



## COMMUNITY ABUSE PREVENTION SERVICES AGENCY

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### **News Release** *For Immediate Release*

#### **Independence Place Neighborhood Official** *Providing local victims of abuse with more than just a home*

**LOGAN, Utah – June 10, 2010** – On Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010, Community Abuse Prevention Services Agency showcased two of its proposed nine homes of the Transitional Housing Program with a ribbon cutting ceremony at Independence Place Neighborhood located in Logan, Utah. Many community supporters and donors, CAPSA board members and staff, and elected officials turned out for the event.

Independence Place Neighborhood will enable victims of abuse the opportunity to leave the vicious cycle of violence and poverty in their past and forge onward to a new and better life. "We're able to show them there are resources out there. There's a path for you to do this," said Jill Anderson, Executive Director of CAPSA. "Knowing their housing is taken care of and they can move beyond surviving day-to-day is an incredible opportunity for them and it's really exciting for us to watch them fly and succeed."

The Transitional Housing Program is not only designed to provide a roof over head, but is also committed to helping victims strive to become financially stable, more self-sufficient, and goal oriented. "For all of us, a basic necessity is a safe place to go to so we can succeed and progress in life," said Jill Anderson. "We will advocate; we will support; we will walk them through, step by step."

Jenny Erazo, a former client of CAPSA, said she has the Transitional Housing Program to thank for her success and the safety of her family. "I was able to graduate from Utah State University in May, and will be starting a Master's program in the fall," said Jenny. "Three years ago, I never would have been able to do that."

CAPSA will continue trying to raise \$850,000 to complete the seven vacant lots at Independence Place Neighborhood. Many local businesses have been a great asset for CAPSA. CAPSA thanks all who have helped this five year process become reality. If you would like to donate or need more information, call 435-753-2500 or visit [www.capsa.org](http://www.capsa.org).

#### **About CAPSA**

CAPSA is a non-profit organization located in Logan that is dedicated to providing safe, caring, and confidential shelter, advocacy, and support for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, and to reducing incidents of abuse through prevention education. CAPSA services include a 24-hour crisis line and mobile crisis response team; emergency shelter and food; individual crisis intervention and case management; educational support groups; coordination of services with other local agencies; on-site sexual assault forensic exams and law enforcement interviews; protective order and civil stalking

injunction assistance; court advocacy; children's programs; and educational presentations and workshops. All CAPSA services are free and are provided in English and Spanish.

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