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**Painting Market Square Purple on October 10th, Domestic Violence Awareness Month**  
*Center for Victims Spreads Awareness With Special Guest Speakers David J. Hickton, U. S. Attorney for the Western District of PA, Art Rooney II, Team President and co-owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers of the NFL, and D.A. Stephen Zappala*

PITTSBURGH – David Hickton, United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Art Rooney II, Team President and co-owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers of the National Football League, and District Attorney Stephen Zappala join Center for Victims (CV) for a press conference during their “Painting Market Square Purple” awareness event at 11:00 a.m. in Market Square on October 10. Those attending will be welcomed with a purple ribbon distribution, awareness materials, community peace quilt art installation, giveaways, and more in partnership with local partner businesses. The event features a live WAMO 100 broadcast from 12 to 2 p.m. with on-air radio personality DJ Mike Dean, music, and a prize wheel courtesy of WAMO 100 and First Commonwealth Bank.

“Recently domestic violence has been in the spotlight. Let's remember you don't have to be the wife of a pro athlete to be a victim,” said Laurie MacDonald, president and CEO, Center for Victims. “Domestic violence knows no boundaries and is a pervasive problem in our country. This October, more than ever, we have a unique opportunity to create widespread awareness and effect real cultural change. Stand up against domestic violence, wear purple, and be part of the solution.”

District Attorney Stephen Zappala said, “Center for Victims is the comprehensive provider of services, advocacy and education for victims of all crimes in this region. A leading agency since 1976, CV provides services to victims of rape, sexual assault, domestic violence and all other types of crimes in Allegheny County.”

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Participants at the event can honor domestic violence survivors and loved ones by choosing to artistically create a community "peace quilt" square which will be added to an ever-growing peace quilt art installation at Center for Victims offices in East Liberty.

Observed since 1987, Domestic Violence Awareness Month focuses on violence prevention and reaching out to victims and their loved ones, honoring those who have died. Local residents are encouraged to learn more by visiting [www.centerforvictims.org](http://www.centerforvictims.org).

**Center for Victims** is the most comprehensive, inclusive provider of services, advocacy and education for victims of all crimes. Since 1976, CV has been the leading agency in providing services to victims of rape, sexual assault, domestic violence and all crimes in Allegheny County.

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