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Center for Victims Announces Ground Breaking for New “Liberty” Shelter Designed with Input by Survivor of Domestic Violence

Where do you go when home isn't safe? Victims of Domestic Violence face many challenges, but a safe place to stay shouldn't be one of them. That's why **Center for Victims is proud to announce the relocation of our Emergency Shelter to our new office in Pittsburgh's South Side.**

Center for Victims has operated our Domestic Violence Shelter for over 40 years, and the lessons we've learned inform our vision: Victims of Domestic Violence meet us in the most difficult and stressful times of their lives, and often have no idea where to start to protect themselves and their children.

Stephanie Fox, PMP, Operations Manager and building Project Manager at Center for Victims, has been instrumental in the design of the new Liberty Shelter from the ground up. Fox, a DV survivor and advocate has been able to draw on her own experiences accessing shelter services to protect her family. “Her first-hand insight into the needs and concerns of women and children seeking shelter is invaluable. Stephanie brings a commitment to creating a welcoming, accessible environment that helps to empower survivors and their children.” said Center for Victims President/CEO Laurie MacDonald.

The Liberty Shelter will provide a home away from home, with private bedrooms and baths along with other hotel-like amenities. Victims and their children will have access to world-class therapy and legal advocacy—all conveniently located on the bus-line and within city limits, and always free-of-charge. Fox's input has yielded a design that dignifies survivors by meeting their needs for self-determination, security and privacy. **Because of her experience as a survivor of Domestic Violence, her insight into the needs and concerns of women and children strengthens CV's commitment to creating a welcoming, accessible environment that helps to empower survivors and their children.** Stephanie Fox reminds us, *“building dignity is the essence of beginning to heal.”*

The Shelter is designed to promote physical, emotional, interpersonal and social wellness for each guest. **It will provide safe, on-site access to all programs and services such as: child therapy, adult therapy, parent and child group counseling, and wellness activities such as therapeutic yoga, meditation and legal advocacy.**

Center for Victims' Liberty Shelter is supported by Congressman Mike Doyle, Senator Jim Brewster, Senator Jay Costa, Representative Anita Kulik, Representative Harry Readshaw, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, Allegheny County District Attorney Stephen Zappala, and Domestic Violence Survivor and Project Manager Stephanie Fox, PMP, **who have all joined together to bring this state-of-the-art facility and program to life.**

Please Join us for our Groundbreaking Ceremony on Friday May 3rd, 2019 at 10:30 AM

Where: Center for Victims
3433 East Carson Street
Pittsburgh, Pa 15203

When: Friday, May 3rd, 2019
10:30 a.m.