends, families and community members experience. We ask that you “Be the Light” in dark times for those individuals by highlighting their strength, hope and resiliency. Together, we can make a difference in Midway City and Wasatch County.



September 20, 2022

24 HOUR HELPLINE:  
(800) 647-9161  
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Dear Mayor Johnson and Midway City Council Members,


We respectfully request \$5,000 in support of essential victim services at the Peace House community campus. Peace House was established in response to a specific community need. After two homicides related to domestic violence occurred in Park City in 1990 and 1992, concerned community members mobilized and organized the construction of the first Peace House emergency shelter, which opened in 1995. Interpersonal violence is a national public health issue, but it is particularly prevalent in the state of Utah. Whereas 1 in 4 women are affected by domestic violence in the country, 1 in 3 women are impacted in Utah. Statewide reports also indicate that Utah's homicide rate is one of the lowest in the nation, but domestic-violence-related deaths account for approximately 42 percent of the murders, which is much higher than the national average. The recent tragic news of the homicide motivated by domestic violence in Heber City was a sobering reminder of the urgency and importance of our work. Peace House has developed into an established nonprofit organization and now serves as a community hub for interpersonal violence programming and sexual assault resources for Wasatch and Summit Counties.

Based in the new 42,000 square-foot community campus in Summit County, Peace House seeks to first provide shelter and physical safety, and then to support victims in emotional and economic empowerment. We meet basic, immediate needs of survivors, like that of food and shelter, while offering wrap-around support services, including clinical therapy and case management, to create opportunities for permanent housing and gainful employment. We also provide prevention education in all local schools and many community spaces. During the 2021-22 fiscal year, 81 women, 13 men, and 63 children stayed in emergency shelter for 5,511 nights of safety. The Peace House case management team served 182 survivors, and 88 adults and 45 children participated in counseling services. We are proud to report that 70% of residents who exited emergency shelter transitioned into safe, permanent housing in the 2020-21 fiscal year. That success rate is a testament to our effective service model and the comprehensive range of housing support available at Peace House.

Last year, Peace House provided services to 80 Wasatch County residents with six of those survivors coming from Midway City. These Midway residents were provided emergency shelter, housing, therapy, case management and legal advocacy.

The support of Midway City ensures that Peace House 24/7 services are available at a survivor's greatest time of need. Our commitment to a continuum of care for adults and children affected by domestic violence creates opportunities for these families to break the cycle of abuse, heal and thrive.

With sincere gratitude,

  
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