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## SMG and Paras Furniture Help with Domestic Violence Shelter Make-over

Rooms painted, new furniture and books for South Valley Services

The West Jordan shelter for victims of domestic violence is undergoing a makeover with the help of employees from SMG/Salt Lake and a donation of new furniture from Paras Furniture. South Valley Services provides safe shelter and supportive services to women, men and their children who have been affected by domestic violence. [www.svsutah.org](http://www.svsutah.org)

SMG manages the Salt Lake County-owned Calvin L. Rampton Salt Palace Convention Center, the South Towne Exposition Center and the Salt Lake County Equestrian Park. The company-wide Employee Action Committee selects service projects that will benefit people in need in the Salt Lake area.

Over a dozen SMG employees turned out last Monday for the painting project that included the common area living room, the teen/computer room and the children's playroom. A crew from the Specialty Crafts Department brought all the necessary equipment and painting supplies. Teams tackled cleaning the walls, taping and painting. Two of the Salt Palace engineers designed and illustrated a mural for the children's playroom replete with drawings of undersea life.

Paras Furniture is a key partner in this project and will deliver three new couches for the living area **on Monday, August 31**. The well-worn fabric furniture will be replaced with sturdy, bonded leather furniture.

The third part of the project included a book drive at the SMG facilities to help enhance the shelter's teen and adult library. Over 100 books were collected during the one-month drive and were delivered last week.

This project was one of four selected by the Employee Action Committee for 2015. The spring project was a playground renovation and yard clean-up at the Christmas Box House, a Salt Lake County facility for children and teens. A winter clothing drive for the homeless is part of the fall effort and children at the Shriner's Hospital will benefit from the winter project. Over the past three years, SMG has not only spent time working in the community, but it regularly donates products left over from various conferences. These donations have benefited Camp Hobé, a summer camp for children with cancer, the Salt Lake Education Foundation, the YWCA and other non-profit organizations.

South Valley Services opened in 1998 with the objective of providing a safe shelter, resource and referral services, and self-sufficiency programs for survivors of domestic violence. The organization has an active Prevention and Education team that educates the community about domestic violence and coordinates the West Jordan Domestic Violence Coalition, Riverton Domestic Violence Coalition and COLAVI.

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