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Mission of Mercy Pittsburgh Sets Dates for Its Ninth Annual Free Dental and Hearing Clinic

Community Event Returns to Downtown Pittsburgh Oct. 16-17, 2026

PITTSBURGH (April 8, 2026) – [Mission of Mercy Pittsburgh](#) (MOMPGH) will hold its ninth annual free dental and hearing clinic **Oct. 16-17, 2026**, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Downtown Pittsburgh.



The signature event of a Call to Care, Inc., brings together dentists, clinicians, nurses, imaging technicians and general volunteers to support children and adults who lack access to—or cannot afford—dental and hearing care.

Dental procedures provided include dental exams, cleanings, fillings, extractions and root canal treatments. Hearing evaluations, as well as free hearing aids, also are included.

New in 2026, MOMPGH and the UPMC Vision Institute enhanced their collaboration to expand vision healthcare offerings. Patients who present with vision healthcare needs at the MOMPGH October clinic will now be referred to the Vision Institute staff on-site, who will register them for an appointment at the Vision Institute’s Community Vision Day sister event, scheduled for **Oct. 18, 2026**, at the UPMC Mercy Pavilion, located at 1622 Locust Street in Uptown Pittsburgh.

“Mission of Mercy Pittsburgh is honored to again serve those individuals in need of healthcare assistance. Our patient numbers grow each year across the board—this is the right time to expand our network of care. Now, patients who attend the Mission of Mercy Pittsburgh free clinic can focus their time on receiving dental and hearing care,” says Keith Young, Mission of Mercy Pittsburgh Board Member and Past Board Chair. “We also know there is a tremendous need for vision care within our Pittsburgh community. Through our enhanced collaboration with the UPMC Vision Institute, we can provide these patients with greater access to comprehensive vision care and an expanded collaborative network with the sister event on Oct. 18.”

Eye exams, acuity screenings, eyeglass fittings, free eyeglasses and additional care will be offered at the sister event, which will only be open to MOMPGH patients. Patients also will have the opportunity to establish a relationship with vision professionals for ongoing care.

“Offering patients access to long-term healthcare—not just single-day services—is one of the top goals of Mission of Mercy Pittsburgh,” Young adds. “Through our partnerships with the UPMC Vision Institute, Catholic Charities, The Ear and Hearing Center and Center for Audiology and Hearing Aids at UPMC, Three Rivers Alliance of Community Health Centers and others, we remain committed to providing underserved populations with the care they need to improve their long-term health.”

More than 1,800 MOMPGH volunteers served 2,081 patients in 2025—the most since the nonprofit organization held its first clinic in 2017—and provided nearly \$2.6 million in services. Of those patients treated last year, 1,384 received dental care. Additionally, 778 eye exams and 408 hearing exams were provided. On the distribution side, 636 free hearing aids were given to 320 patients. Additionally, 668 free eyeglasses were distributed.

“We were floored by the turnout at our 2025 free, two-day clinic,” says Mission of Mercy Pittsburgh Executive Director Brandi Miller. “There was an incredible sense of community at the convention center, with so many patients receiving life-changing healthcare relief.

“The need across our region fuels our team and volunteers each day. We are already hard at work preparing for this year, and we look forward to another successful clinic in October.”

Since its first clinic in 2017, MOMPUGH has provided \$11.8 million in services to more than 11,000 patients.

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