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BETHLEHEM HAVEN BECOMES PART OF PITTSBURGH MERCY

Coming together paves way for enhancement of community-based care for women

PITTSBURGH (July 1, 2016) – [Bethlehem Haven](#) is now part of [Pittsburgh Mercy](#). The two nonprofit organizations unanimously approved the transaction in separate board actions in April. Under the terms of the deal, finalized June 30, Bethlehem Haven is now a wholly-owned subsidiary of [Pittsburgh Mercy Health System, Inc.](#), one of the region’s largest health and human service nonprofit organizations. Bethlehem Haven and Pittsburgh Mercy will collaborate and deliver an enhanced set of gender-based programs and services to underserved women, women who are at-risk of or experiencing homelessness, and women who are at-risk of or experiencing behavioral health challenges.

The [Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General](#) expressed no objection to the coming together of Bethlehem Haven and Pittsburgh Mercy.

“This is a great day for the women whom Bethlehem Haven serves,” said **Thomas J. Herward, president of the Bethlehem Haven Board of Directors**. “As a member of the Pittsburgh Mercy Family of Care, Bethlehem Haven will robustly serve its mission and expand women’s access to needed health and human services, particularly in the area of behavioral health care.”

Bethlehem Haven, a \$3.3 million nonprofit organization based in Uptown Pittsburgh, provides shelter, housing, and supportive services to 1,500 women in Allegheny County who are experiencing or are at-risk of homelessness. It has three locations in Pittsburgh.

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[Pittsburgh Mercy](#), part of [Trinity Health](#) and serving in the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy, operates extensive, integrated programs in behavioral health (mental health and addiction), community health, intellectual disabilities, homelessness, veterans, and physical health (primary care, dental care, and gynecological care) services that help more than 33,000 people annually in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Pittsburgh Mercy employs 1,700 people.

Bethlehem Haven employees will become employees of Pittsburgh Mercy on July 1.

As a separate corporation within the Pittsburgh Mercy Family of Care, Bethlehem Haven will serve its mission and retain its core values, vision, 501(c)(3) status, board of directors, leadership team, name, and corporate identity. Donations and fundraising will remain separate; however the two organizations will collaborate on grants when appropriate.

In May, Bethlehem Haven announced the appointment of **Deborah W. Linhart** as chief executive officer (CEO). Linhart, who has more than 37 years of experience in gender-based, nonprofit health care services, succeeds Herward, who had been serving as Bethlehem Haven Board of Directors president and interim CEO since 2015. Daniel McGrogan, who currently serves as vice president of the Bethlehem Haven Board of Directors, will become president of Bethlehem Haven's board beginning July 1. Linhart will assume responsibilities as CEO of Bethlehem Haven effective July 5.

About Bethlehem Haven

[Bethlehem Haven](#), part of the [Pittsburgh Mercy](#) Family of Care, is a women's shelter located in Uptown, Pittsburgh that provides safe shelter and sanctuary for more than 100 women each and every night. Every woman served by Bethlehem Haven is linked to supportive services, specifically designed for their individual needs, so they can achieve self-sufficiency, permanent housing, and personal empowerment. To learn more about [Bethlehem Haven](#), or to make a donation in support of its important work in the community, visit www.bethlehemhaven.org.

About Pittsburgh Mercy

[Pittsburgh Mercy](#), a part of [Trinity Health](#), serving in the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy, is one of the largest health and human service nonprofit organizations and is also one of the largest employers in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Pittsburgh Mercy includes Bethlehem Haven, McAuley Ministries, Mercy Behavioral Health, Mercy Community Health, Mercy Intellectual Disabilities Services, Mercy Parish Nurse and Health Ministry Program, Operation Safety Net®, and Pittsburgh Mercy Family Health Center. Together, these Pittsburgh Mercy programs and their 1,700 employees serve more than 33,000 individuals annually at 60+ locations in Southwestern Pennsylvania. To learn more about [Pittsburgh Mercy](#), or to make a donation in support of its important work in the community, visit www.pittsburghmercy.org.

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