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**PITTSBURGH MERCY INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES SERVICES  
PARTICIPANTS TO HONOR VETERANS, DECORATE GRAVES WITH  
U.S. FLAGS FOR MEMORIAL DAY**

WHAT: In preparation for Memorial Day, a federal holiday originally known as Decoration Day, volunteers from [Pittsburgh Mercy Intellectual Disabilities Services](#) will decorate the graves of United States military veterans of all wars with U.S. flags to honor them for their service and sacrifice. This is the fourth consecutive year that they have volunteered for this important community service activity.

WHO: The volunteers are participants in [Pittsburgh Mercy Intellectual Disabilities Services](#)' day support and residential programs, which serve adults who have intellectual disabilities.

WHEN: **Wednesday, May 23, 2018, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (weather permitting)**

WHERE: **Allegheny Cemetery Soldier's Memorial, Section 34**  
4734 Butler Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15201 (Lawrenceville)  
*Editor's note: Enter Allegheny Cemetery via the main entrance on Butler Street or the upper entrance on Penn Avenue. Meet at the Allegheny County Soldier's Memorial (Section 34), honoring veterans of all wars, overlooking the Civil War National Cemetery. (See the [Allegheny Cemetery map](#).)*

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WHY: For more than 30 years, **Marlene Scholze** of Bloomfield, a direct care professional who works with adults with intellectual disabilities at Pittsburgh Mercy Intellectual Disabilities Services' Alternative Training & Employment Center in Bloomfield, has volunteered her time to place U.S. flags on the graves of veterans at [Allegheny Cemetery](#). Marlene and her supervisor, **Jeff Bisdee**, thought that decorating the graves would be a great way for adult individuals in their program to volunteer and participate in a meaningful community service activity. [Pittsburgh Mercy Intellectual Disabilities Services](#) serves more than 500 adults who have intellectual disabilities and their families/caregivers annually.

### ***About Allegheny Cemetery***

Established in 1844, [Allegheny Cemetery](#) is the final resting place of more than 14,000 U.S. veterans and hosts of one of the longest-running Memorial Day observances in nation. For more information, please visit [www.alleghenycemetery.com](http://www.alleghenycemetery.com).

### ***About Pittsburgh Mercy Intellectual Disabilities Services***

[Pittsburgh Mercy Intellectual Disabilities Services](#), part of [Pittsburgh Mercy](#), serves more than 500 adults with intellectual disabilities and their families/caregivers annually in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Daytime support services include adult training facilities, senior programs, school-to-work, facility-based rehabilitation, and supported employment programs. Residential solutions include community living arrangements, supported housing, and family living/Lifesharing programs. Home and community offerings include companion, habilitation, 24-hour respite, and therapeutic services. To learn more about Pittsburgh Mercy Intellectual Disabilities Services or to make a donation in support of its important work in the community, visit [www.pittsburghmercy.org](http://www.pittsburghmercy.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](http://www.pittsburghmercy.org).

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