

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 #46 – February 17, 2022

#### **Notes of Praise**

DePaul is ever so grateful for the notes of appreciation from those we serve and their loved ones letting us know what our dedicated, wonderful employees mean to them.



The staff are all angels and I feel safe and heard. They always work to make sure I am doing well. I feel very grateful to live in my new apartment. Thank you!

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# Finding Home at the Clinton Avenue Apartments

Before I moved here, my mental and physical health were very bad. Now, both have greatly improved and continue to do so. The support services are amazing and provide much needed assistance.

Thank you to staff at the Clinton Avenue Apartments in Albany, New York for going above and beyond to make a difference! The apartments are operated by Home Leasing and DePaul provides supportive housing services for tenants. DePaul's greatest asset is our passionate, dedicated staff who make an immense difference in the lives of our residents! We are proud to be the next best thing to one's own family.



**Do you know someone who is looking for a fulfilling career making a difference for those in need?** DePaul is offering a \$1,000 Applicant Referral Incentive Bonus to staff who refer new employees once the employee successfully completes six months of employment. In addition, the new staff member will also receive a \$1,000 sign-on bonus after completing nine months of employment! Visit DePaul's website <u>www.depaul.org/employment/</u> to view current job openings.

# **Embracing Winter**

If you choose to not find joy in the snow, you'll have less joy in your life but still the same amount of snow. That's a sentiment that DePaul residents and staff take to heart!



Pictured clockwise above, seniors at Glenwell in Cheektowaga celebrated the season with hand-crafted sock snowmen and a visit from the Glenwell groundhog, while staff and residents at Heritage Manor of Lockport embraced winter by making snow angels.

## **Fun and Games**

Whether it's to pass the time or competing for a prize, DePaul residents are finding joy in games, contests and other good-natured fun!



Pictured above, Halstead Square in Rochester enjoyed an outing to the bowling alley with DePaul's Recreation Department and a resident at DePaul's Neighborhood of the Arts Apartments in Rochester was the lucky winner of a prize bag including snacks and activity books in the Groundhog Day contest hosted by the Recreation Department!

# **Comfort Foods**

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



Pictured top row, left to right, Glenwell seniors learned about the history of ice cream while enjoying sundaes and celebrated Groundhog Day with Teddy Grahams in a pudding cup, while residents at Heritage Manor of Lockport prepared red velvet cookies for Valentine's Day.

Pictured middle row, left to right, a staff member at Heritage Manor of Lockport tends to the grill during a winter cookout and residents celebrated National Peanut Butter Day with a variety of homemade treats. Also pictured, the Knitting Mill Apartments in Perry celebrated National Cheese Lover's Day with personal charcuterie boards featuring a variety of cheeses, meats and crackers!

Pictured bottom row, left to right, the Recreation Department celebrated National Pizza Day at the Rochester View Apartments in Henrietta, residents and staff at the Skybird Landing Apartments in Geneseo stayed warm and cozy with a hot chocolate bar during a recent snowstorm, and residents at Wheatfield Commons in North Tonawanda enjoyed ice cream from Platter's Chocolates.

#### **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, donations of personal protective equipment, and much more, we are beyond grateful.



Heritage Manor of Lockport was feeling the love with Valentine's Day cards donated by Ms. Dewey's 5th graders at Regan Intermediate School, sweet treats provided by Nancy Jean and Susan Osborn, and more cards from several anonymous donors.

# Stay tuned for more good news...

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