FALL PICNIC DELIGHTS OUR ID CLIENTS!

A fun time was had by all at our October 7 picnic at Pittsburgh’s Riverview Park in Observatory Hill. Pittsburgh Mercy Intellectual Disabilities (ID) Services was honored to host nearly 100 clients from our Residential and Day Programs, as well as 63 colleagues and 12 volunteers.

After two-and-a-half years of COVID restrictions, the first in-person event for these individuals was a huge success, featuring a lovely afternoon of fresh air and fellowship. Attendees enjoyed traditional picnic fare from The Flame Barbecue, s’mores on the campfire, a deejay and dancing, pumpkin and cookie decorating, and a photo booth.

The picnic was made possible thanks to underwriting from CBRE, a large commercial real estate and investment services firm; support from Edith L. Trees Charitable Trust; and a donation of 100 pumpkins from Flora Park Garden Center. The pictures are worth a thousand words!
HANDS-ON LEARNING ABOUT WILDLIFE

Pennsylvania’s abundant wildlife recently ‘came to life’ for a group from Pittsburgh Mercy Intellectual Disabilities Services’ Day Program. “PA Wildlife”, a tactile program from Allegheny Land Trust, uses real artifacts from nature to teach about the many fascinating creatures that call Pennsylvania home.

At the Library of Accessible Media for Pennsylvanians (LAMP) in Bloomfield, our clients enjoyed hands-on learning by touching tortoise shells, feathers, and antlers among other artifacts from the Allegheny Land Trust’s collection.

Part of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, LAMP serves Pennsylvania residents who are unable to read standard sized newsprint, unable to hold a book or turn pages, or who have a physically-based reading disability. We are grateful for their partnership!

Our Intellectual Disabilities Services:

**Residential**

Pittsburgh Mercy provides a variety of supportive housing options. These homes are located throughout Allegheny County, providing residential support to 170 individuals each year. Depending on the level of need, we can provide up to 24 hours of supervision per day. These services work to increase independence and community participation.

**Supportive Services**

Our supportive services include respite care, transportation, employment support, habilitation, and community services. Last year 676 individuals participated in our supportive services programs.

**Day Programs**

We operate day programs that are uniquely designed to provide training, life-skills building, and social activities including field trips, music, and arts and crafts. These programs are offered in Wexford, Baum Boulevard and in Beechview. Last year 82 people participated in these daily programs.