



HOPE & HEALING CELEBRATION



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11th Annual Hope & Healing Celebration to Support Survivors of Sexual Violence

(Salt Lake City, UT) – Join us **on** Saturday, *April 29th, 2023*, for the Rape Recovery Center's largest annual fundraiser, the Hope and Healing Celebration. This event brings the community together each year to raise money to support survivors and the Rape Recovery Center's vital services. The demand for our services is at an all-time high. In 2022, Rape Recovery Center staff served 2,791 individuals and reached 1 Million people through our community outreach efforts.

Sexual violence impacts all communities; 1 in 3 women, 1 in 6 men, and 1 in 2 trans individuals will experience a sexual assault in their lifetime. The Rape Recovery Center, a staple of Utah since 1974, strives to empower those victimized by sexual violence through advocacy, crisis intervention, and therapy and to educate about the cause, impact, and prevention of sexual violence. "Our center has been a safe and healing resource for survivors of sexual violence for decades. During Sexual Assault Awareness month, we are celebrating our progress and fundraising for the future," says [Sonya Martinez-Ortiz](#), Executive Director.

This year, Donna Hawxhurst, will be recognized as the 2023 Pillar of Hope Awardee. Donna Hawxhurst is a pillar of the national and local anti-violence field, a key proponent and leading scholar of feminist counseling scholarship and practices and one of the Rape Recovery Center's longest-standing donors and supporters.

"We are excited to bring community together in support of survivors and the work the Rape Recovery Center does to end sexual violence in Utah. Every year the number of survivors reaching out increases and we hope to continue serving every single survivor that comes to our doors. Every donation makes a significant impact in our shared communities." says Flor Olivo, Development Director.

We call upon the community to support us in our mission to empower survivors through advocacy, crisis intervention, therapy, and prevention education so that we can create a world where every survivor receives the support they need to heal and recover and where sexual violence is prevented before it occurs.

"Each year the number of survivors coming forward increases and we hope the community's support during the Hope and Healing Celebration will allow us to continue serving every survivor that comes to our doors."

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