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PITTSBURGH MERCY TO HOST FREE COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR SEPT. 20 AT THE THELMA LOVETTE YMCA IN THE HILL DISTRICT

Free event to connect community to vital resources, support, & education

PITTSBURGH (August 16, 2024) – <u>Pittsburgh Mercy</u>, one of the region's largest social service nonprofit organizations, will host a free community resource fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, September 20, 2024, at the <u>Thelma Lovette YMCA</u>, 2114 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 (Hill District).

The event will feature Pittsburgh Mercy and other community providers offering resources, support, and education in:

- Adult, child, and adolescent resources
- Employment training
- Forensic and legal
- Housing resources
- Mental health
- Overdose prevention
- Physical health and wellness
- Substance use recovery
- And more.

The event is organized and presented by <u>Pittsburgh Mercy's Service Coordination Department</u> and underwritten in part by a grant from <u>McAuley Ministries</u>, Pittsburgh Mercy's grantmaking foundation.

"Pittsburgh Mercy is excited to host this community resource fair at the Thelma Lovette YMCA to provide our neighbors in the Hill District and surrounding communities and persons we serve with a diverse array of resources," stated <u>Diane Johnson</u>, senior manager of Service Coordination at Pittsburgh Mercy. "We have invited over 50 community partners and service providers to share resources such as baby wellness, immunization, physical health, and much more. Our goal is to have every attendee come away with information and resources that will help enrich daily life and empower them in the journey to well-being," added Johnson.

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The event is free and open to the public. No registration is necessary.

Light refreshments will be provided while supplies last.

Limited free parking is available first come, first served at the Thelma Lovette YMCA. Additional parking is available along Centre and Wylie avenues and neighboring streets. The site is also accessible by Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT) lines 81, 82, and 83.

For more information, or if your nonprofit organization would like to be involved, please contact Diane Johnson at djohnson@pittsburghmercy.org or 412-773-0366.

About Pittsburgh Mercy

<u>Pittsburgh Mercy</u> is one of the largest community health and social service providers and employers in Southwestern Pennsylvania. We offer help – and hope – to our community's most vulnerable:

- People who have complex behavioral and physical health challenges.
- People who have intellectual and developmental disabilities
- People who are experiencing homelessness
- People who need wrap-around services to live safe, healthy, and well in the community. We serve more than 18,000 people annually in 60+ locations. We are the largest Integrated Community Wellness Center (ICWC) in Pennsylvania and the only ICWC in Southwestern Pennsylvania. We are a five-time awardee of Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Certified Community Behavioral Health Center (CCBHC) expansion grants. Pittsburgh Mercy is a member of Trinity Health, serving in the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy. Our mission is to be a compassionate and transforming, healing presence within our communities. To learn more about Pittsburgh Mercy or to make a donation in support of its important work in the community, please visit www.pittsburghmercy.org. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and X.

About McAuley Ministries

Named in honor of <u>Catherine McAuley</u>, founder of the <u>Sisters of Mercy</u>, <u>McAuley Ministries</u> is the grant-making foundation of <u>Pittsburgh Mercy</u>. McAuley Ministries, which is celebrating 15 years of grantmaking, serves as a catalyst for change, committing resources and working collaboratively to promote healthy, safe, and vibrant communities. Grant-making priorities include capacity building, education, empowerment, environmental care, essential needs and social services, peacemaking, and whole-person health initiatives for nonprofit organizations which focus on the Hill District, Uptown, and West Oakland, the three Pittsburgh communities historically served by the Sisters of Mercy. McAuley Ministries also provides support to organizations in Southwestern Pennsylvania that are sponsored by the Sisters. Since its founding by the Sisters of Mercy in 2008, McAuley Ministries has awarded 975 grants and community support totaling over \$56 million. It awards on average \$3.5 million in grants annually, making it one of the largest philanthropic foundations in Southwestern Pennsylvania. To learn more about McAuley Ministries and the initiatives it supports, visit www.mcauleyministries.org and follow us on Facebook and LinkedIn.