

University Support to Oakland Community Organizations (2015-2019)

1. Community Organization Support

Oakland Planning and Development Corporation- (OPDC)

University provides annual financial support to OPDC for the following programming:

- “Keep it Clean Oakland” Adopt a Block program
- Student Move In/out Sustainability Project
- Participate in the annual OPDC fundraiser.

(Total of \$133,000 since FY15)

In addition, the University of Pittsburgh provided OPDC with a **\$72,500** no interest loan to the Oakland Development Fund, and has agreed to two separate 10-year extensions of repayment.

In 2019, the University committed to providing a **\$250,000** no interest loan to support the Oakland Community Land Trust as well as **\$40,000** to support operating costs.

Oakland Business Improvement District- (OBID)

The University pays the OBID assessment (i.e. tax) on its properties that are not used in direct support of Pitt’s educational mission. These assessments total **\$51,824** for 2019.

In addition, Pitt provides annual financial support to the OBID to assist in covering operational expenses. **(\$68,000.)** We also lease University space to the OBID for **\$0** for the digital art plaza and also provide in-kind services at a cost to the University such as power, the taxes on the parcel and, the water the OBID uses to power wash sidewalks in the business district.

In-kind services for the digital arts plaza exceed **\$164,000**

Oakland Transportation Management Association (OTMA)

The University provides annual financial support to OTMA to assist in covering operational expenses **(\$20,000)**

Support of Walk Pittsburgh (2015, 2016) **(\$5,000)**

From 2005-2006 as part of the Hometown Streets and Safe Routes to School projects, the University of Pittsburgh provided **\$250,000** of matching funds and **\$250,000** of in-kind support.

OBID/OTMA

The University has provided a financial contribution towards the final design of the proposed Pedestrian Wayfinding System for Oakland. **(\$10,000)**

2. Neighborhood Organization & Community Program Support (\$56,100)

- **Peoples Oakland:** The University provides an annual sponsorship in support of this community organization’s fund raising efforts.
- **Community Human Services Corp.:** Regular Community Ally Benefit Sponsor (2015, 2017)
- **The Corner (West Oakland):** Annual sponsorship in support of this community organization’s fund raising efforts.

- **South Oakland Neighborhood Group (SONG):** The University provides a sponsorship in support of this organization’s celebration of its annual “Community Day” in this neighborhood.
- **Oakhill Resident Council:** The University provides an annual sponsorship in support of this organization’s community picnic and holiday party.
- **Family House:** The University supports Family House’s annual fundraiser
- **Housing Opportunities Unlimited:** The University sponsored a family retreat
- **Soldiers and Sailors:** Cannon Ball Gala and Military Follies Sponsorship (2015)
- **Phipps Conservatory:** Support for Dean’s Scholarship Ball
- **“Be A Good Neighbor” Block Parties:** The University sponsors six Oakland “Be A Good Neighbor” block parties to encourage students and residents to build positive relationships (\$40,000)

3. In-kind Support

Christmas Day at Pitt dinner with the Salvation Army where we feed over 2,000 people including gifts for every child that attends and gift bags with winter accessories for both children and adults

Provide land for Plant 2 Plate to grow a local garden on Oakland Avenue

Our Food Recovery Heroes (a student group) supports 412 Food Rescue with recovering and reusing food that would otherwise be discarded

The University of Pittsburgh is currently working towards hosting a Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank site on campus in Oakland that will serve the broader community through monthly distributions that are open to the public.

Provided printing services for OTMA’s Annual Report.

Donate furniture as needed to various non-profit organizations.

Annual food drives to support Community Human Services food pantry

Pitt’s Department of Family Medicine has provided care at the Mathilda H. Theiss Health Center since the 1960s.

Donated labor to support Signature Volunteer Events:

- Provided moves and trucks to relocate gifts and winter accessories to various locations on and off campus to community partners. (Christmas Day at Pitt)
- United Way – Re-gift and thrift sale.
- United Way Day of Caring labor and material support
- OBID events
 - In-kind donation of the Forbes digital plaza
 - Labor for “Icy Lights” event on Oakland Ave. Assisted local community by providing anchoring points on our building to enable OBID’s Icy Lights initiative.
 - The annual placement of the Christmas tree at the Digital Plaza and other small events held there.
- Block parties and Schenley Plaza events.
- Special Olympics support in-kind at the Fitzgerald Fieldhouse, held annually.

- Provided buses and shuttles
 - Transportation service once per month for University staff volunteering at a food bank in Duquesne PA.
 - Day of Caring.
 - Komen Race for the Cure.
- **Provided Construction Management Training to Local Small Disadvantaged and Minority-Owned contractors.** Conducted a series of construction management training courses to help improve the business skills of local small contractors and arranged networking events to introduce them to larger contracting firms in the area.
- **Construction projects:** We have provided an average (over the last 10 years) of 880 construction and support jobs each year. (This is based on a standard algorithm we use on an average of \$94.3M in construction projects each of those years.)
- **Parking Services** – provided parking for community events
 - Center for Health Equity - worked with them to provide the parking day at Pitt to raise awareness about the importance of livable city.
 - Tree of Life Memorial – Pittsburgh Synagogue.
 - Institutional Advancement - three months of parking for United Way.
 - Katz Graduate School of Business – Boy Scouts Eagle Career Day.
 - Race for the Cure – Susan Komen Greater Pittsburgh.
 - Children’s Hospital – Walk for Children’s – patients that were treated at Children’s.

4. University of Pittsburgh Police

The Pitt Police is the 3rd largest police force in Allegheny County with a budget of over \$11 million dollars in support of public safety. There is a Community/Neighborhood Resource Unit of 7 officers tasked as community liaisons. In addition, Pitt police claim a jurisdiction area that includes the Oakland community and their numbers regularly report making a positive impact in responding to crime whether or not a Pitt affiliated individual is involved: 60% of all calls and 75% of arrests do **not** involve Pitt related individuals. The University of Pittsburgh Police have a weekend impact detail that sends additional officers to patrol the neighborhood every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The impact detail is 4-6 additional officers above the regular shift.

Pitt Police cameras located at various locations around the Oakland Campus creates a safer environment for everyone.

Nuisance Bar Task Force is comprised of Pitt police working with the City of Pittsburgh's NBTF, Pa. Liquor Control Board, and community leaders throughout the city. Its mission is to keep a pulse on nuisance bars by reporting incidents to the task force, after which citations are issued and the bar is placed on a watch list, and if the conduct continues, steps are taken to close the establishment.

Job Fairs give the public an opportunity to speak with an officer and the department's human resource representative concerning work environment. Job fairs take place at the University's main site and at various universities and institutions throughout the state.

5. Volunteer Support

MLK Day of Service – January 2018

- First Tee of Pittsburgh – 21 Students

Be a Good Neighbor Day – March 2018

- Oakland Planning Development Corporation – 20 Students
- United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania, Open Your Heart to a Senior – 20 Students
- South Oakland Neighborhood Group (SONG) – 20 Students

Orientation Day of Service – August 2018

- South Oakland Neighborhood Group (SONG) – 21 Students

Garbage Olympics – September 2018

- Collaboration with Oakland Planning and Development Corporation (OPDC)
- 48 Student Volunteers participated
- 38 Bags of Garbage Collected
- City of Pittsburgh competition for trash pick-up (Total participation stats - 20 neighborhoods with over 230 total volunteers and 640 bags of litter collected)

Day of Caring – October 2018 (85 participants in Oakland)

- Family House: 514 N. Neville Pittsburgh PA 15213: Pitt volunteers will assist with room cleanup including mattress replacement, stripping of linens, and general cleanup.
- People's Oakland: 3433 Bates Street Pittsburgh, PA 15213: Volunteers will complete painting on 3 floors, clean resource and fitness centers, and clean and plant front gardens.
- Central Oakland Cleanup: Pitt volunteers will assist with cleanup of Central Oakland streets.
- CHS Pantry – 370 Lawn Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213: Pitt volunteers will help reorganize and clean to prepare for the upcoming holidays months.

PMADD – October 2018

- Oakland Planning Development Corporation – 25 students
- William S. Moorhead Tower Senior and Disabled Community – 25 students
- Third Presbyterian Church – 25 students
- Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum – 25 students
- Bellefield Presbyterian Church – 25 students