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## Media Advisory

### Peace It Together Celebration brings World-Renowned Gender Violence Expert to Pittsburgh

*Hopeline from Verizon presents Center for Victim's Peace It Together Awards at LeMont Restaurant*

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 10th, 2016 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** LeMont Restaurant, 1114 Grandview Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15211

**WHAT:** **Peace It Together Awards Celebration**

The Peace It Together Awards offers community members a way to join with Center for Victims to be part of the solution by honoring those persons and organizations who, through their work or services, help individuals, families, and communities heal from violence and crime and who, thus, embody the spirit of Peace It Together by resolving conflict, restoring relationships, and building peaceful communities.

Meet this year's winners: <https://peaceittogether.splashthat.com>

**SPEAKERS:** **VICTOR RIVAS RIVERS**

A veteran film star, best-selling author, renowned advocate for violence prevention, and the first Cuban-born football player to land a try-out with the Miami Dolphins, Victor Rivas Rivers has achieved extraordinary success in numerous arenas. But given his violent upbringing, few of those achievements were ever likely. If not for a handful of individuals who were willing to take a stand on his behalf, Rivers doubts he would be alive today.

Although he has played his share of movie bad guys, both in comedy and drama, in life Victor Rivas Rivers continues to take on causes larger than himself—earning admiration from elected leaders and celebrities alike. Summing up Victor's impact on and off the screen, director Taylor Hackford has described him as "a big man in heart and soul."

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#### About Center for Victims:

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