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McAULEY MINISTRIES FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES
TWO NEW APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS
New appointments help voice of community be heard

PITTSBURGH (October 4, 2021) – McAuley Ministries, Pittsburgh Mercy’s grant-making foundation, is pleased to announce two new appointments to its board of directors: Thelma Lovette Morris and Micaela Young. Each will serve a three-year term.

Thelma Lovette Morris
Mrs. Morris is a retired speech and language specialist and assistant director of human resources for Pittsburgh Public Schools. She has been immersed in a broad range of community service activities, including serving on numerous boards of directors. Mrs. Morris has received multiple recognitions for her community service. She is currently a life member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women’s Clubs, Inc.; The Links, Incorporated; The Junior League of Pittsburgh; and The Girl Friends, Inc.

Mrs. Morris and her husband reside in the Hill District neighborhood of Pittsburgh where she enjoys spending time with her family.

Micaela Young
A former Sister of Mercy and long-time associate of the Sisters, Ms. Young is currently retired from careers in teaching, communications, photography, and video production. She taught French at St. Xavier Academy in Latrobe, Pa. and served as administrator during the closing of Our Lady of Mercy Academy, Monroeville, Pa. Ms. Young owned a freelance communications business and served as director of communications for the Sisters of Mercy for 16 years. She
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later served as administrative assistant to the president and CEO of Pittsburgh Mercy and to the executive director of McAuley Ministries. Until COVID-19 interrupted her service, Ms. Young volunteered at UPMC Mercy in the Spiritual Care Department.

Ms. Young has an ongoing love of service to people who are poor, sick, or uneducated. She resides in the Greenfield neighborhood of Pittsburgh.

About McAuley Ministries
Named in honor of Catherine McAuley, founder of the Sisters of Mercy, McAuley Ministries is the grant-making foundation of Pittsburgh Mercy. McAuley Ministries serves as a catalyst for change, committing resources and working collaboratively to promote healthy, safe, and vibrant communities. Grant-making priorities include health and wellness, community and economic development, education, and capacity-building initiatives for nonprofit organizations which focus on the Hill District, Uptown, and West Oakland, communities historically served by the Sisters of Mercy. McAuley Ministries also provides support to organizations that are sponsored by and/or affiliated with the Sisters. Since its founding by the Sisters of Mercy in 2008, McAuley Ministries has awarded 832 grants and community support totaling more than $37.3 million. It awards approximately $3.5 million in grants annually, making it one of the largest philanthropic foundations in Southwestern Pennsylvania. To learn more about McAuley Ministries and the initiatives it supports, visit www.mcauleyministries.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, home to the region’s only Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) and Integrated Community Wellness Center (ICWC), is also one of the largest nonprofit organizations and employers in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Pittsburgh Mercy includes Bethlehem Haven, McAuley Ministries, Pittsburgh Mercy Behavioral Health, Pittsburgh Mercy Community Health, Pittsburgh Mercy Intellectual Disabilities Services, the 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 1,200 colleagues serve more than 33,000 individuals annually at 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: Photos are attached.

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