

5th Annual!



Steel City
DUCK DERBY



ADOPT | CHEER | MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Saturday, May 9, 2026

Allegheny Commons Park | North Side

Family Duck Fest 11 a.m.; Duck Derby 1 p.m.



SteelCityDuckDerby.org

The Ducks Return to Pittsburgh!

Who doesn't love rubber ducks?
An event that grows bigger every year, the **Steel City Duck Derby** is a fundraiser for the Partners For Quality family of agencies – which supports more than 4,000 local individuals with intellectual & developmental disabilities and behavioral health challenges. Learn more at PFQ.org.



People from all over are invited to “adopt ducks”, which will race in the Steel City Duck Derby. The top five finishers will win great prizes (see prizes box on left)! Before the race, Allegheny Commons Park will be the site of a fun Family Duck Fest, with food trucks, face painting, tattoos, music and more! The festival begins at 11 a.m., with 10,000 rubber ducks racing through Lake Elizabeth at 1 p.m.!

PRIZES:

- 1st: \$2,000
- 2nd: \$1,000
- 3rd: \$500
- 4th: One year family membership to Children's Museum
- 5th: One year family membership to National Aviary

Visit SteelCityDuckDerby.org for more info!

About Partners For Quality

Partners For Quality provides administrative management services to a family of subsidiary agencies in Western Pennsylvania. PFQ services include Human Resources, staff training, Fiscal, I.T., Operations, Fundraising and Communications.

By consolidating and overseeing administrative responsibilities, our subsidiaries are empowered to focus on their day-to-day priorities; most importantly, the persons they support.

The Partners For Quality Family of nonprofit agencies support more than 4,000 individuals with intellectual & developmental disabilities and behavioral health challenges. Our agencies:

Allegheny Children's Initiative supports more than 500 children and families with behavioral challenges each year.

Citizen Care provides individualized community, residential and vocational services to adults with intellectual & developmental disabilities.

Exceptional Adventures provides fun and safe social and travel opportunities to individuals with disabilities.

Milestone serves adults and children with developmental and behavioral health challenges through services which include residential locations, outpatient therapy, day programs and community participation.

Partners For Quality Foundation organizes special events and raises much-needed funds that support all our agencies





SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Our family fun event would not be possible without support from community partners like you. We appreciate your support!

RITZ QUACKER - \$10,000

SOLD OUT

- ✔ Logo on cover of Duck Adoption brochures and banner at launch site (bridge).
- ✔ Mention in 632 radio commercials promoting the event.
- ✔ Inclusion in 240 promotional mentions by iHeart on-air personalities.
- ✔ Opportunity to host Duck Adoption event (with iHeart media) at your business location(s) featuring 5' / 20' duck.
- ✔ Name/logo on event entrance inflatable.
- ✔ 10x10 booth on-site with sampling.
- ✔ Duck adoption brochures at your business location.
- ✔ Recognition at event by iHeart media emcee.
- ✔ Logo inside Duck Adoption brochures.
- ✔ Logo & link on website, email blasts and PFQ and iHeart social media posts.
- ✔ Number of ducks in Derby: 150.
- ✔ Mention on post event communications.
- ✔ Logo on billboard advertising event.
- ✔ Logo on Steel City Duck Derby t-shirts.

ROYAL QUACKER - \$5,000

- ✔ Mention in 120 :15-second radio commercials promoting the event.
- ✔ Opportunity to host Duck Adoption event (with iHeart media) at your business location(s) featuring 5' / 20' duck.
- ✔ Name/logo on event entrance inflatable.
- ✔ 10x10 booth on-site with sampling.
- ✔ Sponsorship of games area.
- ✔ Duck adoption brochures at your business location.
- ✔ Recognition at event by iHeart media emcee.
- ✔ Logo inside Duck Adoption brochures.
- ✔ Logo & link on website, email blasts and PFQ and iHeart social media posts.
- ✔ Number of ducks in Derby: 100.
- ✔ Mention on post event communications.

GRAND QUACKER \$2,500

- ✔ Name/logo on event entrance inflatable.
- ✔ 10x10 booth on-site with sampling.
- ✔ Sponsorship of merchandise tent.
- ✔ Duck adoption brochures at your business location.
- ✔ Recognition at event by iHeart media emcee.
- ✔ Logo inside Duck Adoption brochures.
- ✔ Logo & link on website, email blasts and PFQ and iHeart social media posts.
- ✔ Number of ducks in Derby: 50.
- ✔ Mention on post event communications.

QUACK ATTACK \$1,000

- ✔ Duck adoption brochures at your business location.
- ✔ Recognition at event by iHeart media emcee.
- ✔ Logo inside Duck Adoption brochures.
- ✔ Logo & link on website, email blasts and PFQ and iHeart social media posts.
- ✔ Number of ducks in Derby: 20.
- ✔ Mention on post event communications.

MIGHTY DUCK \$500

- ✔ Duck adoption brochures at your business location.
- ✔ Name inside Duck Adoption brochures.
- ✔ Logo & link on website, email blasts and PFQ and iHeart social media posts.
- ✔ Number of ducks in Derby: 5.
- ✔ Mention on post event communications.



SERIOUSLY,
I CAN'T WAIT!



THIS
GETS BETTER
EVERY YEAR!!



WE'RE GROWING BY LEAPS, BOUNDS AND QUACKS!

The Steel City Duck Derby continues to grow since our first year!

Ducks up for adoption



5,000

2022

10,000

2025

Sponsors



14

2022

17

2025

Community partners & food trucks



5

2022

16

2025



I WAS ON TV
LAST YEAR!

BEING ON
THE NEWS
IS FUN!





ON-SITE INTERACTIVE BOOTH OPPORTUNITIES

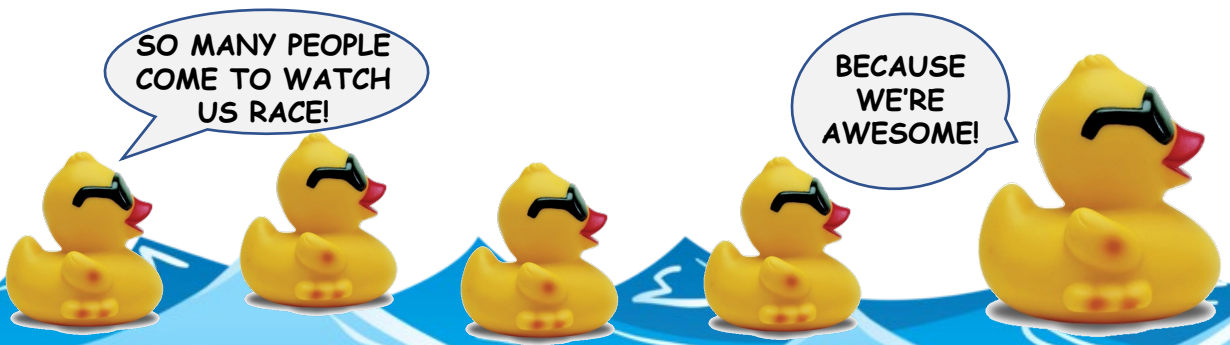


Your business or organization has the opportunity to take advantage of a captive audience at one of Pittsburgh's best annual family events!

Showcase your organization or business during the Steel City Duck Derby at Allegheny Commons Park on the North Side! You can play games, sample products, operate interactive exhibits and more!

You benefit by being smack dab in the middle of a family fun festival ... and you enhance our event by adding to the fun!

To get involved, just contact the Partners For Quality Foundation to discuss details! Call 412-446-0702 or email trippy@PFQ.org.





SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT FORM – PLEASE COMPLETE

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

☐ Ritz Quacker-\$10,000

☐ Royal Quacker-\$5,000

☐ Grand Quacker-\$2,500

☐ Quack Attack-\$1,000

☐ Mighty Duck-\$500

☐ Check enclosed in the amount of \$_____ made payable to: Partners For Quality Foundation

☐ Credit card payment can be made by contacting Tami Rippy, Partners For Quality Foundation, at 412-446-0702.

**** Sponsorship payments must be paid in full by February 8, 2026
in order to receive full benefits of participation. ****

Recognition on promotional materials is available to the sponsor once the sponsorship commitment form has been signed and returned. We cannot guarantee inclusion in any promotional material produced prior to the delivery of the signed agreement. Logos must be submitted in high-resolution .jpg format. All artwork must be submitted by February 8, 2026, to be included in pre-race marketing material.

Contact name: _____

Business name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Return form to, or for any questions:
Partners For Quality Foundation
250 Clever Rd.
McKees Rocks, PA 15136
412-446-0702



FOURTH ANNUAL STEEL CITY DUCK DERBY: APRIL 26, 2025



Watch coverage on KDKA



Watch segment on Talk Pittsburgh



Watch coverage on WPXI





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Pittsburgh City Council



Proclamation



WHEREAS, since 1975 Partners For Quality (PFQ) has been providing administrative management services to numerous non-profit human service subsidiary agencies in Western Pennsylvania in areas such as Human Resources, staff training, Fiscal, I.T, Operations, Communications and Fundraising; and,

WHEREAS, by consolidating and overseeing administrative responsibilities, Partners For Quality's subsidiaries are empowered to focus on and support the individuals they serve; and,

WHEREAS, the numerous non-profits under Partners For Quality supports more than 4,000 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and behavioral challenges; and,

WHEREAS, on April 26th, 2025 Partners For Quality will be hosting their fourth annual Steel City Duck Derby fundraiser to support local individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and behavior challenges; and,

WHEREAS, people from all over are invited to "adopt a duck" to participate in the derby race at Lake Elizabeth, where all proceeds will benefit the numerous non-profit agencies supported by Partners For Quality; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does commend Partners For Quality for their continued dedication to providing impactful services to those in need and for being an active member in the community;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares Saturday, April 26th, 2025, to be **Steel City Duck Derby Day** here in the City of Pittsburgh.

R. Daniel Lavelle, President of Council
Attest: Ms. Kimberly Clark-Baskin, City Clerk



SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON

CO-SPONSORED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

President R. Daniel Lavelle, Theresa Kail-Smith, Khari Mosley, Anthony Coghil, Deborah Gross, Bob Charland, Erika Strassburger, and Barb Warwick

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FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2025

Here are 5 things to do in Pittsburgh this weekend: April 25-27

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Steel City Duck Derby

This Saturday at Allegheny Commons Park on the North Side, there will be a quacktastic sight to behold: 10,000 rubber ducks will be released into a pond, and the first five to cross the finish line will earn their owners a prize.

The Steel City Duck Derby will launch at 1 p.m., but the event will begin at 11 a.m. Those who haven't already adopted a rubber duck to race will be able to purchase their chance to win up until 30 minutes before the race, so come early to get a duck (or many ducks!).

Proceeds from the Duck Derby benefit the Partners for Quality family of agencies. There will also be games, activities, food, music, face painting and more starting at 11 a.m. Learn more at SteelCityDuckDerby.org.

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Steel City Duck Derby returns to Allegheny Commons Park

More than 10,000 rubber ducks overflowed Lake Elizabeth in Allegheny Commons Park on April 26 to race against each other in the annual Steel City Duck Derby. The duck derby, which has taken place annually since 2012, and raises money for the city's most vulnerable youth. The derby is a fundraiser that benefits Partners of Quality, a non-profit that provides support to families with intellectual and developmental disabilities via Citizens Care, mental health services and for those with disabilities via Functional Adventures and more support services.

Craig Jones, executive director of communications at Partners of Quality, said the Steel City Duck Derby was started as a fun way to get more on the organization and give people something interesting to look forward to.

"We were looking for something new and different and, most importantly, something that could involve the whole community," Jones said. "We loved the idea of a duck derby, but we knew it had to be something that was fun for everyone. So, we decided to do it in Pittsburgh."

According to Jones, the first duck derby was smaller, with only 1,000 ducks involved, but the event has grown more popular every year.

"It's become a great fundraiser for us because it helps us raise money for our programs and give families young and old something to look forward to," Jones said. "It's really important to us that we have a fun day for everyone."

The first place prize winner of this year's derby, Kristy McElroy of Carnegie, took home \$2,000 and celebrated along with her family. Lisa Schneider of Carnegie won second place, taking home \$1,000.

A flock of 10,000 rubber ducks were grouped into Lake Elizabeth in Allegheny Commons Park for the fourth annual Steel City Duck Derby on April 26. The derby is a fundraiser that benefits Partners of Quality, a non-profit that provides support to families with intellectual and developmental disabilities via Citizens Care, mental health services and for those with disabilities via Functional Adventures and more support services.

Organizers got their rubber ducks in a new way, after what they call intense training for the rubber ducks, will take all 10,000 to another duck race in the United States. Before the thousands of ducks descended upon Lake Elizabeth, organizers said a proclamation from City Council member Bobby Wilson, who serves much of the Northside, declaring April 26, 2025 as Steel City Duck Derby Day and commending Partners for Quality for its service to those in need.

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Organizers hope to grow Duck Derby

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Joury Hartwell, a morning show host on 94.5 J95 radio, said he was thankful for the turnout and the weather cooperating with the duck derby.

"I don't know who to thank for keeping the rain away, but whoever did, you did a great job," Hartwell said.

Several Northside businesses sponsored and were present at the Duck Derby, with the biggest sponsor of the event being North Shore Tavern.

The organizers of the Duck Derby said they hope to make the event continue next year, saying it grows in attendance and size each year. In the end, they said it's not about the ducks but rather how to best support those in need.

