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DONOR Connection

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A Truly Generous Holiday Treat

Warm holiday wishes from everyone at Pittsburgh Mercy! We hope the season and the year ahead are filled with good health, joy, and meaningful moments for you and those you care about.

At Pittsburgh Mercy, our Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Services and Behavioral Health Residential Programs experienced great joy this season thanks to the annual gift-giving program.

Made possible through generous donors like you, the gift-giving program provides each program participant with an individualized, hand-picked present to unwrap. Many of these individuals would not otherwise receive a gift due to a lack of family or other support systems – making these gifts so much more meaningful!

Thank you to our wonderful supporters for making this year's event a big success:

- Duquesne University Women's Guild
- Heidenreich Family
- Kratzenberg Family
- St. Aidan Parish
- St. Jude Parish
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- St. Philip Parish

Photos clockwise from top left: Kenneth and Angela pose for a photo; Mo shows off the Pittsburgh Penguins blankets he received; Elexces proudly displays her crafting gift; the Grinch gives John his wrapped gift.

Thank You, Lawrenceville VFW-214 Ladies Auxiliary!

Another special thank-you to the Lawrenceville VFW-214 Ladies Auxiliary, who brought gifts, sweets, and a special Santa Claus guest to Pittsburgh Mercy's Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Adult Day Program in Wexford. Your generosity brought extra spirit to the holiday party!

Create a Team for *Coldest Night of the Year*

Grab your coats and boots - Pittsburgh Mercy is participating in the upcoming *Coldest Night of the Year* event this winter!

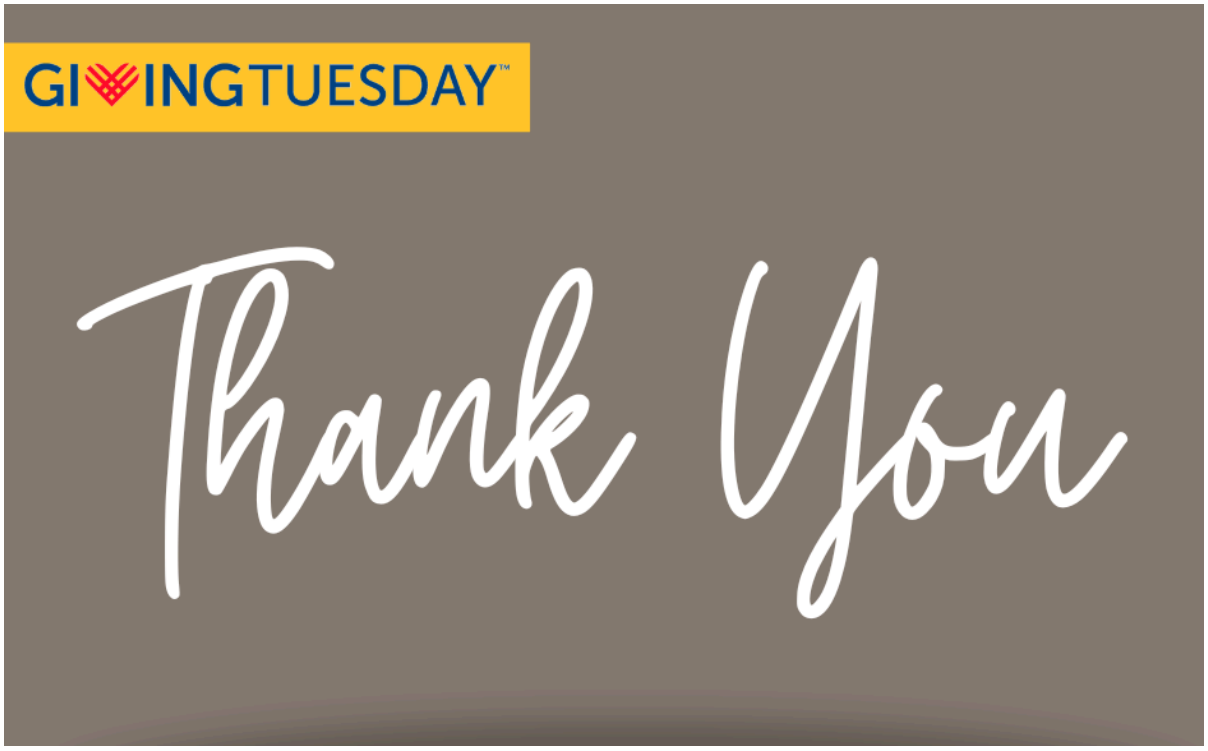
What is *Coldest Night of the Year* (CNOY)? It's an annual, national walk that raises money for participating organizations across the country - this is the FIRST year Pittsburgh Mercy will be involved! This family-friendly fundraising event is a great way to support our neighbors in need: those who are sleeping in unsafe places, struggling to feed their families, escaping violence and abuse, or facing addiction, trauma, and mental health challenges.

Registration is now open for the event on Saturday, February 28, 2026. Our goal is to have 100+ walkers and raise $20,000+ for our programs! Sign up to be a Team Captain at **Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh Mercy) - Coldest Night of the Year 2026 USA**.

All the fun begins at 4pm, starting and ending at our Pittsburgh Mercy Reedsdale Administrative Building, then walking along the North Shore Riverfront Trail to shine a light on the challenges faced by those who have nowhere to stay and endure harsh winter conditions. Let’s walk together to make a difference – every step and every person counts!

Email Pittsburgh Mercy's Donor Engagement Manager Jen Spratt at **jennifer.spratt@pittsburghmercy.org** to get involved, provide sponsorships (raffle basket items, food and drinks, etc.) or to learn more about how you can volunteer or partner with us to make this a successful event for our city and the people we serve.

It's Not Too Late to Give Big In 2025!



What more can we say but THANK YOU to everyone who gave big to Pittsburgh Mercy on Giving Tuesday 2025! Your gifts helped us raise a total of **$7,710** for the programs that support people like Sara, Anthea, Mark, and Joe.

It's not too late to support the programs that matter most to you in 2025! Make your tax-deductible gift to Pittsburgh Mercy via the link below or mail your donation to:

Pittsburgh Mercy
Development Department
1200 Reedsdale Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

With your continued support, Pittsburgh Mercy can provide life-saving and life-changing programs for many years to come.

Make Your Year-End Gift

Thank you to NRG Energy for helping us wrap hundreds of gifts for our persons-served!

Volunteer at Pittsburgh Mercy

At Pittsburgh Mercy, our volunteers provide a truly meaningful and enriching experience for community members in need. ***Thank you to our compassionate and inspiring volunteers!***

Would ***you*** like to make a difference in the lives of the thousands of people served by our programs? Pittsburgh Mercy offers numerous ways to get involved.

Consider these volunteer opportunities:

- Serving food at Second Avenue Commons.
- Hosting a sports event watch party at a behavioral health residential program.
- Creating fun arts and crafts at our adult day programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Making PB&J sandwiches for persons served at Pittsburgh Mercy's Engagement Center at Second Avenue Commons.
- Sorting donated clothing and basic hygiene supplies for people experiencing homelessness, housing insecurity, or other crises.

For more details or to sign up, contact Pittsburgh Mercy's Volunteer and Engagement Coordinator Brendan Copp at Brendan.Copp@pittsburghmercy.org or 412-897-8822.

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