



THE REFUGE  
UTAH

*Building Safety and Hope*



# A CRITICAL NEED

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The Refuge has a legacy of serving survivors in Utah, Juab, Wasatch, and Carbon Counties, unfortunately, our facilities have not kept pace with growth. Today's shelter facility and ancillary service spaces are the same as the ones they have inhabited for over 40 years and are simply inadequate to meet the current demand for services, let alone projected growth. Annually we have over 450 requests for shelter that we cannot fulfill due to our facilities being at capacity. Domestic violence rates remain high 1 out of 3 of women and 1 out of 5 of men in Utah will experience intimate partner physical violence in their lifetime.

*Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness in Utah County accounting for 29% of homelessness.*

The need has never been greater. The demand for safe shelter, supportive services, and transitional housing continues to grow. By building this new, expanded campus, we can meet this urgent need head on and provide safety, hope, and a path to healing for thousands more each year. This is more than a building project. It's an investment in saving lives, restoring hope, and creating a stronger, safer future for our entire community.



# A TRANSFORMATIVE CAMPUS

Our vision is clear: to expand and strengthen our services to meet the current and growing needs of the four counties we serve. The Refuge's Board of Directors and staff have developed transformative plans to address our space constraints and expand services by building a brand-new unified campus of services.

*This new campus will include:*

- Expanded Emergency Shelter
- Advocacy and Services Center
- Additional on and off site Transitional Housing

The Refuge Utah has purchased 4.09 acres of land in Orem near State Street and 800 North for its new campus. This land provides the ideal location for that campus as it is located near public transportation, schools, health care facilities, and other critical resources needed for healing and independence. This location will keep the campus easily accessible while remaining discrete and safe for survivors.

## EMERGENCY SHELTER

A new **34,000 square-foot** shelter consisting of **48 rooms** with **138 beds**. The design would allow maximum flexibility in serving survivors and their families, with flexible room layouts and accommodations for larger families. This building will include tech centers and group classrooms for residents.



*Healing*

## ADVOCACY & SERVICES CENTER

An all-inclusive, **12,000 square-foot** Advocacy and Services Center with rooms for open meetings, private meetings, therapy, and office space will serve as a crucial hub for victims and their children to access the resources, counseling, and support they need. A full child care facility will also be on site.

*Safety*



*Hope*



*"I am very grateful for the help from The Refuge Utah and think more women would reach out if they knew of the available resources. It's freeing to know, that just like many woman before me, I can do this."*

-Survivor of domestic violence

## TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

**12 units** of transitional housing on site and an additional **4 units** off site for families and individuals who have been affected by domestic violence which would serve 60 adults and children annually. Families would be supported while in this housing for up to **24 months**.



## COMMUNITY IMPACT

- **Increases Shelter Beds:** Increasing capacity from 25 to 138 beds means more individuals and families can find immediate safety.
- **Greater Support for Survivors:** Expanded facilities will allow us to serve significantly more survivors with critical, life-saving services.
- **Increased Transitional Housing:** Increasing units from 8 to 24 helps more survivors take the next step toward long-term stability.
- **Centralized Services:** On site victim services streamline access to counseling, advocacy, and case management.
- **Stronger Community Impact:** With increased capacity and services, we can break the cycle of violence for more families and create a safer, healthier community for all.



## Projected Timeline

*The total cost of our transformative project is \$35 million, a vital investment in the future safety and stability of our community. This funding will support the purchase of land, construction of an expanded emergency shelter, a dedicated victim services building, and both on-site and off-site transitional housing with construction taking place in phases. Each component is designed to provide comprehensive care, support, and a path forward for individuals and families escaping violence and rebuilding their lives.*

- SUMMER 2024  
*Launch of Capital Campaign*
- FALL 2026  
*Ground breaking of new campus  
Construction begins of shelter and  
victim advocacy center*
- FALL 2028  
*Construction of final phase of  
transitional housing begins*
- SUMMER 2030  
*Completion of final phases of project*