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The Season of Giving & Gratitude

Gifts and Smiles at Holiday Luncheon

The holiday spirit was in full swing at Pittsburgh Mercy's holiday luncheon for our Intellectual and Developmental Disability Services (IDDS) clients. Over 150 people enjoyed refreshments and camaraderie at Salvatore's restaurant in Baldwin on December 17. Attendees included individuals from both our residential and day programs.

The celebration was made possible by two generous supporters:

- A grant from the Edith L. Trees Foundation.
- A donation of 50+ gifts from St. Jude's Church, as part of their Sacred Heart Giving Tree program. "We're delighted to be part of this special event," said **Melissa DeiCas**, St. Jude's community chair. "Our parishioners loved choosing personalized gifts for these special individuals and making their holiday a bit brighter."





Christmas Eve Cookie Drop

Santa won't be the only one enjoying cookies on Christmas Eve! Thanks to a baking marathon by Pittsburgh Mercy colleagues, over 1,300 cookies will be delivered on Christmas Eve to Second Avenue Commons and the women's emergency shelter at Bethlehem Haven.

Launched last year, the cookie drop was a big hit, giving both bakers and recipients a sweet taste of holiday spirit! "When I sent out the request for cookies this year, I couldn't believe how quickly the responses came. People really love to help, especially around the holidays," said **Rene Kubas**, who coordinated this year's event.

Thank You

for supporting Pittsburgh Mercy.

Because of you, thousands of people in need were able to find more hope, healing, and joy this year.

Giving Tuesday Wrap-up

Our gratitude is overflowing for the generous donations on Giving Tuesday last month. Pittsburgh Mercy received a total of **\$7,936** from 40 donors (11 of whom are new supporters). Those dollars enable us to continue providing life-saving care to our community's most vulnerable individuals, helping them build healthier, more resilient lives. *On behalf of all who will benefit from your generosity, THANK YOU!*

Visit our [website](#) if you'd like to make a year-end gift to Pittsburgh Mercy.



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