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“Healing Rivers Project” Bring Cutting Edge Tech to Human Services at Center for Victims’ Technology Showcase

Center for Victims has advocated for crime victims for over 42 years: we are the boots on the ground ensuring that the rights of victims are upheld in the courts and in our government. As the largest and most comprehensive victim service agency in the country and recognized leaders in our field, we have seen the need to bring the latest technology and innovation to the human service center. **Capitalizing on the booming tech industry in Pittsburgh, Center for Victims contracted with Dan Thompson at Visionary Effects to create The Healing Rivers Project, a first-of-its-kind interactive exhibit and wellness center designed to help individuals heal their past trauma and unlock a better future.** Paired with customizable trainings and experience-driven and wellness-focused activities, The Healing Rivers Project adds another dimension of long term care to victims, witnesses, community groups, and anyone who is struggling with unresolved trauma.

The Healing Rivers Project is an **innovative educational initiative** that provides a **creative, safe and trauma informed learning environment**. This space provides for many different types of learning experiences including professional trainings and education programs, therapeutic support services, experiential workshops and a one of a kind interactive trauma informed exhibit. **Together these components work to improve the understanding of the impacts of direct and vicarious trauma from violence, abuse, chronic adversity, toxic stress and social inequities on children, families and communities.** The Healing Rivers Project has an extra emphasis on corresponding research informed healing and wellness strategies that foster growth, resiliency and wellbeing.

WHERE: Center for Victims
3433 East Carson Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15203

When: Thursday, April 11th
4-8 p.m.

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