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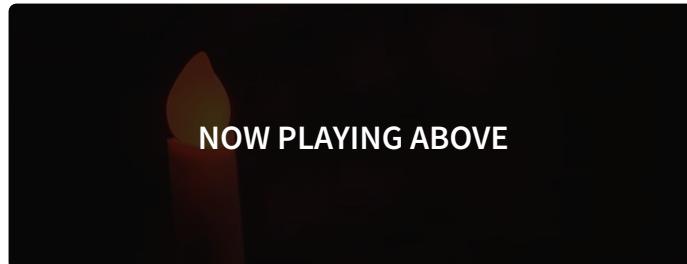
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PITTSBURGH — It's been one year since the Hamas terrorist attacks that started the war in Israel.

More than 1,000 people, including leaders from the Jewish community, packed Darlington Road in front of the JCC to remember and honor the 1,200 people murdered during the terrifying Hamas attack exactly one year ago Monday.

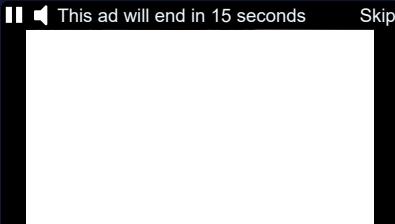
"It's a time of reflection and introspection," said JCC CEO Jason Kunzman. "I also think that this is a moment in time where it's really important for our community to really come together to support one another. We at the JCC have an expression that we're stronger together."



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"It was the worst violence against Jews since the end of the Holocaust," said Jeff Finkelstein, the CEO of the Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh.

During the somber commemoration ceremony, the community stood shoulder to shoulder as one.

"We are all together as a family and we come together at moments like this to remember and support each other," said Aviva Lubowsky of Squirrel Hill.

Mihal Alon survived the Hamas attack. She's an Israeli nurse who came to the event to share her gripping story from that fateful day.

Alon, her husband and eight of her 10 children were volunteering at a military base when Hamas terrorists stormed in.

"He looked me in the eye; he picked up his Kalashnikov and just shot me," Alon said. "I was shot with three bullets, one in my stomach, one here in my chest and one in my head."

Brian Egash's niece also survived the assault and still has family and friends living in Israel as the conflict in the Middle East spreads.

"Like the entire country, they're still healing," said Egash, the Vice President of the Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh

Many people are hoping for peace.

"There's not a person standing out there today that does not want to see peace," Lubowsky said.

Two Jewish Pitt students who were attacked near campus last month closed the ceremony by saying the Prayer for the State of Israel.

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## People in Pittsburgh gather for service remembering Oct. 7 Hamas attack on Israel

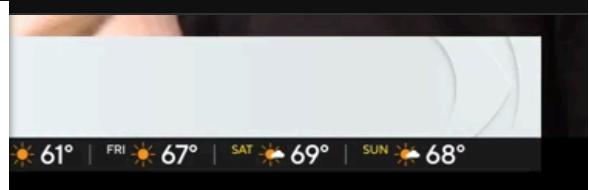
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center in Pittsburgh hosted a  
the Oct. 7, 2023 Hamas attack.

About 1,200 people were killed one year ago Monday, and more than 250 other people were taken hostage. It touched off the war in Gaza, leading to the deaths of tens of thousands of Palestinians.

On Monday at the JCC in Squirrel Hill, the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh remembered the lives lost. Jeff Lebovitz was at the service.

"A lot of sadness for how it began and started what happened to all of these people," Lebovitz said.

A wife and mother of 10 and her husband visiting a military base not far from Gaza described the horror of seeing a soldier who was guarding a doorway killed. Then she came face to face with a Hamas terrorist. She was shot three times.

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one here in my chest and one about my kids watching me."

according to the Hamas-run to Lebanon.

Rabbi Daniel Fellman of Temple Sinai blasted a joint statement released on social media by Pittsburgh Mayor Ed Gainey, Allegheny County Executive Sara Innamorato and U.S. Congresswoman Summer Lee.

"Today is a day marking the largest killing of Jews since the Holocaust," Fellman said. "To begin to politicize it, to begin to start saying that the massacre of Palestinians misses the point entirely. And it says to the Jewish community, 'We don't care that you are marginalized and we don't care.'

Gainey responded to the rabbi's concerns. In a statement to KDKA-TV, he said, in part:

"Our tears are abundant enough to mourn all of the lives lost, and our hearts are big enough to care for all of those who continue to suffer because of this conflict. And I fervently believe that we need one another to be safe. That is why yesterday I joined with Congresswoman Lee and County Executive Innamorato in amplifying the calls for peace being made by Palestinians, Israelis, and millions of people of good conscience across the world. I will continue to prioritize safety, equality, and justice for everyone, and to advocate for an end to violence and hatred of every kind."

A spokesperson for Innamorato said they have no further comment, and KDKA-TV did not hear back from Lee's office on Monday.



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# ElevatEd takes root in Pittsburgh: Investing in the next generation of Jewish educators

ElevatEd aims to recruit, train, mentor and support more than 300 new educators in 12 American communities in its first three years, officials said.

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By **JUSTIN VELLUCCI**

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All 10 of the Pittsburgh area's early childhood Jewish education centers have joined forces with a national program to improve recruitment, retention and training of Jewish educators.

They call the program [ElevatEd](#).

Started in 2023, ElevatEd first focused on Jewish schools in Boston, Denver-Boulder, Houston, Long Island and East Bay, California. Its second cohort includes seven additional communities, including Pittsburgh.

ElevatEd aims to recruit, train, mentor and support more than 300 new educators in 12 American communities in its first three years, officials said.

The \$12 million project is a collaboration among Jewish Community Centers Association of North America, Jewish Federations of North America and the Union for Reform Judaism.

“We’re excited to partner with seven new cities for ElevatEd’s second cohort, refining our strategies and curriculum based on feedback from the first cohort,” said Orna Siegel, ElevatEd executive director. “This expansion allows us to support the entire early childhood Jewish education field more effectively.”

Gina Crough started coordinating the project on Sept. 5. The former early childhood educator — she taught for several years, including at a Goddard School in Columbus, Ohio — said ElevatEd’s mission is simple.

“It’s about empowering early childhood educators, who shape the foundation for lifelong learning and growth,” she told the Chronicle.

The two-year initiative, which expands on the locally grown Pittsburgh Jewish Early Childhood Education Initiative, brings together those funding Jewish education efforts, as well as researchers, community leaders and — possibly most importantly — those on the ground and in the classroom.

“Ensuring that our community has qualified educators is essential for providing high-quality early childhood Jewish education. Early childhood Jewish educators are integral to a flourishing Jewish life — they nurture children, families, and their Jewish community,” said Carolyn Linder, the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh’s associate director of Jewish life and learning. “Anything that we can do to help professionalize and shine a light on a vastly underappreciated profession, I feel, is imperative.”

Linder and Crough said ElevatEd will focus locally on best practices, as well as training those already working in Jewish early childhood education.

“We have a very collaborative group of early childhood education directors — and that’s something we should celebrate and be proud of,” Linder said.

More than 40 participants already are enrolled in the program in the Pittsburgh area, Crough said.

As the 2024-25 academic year enters its second month, ElevatEd is offering an 18-month mentorship program for young teachers and their mid-career counterparts, officials said.

The 10 centers also will receive funds to help credential their staff, officials said. They also will offer staff a yearlong professional development program.

ElevatEd is fleshed out with an applicant tracking system, and partnerships with recruitment companies to attract teachers nationwide to Pennsylvania.

“Our new curriculum … offers personalized learning tracks tailored to educators’ backgrounds and the developmental stages of their students, focusing on infants and toddlers,” said Sasha Kopp, senior director of ElevatEd education and engagement.

Crough said the goal is even more basic than that: building a stronger base for children at the time when their brains are at a heightened point of development.

“I love connecting with these educators because, as a former educator myself, I understand the depth of passion and dedication they bring to their work,” Crough said.

ElevatEd is funded by The Jim Joseph Foundation, Crown Family Philanthropies and the Samuels Family Foundation, among others both locally and nationally. The Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh is serving as the local implementation partner and is funding the program in southwestern Pennsylvania.

Participants include Adat Shalom Preschool, Beth Shalom Early Learning Center, Community Day School Early Childhood Program, Jewish Community Center Early Childhood Development Center–South Hills, Jewish Community Center Early Childhood Development Center–Squirrel Hill, Rodef Shalom Family Center and Preschool, Temple Emanuel Early Childhood Development Center, Temple Ohav Shalom Center for Early Learning, The Early Learning Center at Yeshiva and The Isadore Joshowitz Early Childhood Center at Hillel Academy. **PJC**

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## What happens at camp during the off season? Directors weigh in

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Some might be under the impression that once summer camps close for the season, the directors kick back and relax, not thinking of camp until the next summer. This is far from the case - though they may get to kick back a bit more - and most directors spend the entirety of the fall, winter and spring getting ready for the next camp season.

The Columbus Jewish News reached out to four summer camps and spoke with Raeann Cronebach, director of JCamps at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Columbus; Dave Devey, director and owner at Falcon Camp in Carrollton; camp director Abby Solomon at Camp Livingston in Bennington, Ind.; and camp director Aaron Cantor and assistant camp director Jamie Ridgeway at Emma Kaufmann Camp in Morgantown, W. Va., but is operated by the Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh.

"There's definitely a lot of both reflecting and evaluating, and then hitting the ground right away planning for the next season," Solomon, who grew up attending Camp Livingston, said. "First, we take some time to evaluate our survey data, call families and get feedback so that we can, as thoroughly as possible, debrief everything about the year."



The "off season," though truly never "off," serves as a time for directors to both reach new campers and stay in touch with returning campers. This can be seen as going to camp fairs, open houses, synagogue visits and other marketing techniques.

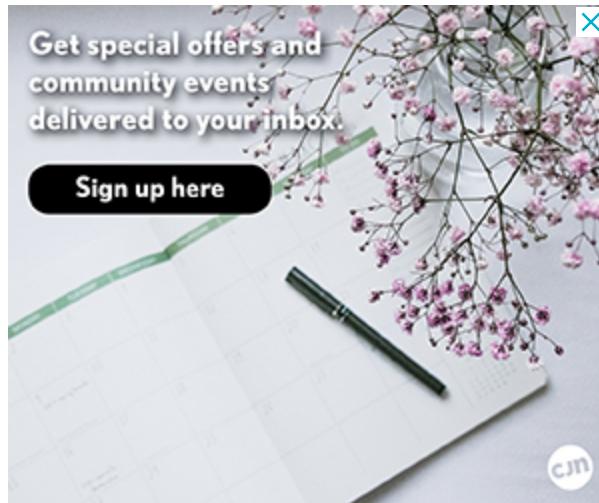
"I think word of mouth is a huge piece of marketing for a lot of camps," Solomon added. "You can trust your friends to tell you the truth on if they had a great experience with this camp and why. And, we really appreciate and support when our families are helpful, letting new families know why they love camp."

Once the metaphorical and physical doors close, Cronebach said JCamps starts preparing for the next season right away.

"We're still also educating ourselves," Cronebach explained. "Where we have a wide connection of various camps throughout the United States – whether they're JCC camps or just Jewish camps – that we do a lot of connecting with. We're constantly on Zooms and different webinars and reading articles on what other camps are doing to see what we can do."

Jewish camps are important for Columbus-area kids because they're often some of the only Jewish students in their classrooms, Cronebach added.

"Camp is a year-round job," she said. "Our families see 10 weeks out of the summer, but we're putting in the work all year-round."



Devey concurred camp is a year-round affair, and that in some ways, it's often busier during the actual camp season.

"This is when we fix things, build, create new projects, new improvements (and) put everything away for the winter," Devey added. "... You have a little bit of freedom of movement in the fall versus in the spring, where you're opening up and getting everything ready and there's a big rush to get things done."

Community outreach and hiring seasonal staff are also a facet of the pre-season activities, Devey said.

"We start our registration at the end of this month," Devey continued. "We're already beginning to recruit and retain camper families for next summer. ... We're actively emailing and writing personal notes and staying in touch."

When the campers return home after a summer at Emma Kaufmann Camp, the leadership team stays to celebrate their success by "really being together" for one last time, Ridgeway said.

"The day after (we close), we open up registration for the following summer, which helps with the sadness of camp being over when you're seeing everybody wants to sign up again for a second summer," Cantor added.

While every summer is different, Ridgeway mentioned their camp staff wants to build on what they already have.

"Throughout the year, we are engaging with our families," Ridgeway added. "We are in constant communication; we do newsletters, as well as our events that we do throughout the year. ... Also, we try to get our staff really engaged. Throughout the year, we go to different colleges or cities to do staff dinners and see them, and show them that we support them and want to engage with them year-round."



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## Pittsburgh's Jews, united by Tree of Life shooting, divided by election and Gaza war

In Pennsylvania's second city, a tight-knit Jewish community grapples with traumas past and present

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By Lauren Markoe

October 22, 2024

PITTSBURGH — Joel Ettinger, a retired health care executive, could have been relaxing at his second home in Florida, but instead spent an afternoon last week bundled in a winter jacket on the chilly concourse of the Pittsburgh Steelers stadium, doing crowd control at a rally for Gov. Tim Walz, the Democratic nominee for vice president.

Ettinger, 74, said he is voting — and volunteering — here in Pennsylvania, because it's the swing state with the most electoral votes, 19. And like many local Jewish activists for both parties, he has found these last frantic days of the campaign particularly challenging because of their timing.

The election is not only coming on the heels of the first *yahrzeit* of the Oct. 7 Hamas terror attack on Israel, but a scant nine days after the sixth anniversary of the [Tree of Life massacre](#), where a gunman murdered 11 Jews during Shabbat services. “It all weaves together,” said Ettinger, whose two sons became bar mitzvah at Tree of Life decades before. “There’s a rising sentiment of fear.”

He was one of dozens of Jews of every generation and denomination I spoke with over three days in Pittsburgh, the state’s second-largest city and home to a proud and politically involved Jewish population.

I sat down for coffee, tea, and hummus with rabbis, political organizers, poll workers and survivors of the Tree of Life tragedy. I went to the Walz rally and another for JD Vance, Trump’s running mate, and had hot chocolate in a sukkah. They told me who they were voting for, and why — or why they were afraid to say.

To a person, they lamented the state of our divided nation. Many also bemoaned divisions within Jewish Pittsburgh. Some said their synagogues have been places of refuge during this difficult season; others said they were scenes of sometimes painful debate.

Rabbi Hindy Finman, who works at the Pittsburgh JCC, said Oct. 7 “retraumatized” the city’s Jews, who were still scarred from the 2018 shooting, the deadliest act of antisemitism in U.S. history. They were saddened, she said, that the profusion of compassion from across the city after 10/27 did not reappear.

“There was a lot of confusion and hurt, and people were really, really upset,” she said. “Like, where are they now?”

The election has further cleaved the community, with disagreements over Israel’s response to the Hamas attack and, especially, whether former President Donald Trump or Vice President Kamala Harris is best suited to handle it and the antisemitism that has spiked in its wake.

Pittsburgh Jews who [held each other close](#) after Tree of Life and on prior anniversaries now do not trust each other to vote in the best interest of the Jewish people — or their country. All in the neighborhood that the late [Fred Rogers](#) of *Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood* called home.

"It's harder to love your neighbor," Finman said. "It's really, really hard to remember to say 'Good morning.'"

### 'Zionist, full stop'

Built on three rivers and the steel industry, Pittsburgh declined rapidly in the latter half of the 20th century but has since rebounded, with high-tech enterprises replacing the steel mills that used to line the riverfronts.

There are now 300,000 residents in the city and 2.4 million in the metropolitan area, including 50,000 Jews, who support dozens of synagogues. One is Temple Sinai, a Reform congregation of 650 families whose senior rabbi, Daniel Fellman, moved to Pittsburgh three years after the Tree of Life tragedy.

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Sinai is located in Squirrel Hill, home to Tree of Life and the JCC, and dotted with Jewish day schools and a kosher market, a kosher Dunkin Donuts and a Jewish bookstore.

"We run into each other at the store," he said of the city's diverse Jewish populations.

Fellman, 51, is the son of a Democratic Nebraska state senator and worked as a speechwriter for a Nebraska governor and an intern in the Clinton White House before going to rabbinical school.

The congregation is largely Democrats like him but includes Trump voters, including one who accompanied Fellman to a Pittsburgh Pirates game in September, where they talked about the election as they watched the team lose. They don't like everything that comes out of each others' mouths, the rabbi said, but "he and I respect each other."

There is tension to his left, too. In his Rosh Hashanah sermon, Rabbi Fellman called Israel a "core element" of Jewish identity and said, "I believe that anti-Zionism equals antisemitism, full stop." But Squirrel Hill is part of the U.S. congressional district that in 2022 elected Rep. Summer Lee, who has supported a U.S. arms embargo against Israel and accused it of committing genocide in Gaza.

Lee was among three local Democrats who signed a statement marking the anniversary of Oct. 7 that the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh criticized for making a "dangerous and false moral equivocation" by seeming to compare the actions of Israel and Hamas. She is a member of the so-called Squad that includes Reps. Rashida Tlaib, Ilhan Omar and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and advocates for a reevaluation of U.S. military aid to Israel.

"I should note," Fellman told me, "there's a significant chunk of the Jewish community and a chunk of my congregation that supports her, that is on the far left side of the Democratic Party, that have bordered on anti-Zionist, and they think what she's doing is right."

He added: "And I'm fine with that."

### The survivor

Audrey Glickman was leading prayers at Tree of Life when the gunman entered the building. She grabbed a 90-year-old congregant, Joe Charny, and raced upstairs to a small room where they hid under their prayer shawls.

Glickman, now 67, didn't talk about that day publicly until after she testified at the 2023 trial of the shooter, Robert Bowers, who was eventually sentenced to death. Since then, she speaks "more than once a week" to groups, Jewish and non-Jewish, about how antisemitism can fester and explode.

Up until recently, Glickman told me, she “tried not to be too political” in those talks. But that changed as the campaign heated up. Trump “fomented the horrors that were perpetrated here,” she said. “And now I see my friends ignoring that.” She said these friends are ardent supporters of civil rights but tell her they are voting for Trump because he supports Israel more than Harris. “I get worried that they’re missing a point,” she said.

A [Forward-CHIP50](#) poll of American Jews released last week reflected what Glickman is seeing in her own life. Harris had less support among Jews nationally than President Joe Biden and former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton had in 2020 and 2016, and Jews seemed to be ranking Israel and antisemitism higher on their list of priorities than in prior elections.

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Like Fellman, Glickman has issues with Jews to the left of her, too. She’s among many Pittsburgh Jews I spoke to who were offended by the statement Lee signed. But that does not compare to her frustration with those who point to Lee as a reason not to vote for Harris, convinced that the vice president is also “a member of the Squad.”

Glickman has twice met with Doug Emhoff, Harris’ Jewish husband, during his visits to Pittsburgh, and has no doubts about her support for Israel and commitment to combating antisemitism.

“I don’t know how to fight the propaganda that’s out there,” she said.

### Prime seat at GOP rally

Joshua Lamb, 46, knows many Pittsburgh Jews do not understand how he could vote for Trump, and that some at his Reform synagogue just south of downtown, Temple Emanuel, consider him a “crazy conservative.”

But he sees the former president as a protector of Israel and does not trust Harris, who, he pointed out, called for an end to the Gaza war right after Israel announced last week it had killed the chief architect of the Oct. 7 attack, Yahya Sinwar.

“Well no,” Lamb said. “There are still hostages, woman!”

We met at a rally featuring JD Vance, Trump’s running mate, on Thursday at a downtown wedding venue. Lamb, who was wearing a yarmulke, did not arrive in time to snag a seat. Then a campaign aide invited him to sit in the bleachers just to the side of the podium.

I wondered if he thought that was to show off Jewish support. “It did cross my mind,” he said.

Lamb is a former tech professional who now works as a handyman and caregiver for the elderly. He’s been a registered Republican for the past 15 months and says he aligns with Trump on a host of concerns beyond Israel, including how “woke” society has become.

He is particularly worried about how a nephew who will be going to college in a few years will be treated as a Jewish student on campus.

And while he doesn’t appreciate Trump’s bluster, he also doesn’t hold him responsible for violence committed by others, like Bowers.

“You are always going to have crazy people in the world,” he said.

### ‘Conflict in my congregation’

JP Leskovich, 27, a third-year law student at the University of Pittsburgh, voted “[uncommitted](#)” in Pennsylvania’s April primary to protest President Joe Biden’s support for Israel’s military campaign in Gaza.

When we spoke at a café near the university, he praised Biden for reaching out to Jews this past year but criticized him for failing to support Palestinians and dismissing antiwar protesters.

“It isn’t just rabble rousers,” said Leskovich, who himself has stayed away from demonstrations. “It’s something that people really care about. And Jewish people care about also.”

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Harris is not his perfect candidate, Leskovich told me, but he still plans to vote for her, because they’re aligned enough on issues he cares about, like LGBTQ+ rights and support for Ukraine. In fact, he’s been canvassing neighborhoods on the Democrat’s behalf.

Leskovich belongs to Dor Hadash, a Reconstructionist shul that lost a congregant in the Tree of Life shooting. He worked this past year, unsuccessfully, to pass a ceasefire resolution at the synagogue, which exposed fault lines in the congregation.

“A couple of really tense board meetings,” he said, “but everyone kept coming back.”

Back in 2018, when the shooting happened, Leskovich was an undergrad at Pitt, as the university is known locally, and in the process of converting to Judaism and pledging AEPI, the Jewish fraternity. He felt safe in the aftermath, he said, given the citywide outpouring of kindness. And he also felt supported by his law school classmates right after the Hamas attack.

But in August, according to a police report, a man wearing a keffiyah threw a glass bottle at two students on the campus who were wearing yarmulkes, as Leskovich does (a suspect was arrested and charged with assault). And in September, a Jewish student wearing a Star of David said he [was punched and kicked](#) by a group of about seven young men who made derogatory comments about Judaism and Israel.

Those incidents have made Leskovich feel less safe, though his prime concern remains antisemitism from the right, not from the left. He is confident that Trump’s reelection would embolden white supremacists like the Tree of Life gunman, who had posted antisemitic conspiracy theories on the far-right social platform Gab.

“In Pittsburgh it’s not a fear of the unknown,” he said. “It’s a fear of the known.”

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# Markosek secures over \$2.6 million in grants for local projects and school improvements

Rep. Brandon Markosek *October 22, 2024 / 2:29 PM*



**MONROEVILLE, Oct. 22** – State Rep. Brandon Markosek, D-Allegheny, announced today more than \$2.6 million in state funding to support community and school projects throughout the 25<sup>th</sup> Legislative District.

"These grants will enhance the quality of life in our communities," said Markosek. "They will support improvements to our parks, repair roads, and ensure that our schools and public spaces are safe and accessible. I am pleased to see investments on projects that are focused on creating a safer, healthier and more vibrant future for our residents."

The grants are provided through the Statewide Local Share Account and the Public School Facility Improvement Grant programs.

The following grants were awarded through the LSA program:

- **\$250,000** for improvements to The Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh's Family Park Center in Monroeville, which hosts a summer camp for children with developmental disabilities. The funding will cover the renovation of the center's Cove building, which houses a dining hall and indoor activity space, to accommodate increasing enrollment and to meet the unique needs of campers.
- **\$200,000** for renovations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's thrift store in Monroeville, including replacing the HVAC system, a garage door and the roof.
- **\$700,000** for upgrades to Chicora Street Park and East Field Park in East McKeesport Borough. The Chicora Street Park upgrades include a new safe playground surface, a new entrance gate, removing old playground equipment, and installing new equipment. The East Field Park project includes repairs its retaining wall, re-leveling and replacing sod, and removing an old backstop.
- **\$28,355** to purchase a new vehicle for North Versailles Township Sewer Authority for its public works department to maintain sanitary sewer facilities in the community.
- **\$47,319** to improve the sanitary sewer at the intersection of Broadway Avenue and Washington Street in North Versailles Township by replacing pipe and a manhole.
- **\$35,666** to demolish the Crestas Pump Station in North Versailles Township, which was abandoned after being damaged by a landslide, creating safety hazards like fire risks and attracting pests or unauthorized individuals.
- **\$48,398** for pipe and manhole updates for the Walnut Sanitary Sewer system in North Versailles Township.
- **\$100,000** to excavate and reconstruct Brinton Avenue from 6<sup>th</sup> Street to the municipal boundary in Pitcairn Borough, including adding ADA compliant curb ramps.
- **\$212,000** to repair Monroeville Avenue from Penn Avenue to Lynn Avenue in Turtle Creek Borough.
- **\$84,113** to replace the culvert along Wall Avenue in Wall Borough.
- **\$133,044** to repair the driveway and retaining wall used by the Wilmerding Volunteer Fire Department to access its fire garage.

The PFSIG Program awarded funding for the following:

- **\$305,175** to Gateway School District to replace deteriorating roofs at University Park Elementary School and Cleveland Elementary School in Monroeville.
- **\$500,000** to Plum Borough School District for the replacement of the high school roof, which has deteriorated and is prone to leaks that lead to indoor water damage.

Funding from the LSA and PSFIG programs are administered through the Commonwealth Financing Authority, which is an independent agency of the Department of Community and Economic Development that administers Pennsylvania's economic stimulus packages.

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