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# **Timpanogos Legal Center Partners With 911 Cell Phone Bank to Expand Emergency Phone Access for Individuals in Crisis**

Utah — January 7, 2026 — Timpanogos Legal Center (TLC), a nonprofit legal aid organization providing free civil legal services to underserved Utahns, has partnered with 911 Cell Phone Bank, a national nonprofit dedicated to ensuring individuals in crisis have access to emergency communication.

911 Cell Phone Bank collects donated cell phones, tablets and other small electronic devices and repurposes them to support emergency phone programs nationwide. These devices help ensure that individuals experiencing abuse or other dangerous situations have a way to call 911 in an emergency — even without a paid service plan.

Through this partnership, Timpanogos Legal Center is able to provide a limited number of emergency-use phones to eligible clients who may not have a safe or reliable way to call for help. These phones are intended for emergency use only and can place 911 calls without monthly service fees. Phones are distributed directly through TLC as part of this partnership.

“Access to emergency communication is a critical safety issue for individuals experiencing abuse or immediate danger,” said Rachel Ekman, development director at Timpanogos Legal Center. “For some clients, having the ability to call 911 can be the difference between getting help and being completely isolated. This partnership allows us to support client safety in very real, practical ways.”

In addition to supporting partner organizations like Timpanogos Legal Center, 911 Cell Phone Bank relies on community donations of unused devices to sustain its work. The organization accepts both working and nonworking cell phones, tablets and other small electronic devices. Donated devices are refurbished or responsibly recycled, with proceeds supporting emergency phone access for people in crisis across the country.

Community members interested in donating devices can learn more at:

<https://www.911cellphonebank.org/donate-devices/>

Timpanogos Legal Center provides free civil legal assistance in areas including family law, housing and abuse-related matters, serving individuals and families throughout Utah. By partnering with organizations like 911 Cell Phone Bank, TLC works to support both long-term legal stability and immediate safety needs for those it serves.

Clients currently working with Timpanogos Legal Center who may need an emergency-use phone should contact Timpanogos Legal Center directly to ask about availability.

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## About 911 Cell Phone Bank

911 Cell Phone Bank is a national nonprofit organization that collects donated mobile devices and provides emergency communication solutions to individuals in crisis through partnerships with social service agencies across the United States.

## About Timpanogos Legal Center

Timpanogos Legal Center is a Utah-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides free civil legal services to underserved populations, helping individuals and families achieve safety and stability through access to justice.

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