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OAKLAND PARTNERS HOST “RAMP CRAWL” – A FUN EVENT DESIGNED TO RAISE AWARENESS OF ACCESSIBLE COMMUNITIES

PITTSBURGH, PA – Various Oakland partners are working together to host a “Ramp Crawl” event on **Thursday, May 5th at 4 p.m.** in the Central Oakland Business District. **Registered participants will begin the event at The Tent at Schenley Plaza**, served by The Porch at Schenley. Kicked-off in 2015 as a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Ramp Crawl has now become an annual event.

The Ramp Crawl is a fun, positive event that enables registered participants* with the opportunity to experience many Oakland establishments. For a donation of \$20, each ‘crawler’ will receive a Ramp Crawl 2016 t-shirt, and if participants visit each designated ‘stop,’ they’ll walk away with a generous gift bag. Attendees will enjoy beverage specials and food from various Oakland food and beverage establishments. All ticket proceeds benefit the Oakland For All – Beyond Accessible program and its initiatives. The event showcases best practices of ADA compliant establishments and positions Oakland as a thought leader in creating a more accessibility-friendly business district. Oakland restaurants acting as ‘stops’ for the Ramp Crawl include:

- Fuel & Fuddle, 212 Oakland Ave.
- Garage Door Saloon, 223 Atwood St.
- Garden Grille & Bar at the Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh University Place, 3454 Forbes Ave.
- Primanti Bros., 3803 Forbes Ave.
- Stack'd Burgers & Beer, 3716 Forbes Ave.
- The Porch at Schenley, 221 Schenley Dr.

For more information about the Oakland For All - Beyond Accessible program or to register for the May 5th Ramp Crawl event, please visit: OaklandForAll.org.

**Must be 21 years of age or older to participate in the Ramp Crawl 2016.*

Oakland For All - Beyond Accessible is a unique campaign that brings together a diverse group of community organizations such as: Oakland Business Improvement District, Oakland Transportation Management Association, Oakland Task Force, University of Pittsburgh, UPMC, City of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Office of PA Senator Jay Costa, Office of U.S. Congressman Mike Doyle and Oakland based residents and community advocates... all committed to making the Oakland business community a more accessibility-friendly neighborhood. The program is designed to eliminate the physical and societal barriers that prevent people with disabilities from fully participating in all aspects of public life in the Oakland Community. The Oakland For All – Beyond Accessible program’s main initiatives include being advocates for the creation of user friendly buildings, commercial establishments, public spaces and communities. We have goals to raise public awareness of accessibility in our society – thinking ADA and beyond – to ultimately transform Oakland into a model that can be replicated throughout the nation. For more information visit: OaklandForAll.org.

If you have any questions, Oakland For All – Beyond Accessible also welcomes you to contact Georgia Petropoulos 412.683.6243 ext. 18 or Mavis Rainey 412.687.4505.

About the Oakland Business Improvement District (OBID)

The OBID is an economic development agency representing local businesses, commercial property owners, universities, hospitals, non-profit and government organizations working to make Oakland Pittsburgh’s most vibrant business district community. Visit OnlyinOakland.org for more information.

About the Oakland Transportation Management Association (OTMA)

The OTMA serves the Oakland community through advocacy and provision of information to encourage good transportation choices by commuters, residents and visitors alike with the goal of increasing the use of modes other than the automobile. Visit OTMA-pgh.org for more information.