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CONFERENCE OF ALLEGHENY PROVIDERS’
12TH ANNUAL RICHARD C. FRECH CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS TO RECOGNIZE
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

WHAT: Pittsburgh Mercy will host the Conference of Allegheny Providers’ 12th Annual Richard C. Frech Celebration of Success, a luncheon and awards program, to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of people with developmental disabilities. (Editor’s note: Frech is pronounced “Freck.”)

WHO: 21 adults who have developmental disabilities will be recognized for their accomplishments by the 19 intellectual disability organizations who serve them and are participating members of the Conference of Allegheny Providers (CAP).

WHEN: Wednesday, May 9, 2018, from 12:30 p.m. until approximately 2:30 p.m.

WHERE: Gaetano’s Event Center
1617 Banksville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15216 (Banksville)

WHY: The Richard C. Frech Celebration of Success luncheon and awards program is held annually in memory of the late Richard C. Frech who, for more than 30 years, worked and advocated tirelessly for persons with intellectual disabilities. The honorees exemplify how the principles of self-determination and the value of everyday lives that Frech embraced empower people to lead fulfilling, inclusive lives within the communities that benefit from their contributions.

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The participating organizations, in alphabetical order, are: Achieva, Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh (BVRS), The Emmaus Community of Pittsburgh, Family Services of Western Pennsylvania, Mainstay Life Services, Merakey, Milestone Centers, Mon Yough Community Services, NHS/Allegheny Valley School, Partners for Quality/Citizen Care, Pathways to Community Living, Pittsburgh Mercy Intellectual Disabilities Services, Pressley Ridge, Rankin Christian Center, Staunton Clinic, Step By Step, Turtle Creek Valley Community Services, Transitional Services, and UPMC Vocational Training Center.

The event is by invitation. Media coverage is encouraged.

About the Conference of Allegheny Providers
The Conference of Allegheny Providers (CAP) is a member-driven organization comprised of 38 mental health, intellectual disability, and drug and alcohol service provider organizations across Allegheny County. These agencies employ approximately 15,000 staff and serve residents from the entire county region, reaching more than 129,000 individuals and families each year. For more information, visit www.alleghenyproviders.org.

About Pittsburgh Mercy
Pittsburgh Mercy, a member of Trinity Health, serving in the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy, is a person-centered, population-based, trauma-informed community health and wellness provider. Pittsburgh Mercy is one of the largest employers and the only Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Pittsburgh Mercy includes Bethlehem Haven, McAuley Ministries, Mercy Behavioral Health, Mercy Community Health, Pittsburgh Mercy Intellectual Disabilities Services, Pittsburgh Mercy Parish Nurse & Health Ministry Program, Pittsburgh Mercy’s Operation Safety Net®, and Pittsburgh Mercy Family Health Center. Together, these Pittsburgh Mercy programs and their 1,700 employees serve more than 33,000 individuals annually at more than 60 locations in Southwestern Pennsylvania. To learn more about Pittsburgh Mercy or to make a donation in support of its important work in the community, visit www.pittsburghmercy.org.

EDITOR’S NOTE: To cover this event, please contact Linda K. Ross at 412-578-6224 or Zandy Dudiak at 412-578-6442 by 10 a.m. on May 9, 2018.

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