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### New Community Engagement Program to Launch!

*Coming in December:* A new Pittsburgh Mercy community engagement program that will strengthen our partnerships with local organizations, offer unique opportunities for volunteers to get directly involved, and allow us to better serve our community's most vulnerable populations.

Thanks to an anonymous gift from a local foundation, a newly created engagement coordinator position will take the lead in building a formal program to recruit, train, and oversee volunteers. Working with Pittsburgh Mercy department leaders, the coordinator will identify activities, events, and direct-care opportunities to enhance our services and engage the community.

#### A Win-Win Situation

Engagement and volunteer programs benefit everyone involved. Once the Pittsburgh Mercy program is fully established, we expect several key benefits:

- **Better care:** The persons served will receive additional attention and support, positively impacting their health and wellness. Events, celebrations, and outings help connect these vulnerable individuals to the community and reduce feelings of isolation.
- **Greater understanding:** Volunteers will gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of our community's most vulnerable individuals and their situations. With that also comes the joy of helping others and knowing they are making a difference in the lives of their fellow citizens.
- **Reduced stigma:** Direct contact has been shown to reduce the stigma that's often attached to those impacted by homelessness, mental illness, or intellectual disabilities. Positive in-person interaction establishes a shared feeling of good will and acceptance.

"We couldn't be more excited about launching this much-needed program," said **Jody Figas**, Pittsburgh Mercy's Vice President of Development. "So many individuals have expressed interest in volunteering with us and we'll now have the staffing and structure in place to fully utilize that important resource. A robust volunteer base will allow us to greatly expand the number of opportunities that truly bring such joy to the lives of those we serve."

## How YOU can get involved

All volunteers will receive a full orientation and training, and we will ensure they have the necessary clearances to comply with regulations and internal policies for working with vulnerable populations. For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, contact [Development@pittsburghmercy.org](mailto:Development@pittsburghmercy.org).



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The annual **United Way Campaign** is a great way to support Pittsburgh Mercy via convenient payroll deductions. If your business or organization participates in United Way, consider making a gift to Pittsburgh Mercy through their Contributor Choice option using the following codes:

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- Pittsburgh Mercy Community Outreach: Donor Code **204**
- Pittsburgh Mercy Intellectual Disabilities Services: Donor Code **887385**
- Pittsburgh Mercy Free Care Fund: Donor Code **997602**
- Pittsburgh Mercy's Operation Safety Net: Donor Code **4677**

***Thank you for your generosity, which helps us continue to serve our community's most vulnerable citizens.***

Any questions, email [Development@pittsburghmercy.org](mailto:Development@pittsburghmercy.org).



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