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Media Advisory

Internationally Renowned Peacemaker Mary Montague and Center for Victims Recognize International Day of Peace

WHEN: Thursday, September 21st at 1:00 PM EST, outside of office

WHERE: Center for Victims: 5916 Penn Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15206

WHAT: **Mary Montague and Center for Victims will be raising awareness of International Day of Peace with a public display of banners and art**

The International Day of Peace, sometimes unofficially known as World Peace Day, is a holiday observed annually on the 21st of September. It is dedicated to world peace, and specifically the absence of war and violence, such as might be occasioned by a temporary ceasefire in a combat zone for humanitarian aid access. The day was first celebrated in 1982, and is kept by many nations, political groups, military groups, and people. In 2013 the day was dedicated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to peace education, the key preventive means to reduce war sustainably.

Mary Montague is a renowned mediator, peacebuilder and conflict resolution practitioner from Northern Ireland. After dedicating many years to promoting peace in communities both at home and abroad, Montague has been able to bring conflicting parties closer together and have them partake in inter-community peace talks.

The theme for this year's International Day of Peace is 'Together for Peace: Respect, Safety, and Dignity for All.' The initiative promotes respect, safety, and dignity for everyone forced to flee their homes in search of a better life. TOGETHER is the campaign responsible for promoting the theme for the International Day of Peace and aims to counter the rise in xenophobia and discrimination throughout the world.

The campaign brings together the organizations of the United Nations System, the 193 Member States of the United Nations, the private sector, civil society, academic institutions and individual citizens in a global partnership. Here in Pittsburgh, Center for Victims wishes to raise awareness of all forms of violence, and to mobilize a coalition of passionate community leaders to inspire a new model of community healing.

Center for Victims is the most comprehensive and inclusive provider of services, advocacy and education for all victims of crime in Allegheny County and in Pennsylvania. More information is available at www.centerforvictims.org.