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**BIDDING FOR A CAUSE:
PITTSBURGH MERCY HEALTH SYSTEM ONLINE SPRING AUCTION
TO BENEFIT MERCY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH THERAPEUTIC SUMMER CAMP
FOR CHILDREN WITH TREATABLE BEHAVIORAL ISSUES**

PITTSBURGH (April 30, 2010) — Looking for the perfect graduation or “pamper me” gift for an upcoming graduate, bride-to-be — or perhaps for yourself? Lining up a Mother’s Day or Father’s Day outing that can be enjoyed by the entire family? Bid from the convenience of home on more than 30 fun and interesting items in Pittsburgh Mercy Health System’s online spring auction.

Bidding at www.biddingforgood.com/pmhsauction opens **Saturday, May 1 at 9 a.m.** and ends **Sunday, May 23, 2010 at 8 p.m. (EST)**. Items include a Pittsburgh Penguins jersey autographed by Penguins defenseman Sergei Gonchar; a Pittsburgh Steelers football autographed by Steelers Hines Ward; tickets to Pittsburgh Pirates and Washington Wild Things games, tickets to the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, the Pittsburgh Opera’s “The Barber of Seville,” and Pittsburgh City Theatre; admission passes to popular family venues like the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, the National Aviary, and Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh; fitness club memberships; spa experiences; and more.

Bidders can place a “watch” on their favorite items. Additional items will likely be added as the auction progresses.

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Bid early and bid often. The auction benefits and gives children ages 7 through 11 with treatable behavioral issues the opportunity to attend Camp Hope, a three-week, therapeutic outdoor summer day camp sponsored by Mercy Behavioral Health (MBH), part of the Pittsburgh Mercy Health System. The camp provides children served by MBH with the opportunity to participate in summer camp experiences with accompanying psycho-educational and psycho-social programs provided by Mercy Behavioral Health's experienced team of child and adolescent behavioral health clinicians.

Campers participate in goal-setting; group discussions focused on self-esteem, coping skills, nutrition and exercise; and related social enrichment activities, including a rope course. Without Camp Hope, the children might not otherwise have the chance to experience summer camp with their peers.

Children who are selected to participate in Camp Hope attend public school throughout the year with additional support services provided by Mercy Behavioral Health.

To donate an item to the auction or for more information about supporting Mercy Behavioral Health's Camp Hope, contact Lorry Perkins, LPerkins@mercy.pmhs.org or 724.934.3538.

For more information about Mercy Behavioral Health, visit www.pmhs.org.

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About Mercy Behavioral Health

Mercy Behavioral Health (MBH) provides a full continuum of recovery-oriented, community-based mental health, mental retardation, and drug/alcohol treatment and prevention services to people of Southwestern PA. Established in 1969, MBH is part of the Pittsburgh Mercy Health System and Catholic Health East, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy. For more information, visit www.pmhs.org.

About Pittsburgh Mercy Health System

Pittsburgh Mercy Health System (PMHS) is an extension of the Catholic ministry to all people in southwestern Pennsylvania. A member of Catholic Health East and sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, PMHS focuses on providing quality services that meet physical, mental and spiritual needs. Ministries include Mercy Behavioral Health, A Child's Place at Mercy, Mercy Parish Nurse and Health Ministry Program, Operation Safety Net[®], and McAuley Ministries. For more information, visit www.pmhs.org.