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THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION STAGING SECOND FORUM:
LET'S TALK!: VOTING FOR SURVIVAL

Thursday, July 12, 2012
East Liberty Presbyterian Church
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Pittsburgh: Three Rivers Community Foundation (TRCF) hosted *Building Change: A Convergence for Social Justice*, in October of 2011. This was the largest event of its kind held in Southwestern Pennsylvania, gathering more than 1,000 people over the course of three days, to participate in issue-based and skills-based workshops, forums, cultural events (including a film festival), and group brainstorming to create a true progressive movement in the region. What TRCF did not want to see, however, was people coming to the Convergence and then dispersing again, letting the energy of the event dissipate.

The quarterly "Let's Talk!" forums, organized by the Building Social Change Committee of TRCF, grew as a way to continue the conversations and actions from *Building Change*. Each quarter, the committee takes on either a hot-button issue (in March 2012 it was the War on Women, and in July 2012 it is voting rights) or a skills-training session. The cost-free forums are open to the public and feature local specialists and activists as the facilitators.

Partners involved in the first forum, *War on Women: Fighting Back with Our Eyes Wide Open*, included New Voices Pittsburgh: Women of Color for Reproductive Justice, Business and Professional Women of Fayette County, and Democratic Women of Westmoreland County. For *Let's Talk!: Voting for Survival*, TRCF has assembled a team of organizers from the ACLU, Black Political Empowerment Project, Just Harvest, Disability Rights Network, NAACP, and more. The event is primarily structured for service providers and advocates for voting rights, to learn how to mobilize and prepare their constituents for the General Election in November.

Let's Talk!: Voting for Survival will take place on **Thursday, July 12, from 3:00-7:00 PM, at East Liberty Presbyterian Church** (116 S. Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206). The program will run from 3:00 until 5:00 PM, with follow-up time set aside for further conversations and networking.

For more information on Three Rivers Community Foundation, the Building Social Change Committee, or the "Let's Talk!" forums, please contact Anne Lynch, Manager of Administrative Operations, at trcf@trcfwpa.org or 412-243-9250.

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