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Salt Lake City Takes Action Against Sexual Violence

Roundtable Discussion to Educate and Empower the Community

SALT LAKE CITY –The Mayor’s Office of Diversity and Human Rights and the Salt Lake City Human Rights Commission will co-host a Community Dialogue on Sexual Violence to be held tomorrow night, Wednesday, October 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Sorenson Unity Center. Together with the Rape Recovery Center, a 33-year-old local organization focused on empowering those victimized by sexual violence, the groups will offer dialogue about the causes, impacts and prevention strategies of sexual violence.

“Rape is the sole violent crime statistic in Utah that remains higher than the national average,” said Heather Stringfellow, executive director of the Rape Recovery Center. “Now is the time to get creative about solutions and strategies to turn the tide away from sexual violence.”

“Empowerment comes through education. All residents deserve to become better armed with the right tools for prevention,” added Yolanda Francisco-Nez, coordinator of the Mayor’s Office of Diversity and Human Rights. “We encourage individuals to contribute as participants in the dialogue, advocate for victims, and find additional ways to bring about increased understanding and real change.”

The event is free and open to all. The Sorensen Unity Center is located at 1383 S. 900 West in Salt Lake City. Roundtable discussions will be facilitated by local leaders in both Spanish and English.

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