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**Community Coalition Provides Mental Health Services for
Commemoration of Synagogue Shooting**

Mental Health Providers Offer Counseling for Approach of October 27 Commemoration

Pittsburgh, PA (October 23, 2019) – With the commemoration of the October 27th synagogue mass shooting approaching, Jewish Family and Community Services (JFCS) of Pittsburgh, along with the Center for Victims, and the 10.27 Healing Partnership, are working together to provide therapists, healing services, and emergency counseling in various locations around the city. If it is on that day or any time in the near future, we all encourage people to reach out for support or counseling to any of these organizations.

“The day of commemoration is a significant marker on our journey of healing, and it may hurt deeply for many in our community,” said Dr. Jordan Golin, president and CEO of JFCS, “Some people have been surprised at their continued, intense feelings. While everyone responds differently to traumatic events, know that your feelings are legitimate and real, and that we are here to support you through them.”

From the first moments following the shooting, JFCS and the Center for Victims have worked side-by-side as community leaders in helping those affected to heal by supporting every bereaved and injured family, providing a wide variety of opportunities to receive counseling, offering community workshops and groups, along with professional guidance and support to dozens of community organizations, schools, service providers, first responders, and religious leaders.

“The attack holds so much significance to so many people, but in entirely different ways. These personal reactions can change over time and there are varying ways that people can seek support,” said Maggie Feinstein, Director of 10.27 Healing Partnership. “Individual therapy, self-care, and community connections are important for many people, and 10.27 Healing Partnership is a resource in that journey.”

Outlined below are the addresses and hours of operation that mental health support will be available throughout the community on October 27, 2019, the one-year mark of the attack:

- 10.27 Healing Partnership at 5743 Forbes Ave – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Rodef Shalom Congregation, Torah study at 4905 Fifth Ave – 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall, Community Vigil at 4141 Fifth Ave – 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Center For Victims, 24/7 hotline for immediate support at 1.866.644.2882
- In an emergency, dial 911.

Moving forward JFCS, the Center for Victims, and the 10.27 Healing Partnership are collaborating to meet the ongoing needs of those most directly affected by the attack in the months and years ahead. The 10.27 Healing Partnership connects individuals to resources and services that foster well-being and support, such as traditional therapy and support groups offered by Jewish Family and Community Services and the Center for Victims and will host discussions and events to strengthen the community.

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About Jewish Family and Community Services (JFCS), founded in 1937: *Our mission is to help individuals and families through life's changes and challenges. We do so by providing comprehensive, innovative social services and empowering people with the resources and supports they need to improve their lives and regain self-sufficiency and stability. Services include JFCS Career Development Center, JFCS Counseling Services, JFCS Guardianship Services, JFCS Immigration legal Services; JFCS Refugee and Immigrant Services, Jewish Scholarship Service of Pittsburgh, JFCS Senior Services, and JFCS Squirrel Hill Food Pantry. 412-422-7200, www.jfcsppgh.org*

The 10.27 Healing Partnership is a newly formed organization whose mission is to foster a sense of community well-being by providing opportunities for reflection, support, and connection for individuals and their loved ones impacted by the October 2018 attack and others who experience hate-induced trauma. It is a collaboration of representatives from the City of Pittsburgh, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Congregation Dor Hadash, New Light Congregation, Tree of Life * Or L'Simcha Congregation, Center for Victims, the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, Jewish Family and Community Services, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh, the United States Attorney's Office, and those most directly impacted by the event. The U.S. Department of Justice's Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program, part of the Office for Victims of Crime, created a framework for recovery efforts based on victims' needs, which included a resiliency center. The 10.27 Healing Partnership is located in Squirrel Hill and will have the resources available online and at community events to serve all those affected by trauma.

Center for Victims (CV) is a community-based nonprofit organization and the largest, most comprehensive, inclusive provider of services, advocacy, and education for victims of all crime in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Serving Allegheny County and the Greater Pittsburgh region, CV's mission is "Healing Trauma, supporting victims, and creating social change for a more peaceful community." Our goal is to break the cycle of violence in our communities.