



POTOMAC COMMUNITY RESOURCES, Inc. Serving Teens and Adults with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities Since 1994



29th Annual
PATRICIA SULLIVAN BENEFIT
FOR POTOMAC COMMUNITY RESOURCES, INC.



SERVING TEENS AND ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SINCE 1994

His Eminence Robert Cardinal McElroy
Archbishop of Washington
Honorary Benefit Chair

Samantha & Matthew Venoit
Benefit Chairs

Tommy McFly
Master of Ceremonies

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Catherine and Gabe Albornoz
Patricia Sullivan Leadership Award

Karen Leggett
Outstanding Adult Volunteer

Mary Sullivan, *Holy Child '27*
Outstanding Youth Volunteer

Georgetown Preparatory School
Outstanding Community Partner

Milenie Pacuan
Outstanding PCR Staff Member

Joseph Pauley
Founders Award

Cecelia Ann Pauley
Flynn Thomas Fry Memorial Award

Saturday, October 17, 2026

Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center

7:00pm ~ Dinner Reception, Awards, & Fund-the-Cause Appeal

Dancing to the music of *The Wave*

\$250/person

To purchase tickets, sponsorships, or make a contribution,
please visit <https://onecau.se/pcrbenefit2026>
or contact Steve Riley at sriley@pcr-inc.org

Thank you for supporting Potomac Community Resources, Inc.

PCR is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Contributions to the Patricia Sullivan Benefit will be acknowledged in our November newsletter

TRANSITION TIMES

Adult Services Night

**IN PERSON -
NO REGISTRATION
REQUIRED FOR
THIS MEETING**

**Wednesday, October 21st
6:30pm - 8:30pm**

Richard Montgomery
High School Cafeteria
250 Richard Montgomery Dr.
Rockville, MD 20852

- Learn about the role of the Coordinator of Community Services in the transition process
- Families will have a chance to speak with DDA provider agencies

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Wyman, PCR Respite Care & Community

Studio 3F Movie Night

**Friday, October 23rd
Nightmare Before Christmas**



PCR's Halloween Party!



**New day and time!
Friday, October 30th
6:30pm - 8:30pm**

Connelly School of the Holy Child
9029 Bradley Blvd., Potomac, MD 20854



Join us for PCR's 2026 Halloween Party!

Enjoy fun activities, music & dancing, snacks, and arts & crafts with all your friends at PCR!

This is a free event.

No personal care will be provided. Members needing assistance should be accompanied by a caregiver.

Advance registration is required.
Please click [HERE](#) to register.

Registration must include member's full name, email, emergency contact's name and phone number.

If you have any questions, please contact Program Director Seth Duncan at seth@pcr-inc.org.

Halloween costumes are encouraged!



Registration Open for Fall 2026 Session

PCR's Fall 2026 programs are off to a great start. If you have not done so already, register today! There are still openings in some programs, including:

- Chorus
- Phabulous Photographers
- Studio 3F
- Tricia Sullivan Respite II
- Yoga

To learn more, or to register for a program, click [REGISTER](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Program Director Seth Duncan at seth@pcr-inc.org.

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Step Up for Down Syndrome Walk & Celebration

Saturday, October 24th

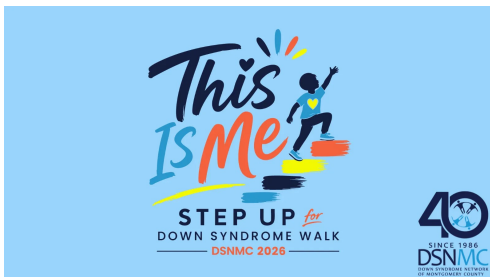
10:30am - 2:00pm

Fall's Road Local Park

12600 Falls Road

Potomac, MD 20854

The Step Up for Down Syndrome Walk is DSNMC's largest fundraiser and a powerful celebration of community, advocacy, and inclusion. Each year, individuals with Down syndrome, families, friends, educators, therapists, community partners, and supporters come together to raise critical funds that support individuals with Down syndrome and their families across the lifespan. Whether you create a team, fundraise, sponsor the event, donate, or walk alongside us, you are helping build a more connected, inclusive community where people with Down syndrome have opportunities to learn, lead, connect, and live self-determined lives. To learn more, click [here](#).



PCR PROGRAM LEADER SPOTLIGHT

Meet Ayanna Smith

Ayanna has been a program leader at PCR for over a year. She leads the yoga session at the Tricia Sullivan Respite Care II program. Ayanna believes that yoga unites the mind, body, and community. She enjoys seeing the positive outcomes of yoga practice with every member. "From their smiles, to the look of surprise at accomplishing something new, the

progress made every time we have program is heartwarming." Outside of PCR, Ayanna is a proud mom of three and loves to read sci-fi, create art, and teach yoga and wellness. She is also the author of the book, *ABC's of Yoga*, an interactive yoga book that teaches individuals how to practice yoga with positive affirmations while also learning basic language skills. Readers learn different yoga poses that represent each letter of the alphabet. The practice promotes self-awareness, focus, stability, mobility, and confidence! To learn more click [here](#).

Our Loss, Charles "Chuck" Short

May 1947 - September 2026



We are saddened to share the news of Chuck Short's passing on September 17th. Chuck was instrumental in PCR's creation in 1994, and in facilitating Montgomery County's financial support for 32 years. He was a stalwart supporter, mentor, counselor and friend to PCR. Chuck worked tirelessly and effectively to raise the profile of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and to call attention to their talents and challenges. He was responsible for establishing many programs and services in Montgomery County for the I/DD community. Chuck was highly impactful, always cheerful, humble, and he treated everyone he met with dignity and his wonderfully open heart. He was a force for good in Montgomery County, and will be greatly missed. Our condolences and prayers go out to Chuck's wife, Maureen, and their children Mary Margaret, Christie Anne, and Charlie, and to Chuck's entire family.

Thank you, WeAchieve

On August 20th, WeAchieve, a Silver Spring-based nonprofit DDA service provider, recognized PCR's work promoting the full participation in community life of individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities with a 2026 Champion Award. Executive Director Steve Riley accepted the award at a ceremony attended by State and County elected officials, WeAchieve clients (including PCR members), families, and staff.



PCR's New Website!

Exciting news! PCR has a new website! Our new site is engaging, colorful, easy to navigate, and fun, and will better serve you — our members, families, supporters, and friends — with easy access to the information you need to know. Please visit www.pcr-inc.org and explore the various links. You will be amazed at all that is happening at PCR.

2026 Potomac Faith and Light Schedule

When: October 10th, 2026
November 14th, 2026
December 5th, 2026

Where: Our Lady Of Mercy Catholic Church

Schedule: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
5:00pm Mass in church (optional)

Contact: Michael Bradley
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Resource Fair Youth & Adults with IDD/Autism

Sunday, Oct 25, 2026 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

College Living Experience (CLE)
401 N Washington St, Rockville, MD

FREE EVENT - FREE PARKING - NEAR ROCKVILLE METRO

Montgomery County Transition Work Group

facebook.com/transitionworkgroup

For sign language interpretation, call 240-777-1059
or email transitioningsuccess@gmail.com by October 19.

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