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29th ANNUAL PATRICIA SULLIVAN BENEFIT

Benefit Chairs Samantha & Matthew Venoit kicked off the evening's festivities

Masters of Ceremonies Tommy McFly and Matt Ficca energized the crowd

Erin Nalls Fry presented the Flynn Thomas Fry Memorial Award to Cecilia Pauley

Catherine and Gabe Albornoz were presented with the Patricia Sullivan Leadership Award

Karen Leggett accepted the Outstanding Adult Volunteer Award

Milenie Pacuan was presented with the Outstanding PCR Staff Member Award

Connelly School of the Holy Child senior Mary Sullivan was presented with the Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award

Georgetown Preparatory School President Rev. James R. Van Dyke, S.J. was presented with the Outstanding Community Partner Award

Joseph Pauley accepted the Founders Award

Thanks to the creative leadership of Benefit Chairs Samantha & Matthew Venoit, our Host Committee, and the generous financial support of sponsors & donors, our 29th Annual Patricia Sullivan Benefit was an enjoyable evening and a great success. Over 400 guests gathered to celebrate our members and honor our awardees. Masters of Ceremonies Tommy McFly & Matt Ficca brought a special energy to the evening, and our "Fund the Mission" live appeal was successful. All of us at PCR are very grateful for the generosity of our supporters. To view photos of the fun evening, click **Photos**.

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TRANSITION TIMES

Bridges from School to Work

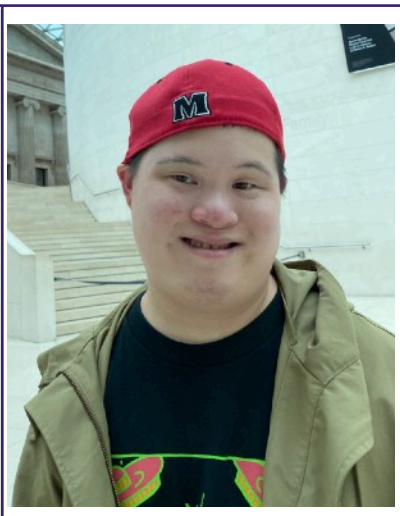
Wednesday, November 18th 6:30pm

Speaker: Tyran Omary
DC Metro Bridges Director

This webinar will provide an overview of the program, its services, and how it can help individuals develop skills, gain work experience, and access meaningful employment opportunities.

To register, please click **HERE**.

Simultaneous ASL & Spanish interpretation provided. Other languages available upon advance request. Recording will be posted on PCR's website, www.pcr-inc.org



PCR MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Meet Philip

Philip has been a PCR member since 2022. Philip and his family had first learned of PCR through the positive word of mouth from other PCR families and members. He decided to join PCR's Communication Counts program and has been a returning member ever since. Philip really enjoys the program for the many wonderful experiences it provides and the opportunity to interact with his fellow classmates. Philip also attends PCR Bingo and PCR's special events such as the Beach Party, Halloween Party, and Gen Ryan Memorial BBQ. He is always delighted to see his friends at each and every event. Philip and his family say "PCR instructors and staff are very well prepared and experienced, and always show up in a welcoming mood for students." Outside of PCR, Philip enjoys participating in music and art classes, and going to fitness programs. Philip also likes visiting his friends and family, exploring new trails, and walking in the park. Philip loves traveling to new locations anywhere in the world!

Happy Thanksgiving from all your friends at PCR

In this season of giving thanks, we are especially grateful for our wonderful members and families, our dedicated volunteers, Board of Directors and staff, our community partner organizations, and our generous benefactors.

Mark Your Calendars!

PCR Holiday Party
Saturday, December 12th

Road to Independence Resource Fair

The October 25th Road to Independence Resource Fair attracted over 250 attendees who learned about resources and supports available to individuals with Intellectual/ Developmental Disabilities in Montgomery County. The fair was organized by the Transition Work Group of Montgomery County, and was sponsored by PCR. Respite Care & Community Engagement Director Melissa Wyman and PCR staff member Kim Beer provided information and advice to participants, and recruited new PCR members. To view a guide of exhibitors that were in attendance, please click **here.**

PCR Family and Friends

Team PCR — Freddy and Rebecca Leatherbury, Dan Christovich, and Doug Illig — participated in Mercy Health Clinic's golf tournament on October 5th.

Georgetown Preparatory School President Rev. James R. Van Dyke, S.J. with current Georgetown Prep students who volunteer at PCR programs.

Order of Malta volunteers Mike, Caleb, David, and Porfirio assisted PCR members during FUNctional Fitness at the Tricia Sullivan Respite Care Program

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As of October 29th, 2026

Mark your calendars for next year's 30th Annual Patricia Sullivan Benefit on Saturday, November 13, 2027!