



Five Decades of Helping Others - A Lifetime of Caring

Fríday, May 10, 2019 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. PNC Park Hyundaí Club

#### **50th ANNIVERSARY WELCOME**



On behalf of the Board of Directors, our Gala Committee, and the staff at Transitional Services, I would like to welcome and thank you for joining us. This evening we commemorate fifty years of helping people with mental disabilities discover and achieve their hopes and dreams for a meaningful life in the community.

In 1969, we were fortunate to have the foresight of a pioneer in the field of mental health, Mr. Orville "Bud" Royer", lay the groundwork for the philosophical shift in beliefs that all persons have the right to live and thrive in our communities despite their limitations. That began our mission — to serve those who most needed support to live independently. Since that time, we have served close to 20,000 individuals.

We are extremely proud of the dedicated staff that we have at Transitional Services. They provide services that go above and beyond on a daily basis with only the best interests of those that we serve at heart.

We would like to acknowledge each of you for making this a memorable event, and to our sponsors and donors for all of your contributions. We look forward to continue our mission for many years to come!

Mary Anne Poutous, LSW Chief Executive Officer

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#### **PROGRAM**

**Emcee:** Jon Burnett KDKA-TV Weather Anchor/Show Host

#### **Allegheny County Proclamation:**

County Executive Rich Fitzgerald

#### **Entertainment:**

Alton Merrell — Pianist Rodney McCoy — Jazz Violinist Organization of Chinese American Dancers



6:00 p.m. Reception
7:00 p.m. Buffet Dinner
8:00 - 10:00 p.m. Entertainment /
Chinese Auction

#### **MISSION**

To help people with mental disabilities discover and achieve their hopes and dreams for a meaningful life in the community.

#### **VISION**

Transforming communities through the contributions of the people we serve.

#### **OUR PROGRAMS**

We provide an array of housing and support services in Allegheny County designed to meet the needs and preferences of individuals who have psychiatric or intellectual disabilities.

TSI has several different types of residential programs and services for persons with mental disabilities.



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### A TRIBUTE TO OUR FOUNDING FATHER

**Orville Royer, Service Pioneer** 



Orville J. "Bud" Royer, founder and president of Transition Services, Inc. and Housing Facilities, Inc. of Allegheny County, was a pioneer in the development of transitional living for mentally and physically disabled people from institutions.

He established Transitional Services in 1966 as a halfway house for newly released mental patients. The facility eventually was expanded to accommodate physically disabled adults as well

He was a consultant to mental health programs in Pennsylvania, Alabama, Ohio, New York, Hawaii, and to the Community Support Project of the National Institute of Mental Health.

Before working with the disabled, he was Associate Director of the Pittsburgh Diocese Catholic Youth Organization.

Mr. Royer graduated from Gannon College, Erie, and received a Master's Degree in Social Work at the University of Pittsburgh.

He had been a lecturer and part-time faculty member at the Pitt Graduate School of Social Work and Public Health. He was a past president of the Pitt School of Social Work Alumni Association.

Mr. Royer was a member of the National Association of Social Workers, the Academy of Certified Social Workers, the Pitt School of Social Work Agency Advisory Committee, and the Pittsburgh Diocese Synod Commission. He also was a member of St. Alphonsus Church.

He formerly served on the St. Albert the Great Parish Council and CCD faculty.

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— Orville J. "Bud" Royer

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# **Dr. Alton Merrell, Pianist**



Dr. Alton Merrell is a world class pianist, composer, and educator based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His musical artistry is a unique blend of lyrical melodies, rich harmonies, and fluid technique that spans multiple music genres including jazz, gospel, classical, pop, and rhythm and blues. His music is known to take listeners on spirit-filled excursions that deeply touch the soul.

He is a current member of the Pittsburgh Jazz Orchestra and has also performed with, the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Cleveland Jazz Orchestra, Cleveland State Jazz Heritage Orchestra, Pittsburgh Concert Chorale, YSU All-Star Alumni Jazz Ensemble, Warren Philharmonic Orchestra, and the OMEA Intercollegiate All-Star Jazz Ensemble.

# GALA ENTERTAINMENT Rodney McCoy, Jazz Violinist



Rodney McCoy is a well-known jazz violinist who is a native to Pittsburgh. As a teenager, he was enrolled in the Pittsburgh's Center for the Creative Arts and later joined the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony and the Ozanam Strings Jazz Ensemble.

Mr. McCoy was awarded the Best Jazz Violinist by WAMO-FM 106.7 for four consecutive years and Best Performer at the ninth annual African-American Awards show in 2004. He has released two CDs "Top Secret" and "Deep Pockets." He has performed with musical greats such as David Sanborn, Grover Washington Jr, Kenny G., Roy Ayers, Vanessa Williams, Regina Belle and Gerald Albright.

#### **GALA ENTERTAINMENT**

#### **Organization of Chinese Americans**

The Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) is a national civil rights advocacy and educational organization dedicated to advancing the social, political and economic well-being of Americans of Asian and Pacific Islander descent.

OCA strives to promote active participation in civic and national matters; secure social justice; eliminate prejudices and stereotypes and promote cultural heritage of Asian Pacific Americans.



# Thank you for attending our 50th Anniversary Gala celebrating "Five Decades of Helping Others — A Lifetime of Caring."







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