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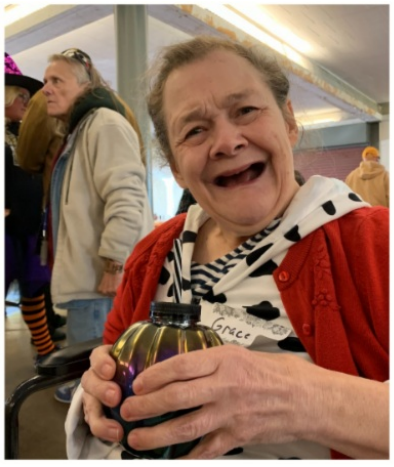
Pumpkins, Dancing, and Fun for All!

Autumn was in full swing at our annual Fall Event for persons served in our Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Program. Held October 11 at Riverview Park, more than 170 attendees enjoyed pumpkin decorating, a photo booth, s'mores, dancing, wreath making, and a delicious lunch provided by Flame BBQ.

CBRE CARES volunteers at the 2024 Fall Event

This event serves as a vital opportunity for individuals from our residential and day programs to reconnect with old friends and forge new relationships.

The event was supported by the Edith Trees Foundation and CBRE Cares, which also provided volunteers who helped serve food and assist with the activities—ensuring that each attendee was able to fully participate in the activities. Many thanks to everyone who made the day a big success!



A November Event to Support Our Furry Residents

A unique feature of Second Avenue Commons shelter is that it allows pets to accompany their owners. But these furry residents require care, too. Answering the call is **Jeremy Carter**, Manager of Housing Strategy at UPMC Health Plan (and one of *Pittsburgh Magazine's* 40 Under 40), who's hosting **Play for Pets!** on Nov. 13 from 6 - 9 p.m. at Dave & Buster's, with all proceeds going to support the shelter's furry residents. To date, Jeremy has raised over $4,000 in in-kind donations from local pet suppliers and an online promotion on our Chewy Wishlist; his goal is to raise an additional $7,000 through the event. "My hope is that other animal lovers will join me for a fun evening and help ensure these special pets are happy and healthy," he said. You can purchase tickets at **Tickets & Donations | Play for Pets**

Volunteers and Donations Needed

Want to make the upcoming holidays a bit brighter for others? Pittsburgh Mercy would love your help in one of two ways.

- **Holiday gifts:** Each year, Pittsburgh Mercy works with organizations (churches and community groups) throughout Allegheny County to secure gifts for each of the 300 participants in our residential programs. These individuals, who have disabilities and/or mental illness, often do not have family—which makes a personalized gift all the more special.
- **Food service volunteers:** Are you up for a fun hands-on opportunity? Beginning in November, volunteers are needed each day to help serve food at the Second Avenue Commons shelter from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. No experience needed and aprons provided!

To learn more about these and other volunteer opportunities or sign up to help, contact Volunteer Coordinator Brendan Copp at Brendan.Copp@ pittsburghmercy.org.

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