



**JOYOUS HOLIDAY PARTIES**  
**BRING THE PSCH FAMILY TOGETHER**

**“Celebrating with our friends reminds me that we are one community.”**

Diane H. - ACT Team Participant

**A**s the holidays are approaching, the warm glow that comes from celebrating the season’s “good will to all people” fuels the hearts of PSCH staff and participants alike. This was evident as some 800 consumers of our residential and day programs for individuals with intellectual, mental health and other disabilities gathered at Terrace on the Park for two evenings of celebration and joy.

“We are grateful for the scope and depth of professionalism and dedication that our staff provides to our participants throughout the year. Their values of caring and concern have a profound impact on all whom we serve and help to improve our participants’ quality of life and outcomes,” said Shavone Hamilton, Chief Operating Officer, PSCH.

The evenings were celebrated with dancing, an array of healthy food and entertainment by participants. Fuquan F., (aka G-Star-FuFu) a resident of Kress IRA performed “Rideout” as he rapped to a cheering crowd. Fuquan remarked that “This is one time of the year that we can get together through dance and music and even though we live far apart.”



Adam dons his Santa’s hat as he visits with friends and staff for an evening of sharing.

“The enthusiasm here captures the spirit of this holiday event,” remarked Rob Lydon, Director, Developmental Disabilities Services who organized the event for individuals with developmental disabilities. Crystal John, Director, Mental Health Services noted, “What has made this party such a rewarding project is that our consumers experience the direct benefits of knowing

that they are part of a larger community where their differences and abilities are promoted and respected.” Brenda and Maude, Apartment Program residents, both praised the event, “PSCH has given us opportunity to socialize with friends and staff who we consider as close as family. That is a great blessing!”



Brenda and Maude share a selfie before dancing.