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Are You Ready to Walk for a Cause?

Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) is one month away. Are you ready to walk and support Pittsburgh Mercy?

Registration is open **for the event on Saturday, February 28, 2026**. Ten teams are already signed up – and we'd love to double that! **Create a team** with your family, friends, colleagues, sports team, or church and show your commitment to supporting our neighbors in need: those sleeping in unsafe places, struggling to feed their families, escaping violence and abuse, or facing addiction, trauma, and mental health challenges.

If you'd like to **join a team**, feel free to join our Pittsburgh Mercy Volunteers team with Brendan! Our goal is to have 100+ walkers and raise $20,000+ for our programs! Let's shine a light on the challenges faced by those who have nowhere to stay and endure harsh winter conditions. *Every step and every person count!*

Event Details
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2026
Time: 4 – 7 pm (walk begins at 5 pm)
Walk Route: 1 or 3 miles along the North Shore Riverfront Trail
Start/End Location: Pittsburgh Mercy Administrative Offices
Address: 1200 Reedsdale Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15233
Parking: Free parking onsite
Website: Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh Mercy) - Coldest Night of the Year 2026

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

Honoring Dr. Jim Withers: Pittsburgh Presents Keys to the City to Distinguished Leaders

Dr. Jim Withers poses with his key to the city.

The recipients of the Keys to the City pose with Mayor Ed Gainey.

(Left to right) Dr. Jack Todd Wahrenberger, Christa Holt, Dr. Jim Withers, and Danielle Schnauber Jones.

By Emilee Howells-Cribbs

The City of Pittsburgh and former mayor Ed Gainey awarded Dr. Jim Withers, founder and medical director of Pittsburgh Mercy's Operation Safety Net and medical director of Homeless Services, the **Key to the City** during a public ceremony at the City-County Building in December. Alongside Dr. Withers, this year's honorees were Sam Clancy, Roger Humphries, Judge Kim Clark, Professor David Harris, and Retired Judge Cynthia A. Baldwin. Dr. Withers, whose work has reshaped how communities across the world care for people experiencing homelessness, stands among this year's honorees recognized for their extraordinary service, leadership, and lifelong commitment to uplifting Pittsburgh. **Congratulations, Dr. Withers – thank you for all you do for our community!**

A Heartfelt Holiday Thank You!

The holidays can be extremely difficult for those we serve, but **through the generosity of our many donors**, we were able to provide a Christmas gift for every person in our Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities and Behavioral Health residential programs. That's a total of more than 300 individuals!

We are so appreciative of the 150+ gifts donated, the financial contributions to purchase the rest, and the volunteers who helped us wrap each and every gift. These gifts truly lift the spirits of those we serve and give them a reason to celebrate. For many, it's the only gift they receive for the holidays.

A huge ***thank you*** to everyone who participated and donated their time and energy to help us provide holiday cheer!

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