



The DePaul family has always worked hard to make a difference for our people and our communities. In these unprecedented times, we are forever grateful for the countless acts of humanity that raise our spirits and make each day brighter. We hope you'll join us in celebrating the good that we see at DePaul, as we navigate this journey together.

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DePaul Strong #54 – December 22, 2022

Counting Our Blessings

Gratitude was in no short supply across the agency this Thanksgiving.



Pictured top row, left to right, a senior expresses gratitude for her home at [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#), a Gratitude Tree is filled with reasons to give thanks at [La Rosa Villas](#) in LeRoy, and participants in DePaul's Recreation Program made adorable pinecone turkeys.

Pictured middle row, left to right, staff at the [Skybird Landing Apartments](#) in Geneseo prepare to serve a Thanksgiving meal, while seniors at [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili enjoy a traditional holiday meal and seasonal craft project.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, seniors at [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda show off their creativity with a pilgrim and turkey crafts.

Simple Pleasures and Creature Comforts

From furry friends to pampering and music therapy, there's a reason to smile around every corner!



Pictured clockwise above, seniors at [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) ride out a snow storm with some pampering, residents at [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili soak up pet therapy, seniors from [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda pay a visit to the bunnies and kittens at the Niagara SPCA and enjoy music therapy during a drum circle hosted by KB Percussion Adventures.

Thank You for Your Service

Veterans Day is an opportunity to recognize some of the 23 million brave men and women who have selflessly served our country and risked their lives to protect our freedoms. DePaul has the honor of caring for and employing many veterans across our programs.



Pictured top row, left to right, [Halstead Square](#) in Rochester and [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) recognized staff and residents for their service.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, residents from [La Rosa Villas](#) in LeRoy and at [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda were honored.



Pictured above, residents at [La Rosa Villas](#) in LeRoy made cards for veterans at the Batavia VA Medical Center and participants in DePaul's Recreation Program created door hangers, homemade cards, and appreciation gift bag totes for veterans living at DePaul sites.

Halloween Happenings

October was filled with thrilling parties, imaginative costumes and crafty creations.



Pictured top row, left to right, are costumes by a staff member at DePaul's Administration Building in Rochester and seniors at [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) and [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga.

Pictured middle row, left to right, are winners of the costume contests at [La Rosa Villas](#) in LeRoy and from DePaul's Recreation Program.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, a senior at [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili participates in a Halloween social, a resident at [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda dresses up as Lady Liberty, and a staff member at [Woodcrest Commons](#) in Henrietta gets in on the costume fun!



Pictured top row, left to right, residents enjoy crafting during Harvest Festival at the [Apple Blossom Apartments](#) in Cheektowaga, pumpkin painting at the [Boxcar Apartments](#) in Albion and cookie decorating at the [Knitting Mill Apartments](#) in Perry.

Pictured middle row, left to right, are festivities including pumpkin carving at the Knitting Mill Apartments, and a door decorating contest and pumpkin-inspired artwork at [La Rosa Villas](#) in LeRoy.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, DePaul's Recreation Department led artists in painting pumpkins and coloring wooden Halloween-themed wall décor, while residents at the [Skybird Landing Apartments](#) in Geneseo competed in a door decorating contest.



Pictured top row, left to right, seniors at [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga and [Woodcrest Commons](#) in Henrietta got into the spirit with spooky decorations and crafts.

Pictured middle row, left to right, seniors at [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda have been enjoying a multitude of craft projects including Halloween masks, scarecrows puppets and ghost portraits.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, are pumpkin-Picassos at Wheatfield Commons.

Fall Flashbacks

Memories of an awesome autumn are keeping our hearts warm as the temperatures drop.



Pictured top row, left to right, seniors at [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) took to the road for apple picking, and tours of a local cider mill and pumpkin farm.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili celebrated Oktoberfest and enjoyed a trip to a local cider mill while seniors at [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda headed to the local farmers markets for seasonal produce and décor.

Savor the Flavors

From food holidays to comfort foods, there's plenty of ways to savor the flavors across the agency!



Pictured top row, left to right, is make-your-own pizza day at [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga, and at [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#), residents make rainbow cupcakes, ice cream sundaes and chocolate chip cookies.

Pictured middle row, left to right, a staff member serves up hot soup at the [Knitting Mill Apartments](#) in Perry, and residents enjoy Yummies ice cream at the [Skybird Landing Apartments](#) in Geneseo, charcuterie tastings at the [Trolley Station Apartments](#) in Canandaigua and Bill Gray's for lunch at [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, Westwood Commons residents enjoy a lunch outing for Mexican fare and whip up a spice cake, while seniors at [Wheatfield Commons](#) savor a meal at Red Lobster and sip cocoa while enjoying carols.

Overflowing with Gratitude

The outpouring of donations of support from families and community members in recent months has truly been overwhelming. From the food and cards to acts of service, and much more, we are beyond grateful.



- Pastor Terry and God's Voice Ministries donated Halloween treats for residents (Heritage Manor of Lockport)
- Many thanks to The United Church of Canandaigua for delivering monthly Foodlink donations to residents (Trolley Station Apartments)
- The family member of a resident donated adorable bat candy boxes for Halloween (Westwood Commons)
- The family of a resident donated delicious chocolates from Platters for Memory Care staff during the holidays (Wheatfield Commons)
- Patricia Davis' family provided beautiful poinsettias for residents and staff to enjoy (Wheatfield Commons)
- Lynn Tacca and family donated thoughtful gifts for Memory Care staff (Wheatfield Commons)

Stay tuned for more good news...

