



The Starting Line Apartments



DePaul Welcomes New Residents!

La Rosa Villas



Two new DePaul affordable housing communities in New York are now open and accepting residents!

The Starting Line Apartments are located in the city of Utica and La Rosa Villas are located in the village of LeRoy.

All apartments feature a fully equipped kitchen with a range, refrigerator and microwave, a wall-mounted flat screen TV including local stations with cable available and in-unit storage. Heat, air conditioning, hot water and electric are included in the rent and on-site laundry facilities are available at no cost to the tenant. There is off-street parking. Tenants have access to community rooms, lounges and computer

labs. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available in common areas. Both buildings are 100 percent smoke free. There are designated smoking areas outdoors.

A security deposit equal to one month's rent is required at the lease signing and the applicant must meet the eligibility requirements of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program. Income and occupancy requirements apply. Both communities are located in residential areas in close proximity to many local amenities such as grocery stores, schools, places of worship, medical care, banks, libraries, government agencies and general shopping.

Both the Starting Line Apartments and La Rosa Villas were made possible through the Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI), part of Governor Andrew Cuomo's \$20 billion, five-year housing plan which aims to combat homelessness by building and preserving more than 100,000 units of affordable housing and 6,000 units of supportive housing.

"My sincere thanks to Governor Cuomo for his support of and investment in these two communities," said DePaul President Mark Fuller. "It is an honor to help create beautiful, welcoming homes for residents for decades to come."



La Rosa Villas

Located in the village of LeRoy, New York, DePaul's La Rosa Villas feature 60 units for individuals 55 years old and above. Situated on the site of the former Lapp Lumber Mill on Mill Street across from Oatka Creek in Genesee County, the community includes six studio, 48 one-bedroom and six two-bedroom apartments. Thirty of the units have on-site supportive services which promote stability, health and independent living for persons with histories of unstable housing. DePaul Housing Specialists teach skills and assist tenants in linking to community services. There are 20 ADA and three Hearing and Visually Accessible (HVA) units in the building.

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Financing for La Rosa Villas includes federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credits administered through New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR), which will generate nearly \$11.1 million in equity. Additionally, HCR provided funding of approximately \$5.1 million through its Supportive Housing Opportunity Program. The New York State Office of Mental Health provided \$750,000 in annual services and operating funds to support the 30 ESSHI supportive housing units, in addition to an \$84,990 Program Development Grant. The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority provided a \$56,000 grant.

Partners on La Rosa Villas include Christa Construction, the Community Preservation Corporation, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, New York State Homes and Community Renewal, New York State Office of Mental Health, Regions Affordable Housing, SWBR Architects and DePaul.



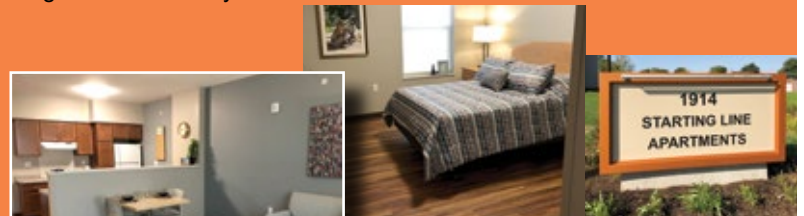
The Starting Line Apartments

DePaul's Starting Line Apartments feature 60 units for income-eligible tenants in the city of Utica, New York. The community consists of 54 one-bedroom and six two-bedroom apartments. Thirty of the units have on-site supportive services which promote stability, health and independent living for persons with histories of unstable housing. DePaul Housing Specialists teach skills and assist tenants in linking to community services. There are 15 ADA and three HVA units in the building.

Financing for the project includes federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credits administered through New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR), which will generate nearly \$6.2 million in equity. Additionally, HCR provided funding of approximately \$6.3 million through its Supportive Housing Opportunity Program and \$900,000 through its Housing Trust Fund program. The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance provided a subsidy of approximately \$4.7 million through its Homeless Housing Assistance Program and the New York State Housing Finance Agency provided a tax-exempt bond to fund construction of \$9.6 million. The New York State Office of Mental Health provided \$750,000 in annual services and operating funds to support the 30 ESSHI supportive housing units, in addition to a \$254,970 Program Development Grant. The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority provided a \$56,000 grant.

The Starting Line Apartments partners include JPMorgan Chase, LECESSE Construction, National Equity Fund, Inc., New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, New York State Homes and Community Renewal and Housing Trust Fund Corporation, New York State Housing Finance Agency, New York State Office of Mental Health, New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, SWBR Architects and DePaul.

The Starting Line Apartments are named in honor of the Boilermaker Road Race, established in 1978 by Earle C. Reed. Historically, the race draws more than 19,000 competitors to the historic East Utica neighborhood each year.



The John R. Oishei Foundation Grant

Living Opportunities of DePaul, Inc. was the grateful recipient of a \$20,000 grant from The John R. Oishei Foundation in support of its Scattered-Site Housing Program (Supported Housing) in Erie and Niagara Counties.

The grant was requested for assistance in purchasing household furnishings, supplies and necessities for clients. In addition, funding will allow for the purchase of bus passes to improve client access to reliable transportation and clothing for individuals who may need apparel for a job interview. Living Opportunities of DePaul provides Supported Housing for about 200 individuals. The goal is to encourage independence, empowering people to be self-sufficient.

The John R. Oishei Foundation enhances the economic vitality and quality of life for the Buffalo Niagara region through grantmaking, leadership and network building. The Foundation was established in 1940 by John R. Oishei, founder of Trico Products Corporation. Our agency is so grateful for the generosity of The John R. Oishei Foundation!



News from the NCADD-RA



September was National Recovery Month, a time to celebrate recovery from all addictions. DePaul's National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence-Rochester Area (NCADD-RA) continues to be at the forefront of raising awareness about a variety of important and timely health and addiction topics.

Also in September was Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Day. As students returned to school, NCADD-RA Director Jennifer Faringer discussed what educators and schools need to know about the unique challenges that students with

FASD may experience in the classroom on the DePaul blog (www.depaul.org/blog/).

In addition, the NCADD-RA has provided information about how COVID-19 has impacted drinking rates, problem gambling and the opioid epidemic on the DePaul blog and in area media. In light of the current circumstances, DePaul's NCADD-RA has transformed all of its continuing education services for professionals and programs for school and community groups to be available virtually.

For more information about addiction and recovery resources, referrals, education and support, visit the NCADD-RA's website (ncadd-ra.org/) or follow NCADD-RA on Facebook (www.facebook.com/NCADDRA/).

DePaul's WorkGuide Program Receives Grant

A sincere thank you to the Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation for awarding DePaul's WorkGuide Program a \$20,000 grant to provide supported employment with extended services to individuals with a serious mental illness.

DePaul's WorkGuide Program has decades of experience providing vocational support to individuals with mental, developmental or physical disabilities seeking assistance with gainful employment in Monroe County. To date this year, WorkGuide served 508 people across all programs, placed 59 people in new jobs, and 22 people in internships to develop work skills. Along with the financial benefits and self-sufficiency, employment also assists individuals in gaining a sense of purpose and fulfillment, and a sense of pride in themselves and their work.

Thank you to the Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation for supporting WorkGuide in making a positive, long-term impact on the individuals, neighborhoods and communities that DePaul serves.

Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation

DeWitt Clinton Apartments awarded
LEED for Homes Silver



DeWitt Clinton Certified LEED for Homes Silver by the US Green Building Council

DePaul's DeWitt Clinton Apartments in Rome, New York were recently awarded LEED for Homes Silver Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system is the foremost program for buildings that are designed, constructed, maintained and operated for improved environmental and human health performance.



Upper Falls Square Apartments Earns "Coolest Spaces" Honor

DePaul's Upper Falls Square Apartments were recently named one of Rochester Business Journal's Coolest Spaces 2020. Opened to new tenants in 2018, the two buildings containing 150 units honor prominent community leaders, Minister Raymond Scott and his wife Maxine and the late Ellen Stubbs, all of whom have had a decades-long commitment to bettering the community.

Celebrating Centenarians

DePaul's Senior Living Communities are honored to help celebrate several milestone birthdays in recent months!



Alene Gates reached the centenarian mark at Twelve Oaks in Mt. Airy, North Carolina. Alene moved to Twelve Oaks, her "home away from home," in March 2020. She enjoys doing jigsaw and word search puzzles in her spare time.

Hope and prayer and staying active are a big ingredient in Alene's secret to longevity.

"I kept hoping and praying and was in good shape health-wise," she said.

Twelve Oaks resident Nolie Boyles celebrated her 103rd birthday recently! A native of Surry County, Nolie was born and raised on a farm in Pilot Mountain. She married a tobacco farmer, Durward Boyles, and together they raised two sons and two daughters.



Esther Loucks, a resident at Wheatfield Commons in North Tonawanda, New York, has enjoyed 100 years of giving back to her church, traveling the world, and staying active! Over her career, she worked at the Rudolph Wurlitzer Company, and later after her three daughters went to high school, she returned to night school to train as an electronics technician where she was the only woman in her class. She later went on to work at Moog Music until her retirement.



Jewel Roth turned 100 years old at Prestwick Village in Laurinburg, North Carolina. Some of the highlights for Jewel over the past century have been the opportunity to travel to France for a family reunion and to gather to celebrate her 90th birthday.

Jewel's advice for longevity is to trust in God's love.

"For a century, God has sustained me through the ebb and flow of life," said Jewel. "I never thought about living to be 100 years old. I just trusted the precious care of Jesus for each day of my life."

To read Jewel's full memoir in her own words, be sure to check out her reflections on 100 years in this Centenarian Guest Essay on the DePaul blog (www.depaul.org/blog/).



A resident of Westwood Commons in North Chili, New York, Dottie H. recently celebrated her 102nd birthday. A fourth grade teacher for 40 years and a mother of two, Dottie was active in the glee club and church choir.

Congratulations for over five centuries of life well lived!

HAPPY Grandparents DAY

"The best thing about having grandchildren is you can keep them for a while, spoil and love them but you can always send them back home."

-Esther

"My favorite thing was how excited the kids got when they found out they were going to see Grandma or were going to Grandma's house. They were always so excited to see me."

-Laura



All About Seniors

There have been plenty of reasons to shine the spotlight on DePaul seniors with August 21 being National Senior Citizens Day and National Assisted Living Week celebrated from September 13-19!

In honor of National Senior Citizens Day, staff at Twelve Oaks in Mt. Airy, North Carolina voted on superlatives for residents. Leonard Money was voted "Most Kind." At Greenbrier in Fairmont, North Carolina, Activity Directors Antionetta Fulmore and Vernessa Smith made their way around the halls passing out snacks and refreshments to celebrate seniors!

Several of DePaul's senior living communities celebrated National Assisted Living Week. Residents at Pee Dee Gardens in Florence, South Carolina enjoyed fun foods, photo shoots and

games as part of several theme days which included Team Spirit Day, Heroes Day, Pirate Day and Western Day. Pictured top right is Christine Cash.

DePaul's seniors shared memories of their own grandparents and grandchildren on DePaul's social media pages in honor of Grandparents Day on Sunday, September 13. Pictured top left are sentiments from Esther Pelletterie and Laura Whitred of Glenwell in Cheektowaga, New York.

Going for the Gold

Seniors enjoyed some friendly competition during the Woodcrest Commons Senior Olympics.

Residents at the DePaul Senior Living Community in Henrietta, New York brought their A-game to vie for the gold during individual events including wordsearch, spelling bee, putt-putt golf, bean bag toss and Wii bowling! Pictured are Bill Cummings (top)

who took first place in putt-putt, Diane Urban (middle) who placed first in the wordsearch competition, and Richard Marsh (bottom) who earned the silver medal in Wii bowling and the bronze in the spelling bee.



Twelve Oaks Remembers

Staff and residents at Twelve Oaks in Mt. Airy, North Carolina took time to recognize those who lost their lives and the many other sacrifices made on September 11, 2001. Pictured is Bobby Thomas.



That's the Spirit

DePaul pride has been on display across the agency as staff and residents celebrate with themed spirit weeks and team building activities. Delois Jackson was transported to Hawaii for Spirit Week at Southfork in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

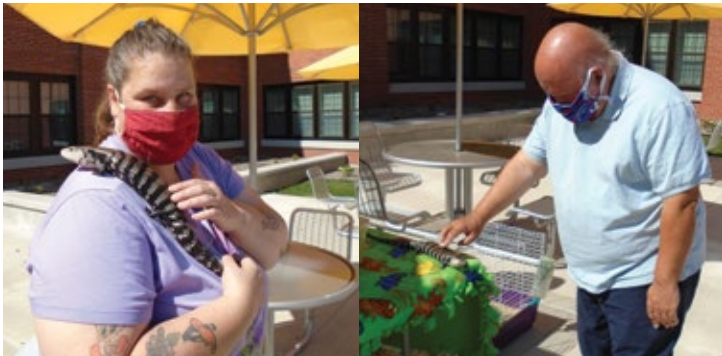
One Day at a Time

Arlena Cole, a resident at DePaul's Edgerton Square in Rochester, New York recently celebrated her one-year sober mark. She credits her stable living environment and support from DePaul staff and her sponsor for giving her the confidence and hope to commit to recovery.

"My sponsor told me over and over 'one day at a time,'" she recalls. "I used to get too far ahead of myself and think I can't be clean for a week, or a month or a year. But everyone helped me just do one day at a time. Now I did one year for the first time ever!"

Arlena is looking forward to continued sobriety, helping others with theirs and continuing the good work she has done caring for her health and enjoying time with the positive people she now has in her life. She is pictured here being recognized by DePaul's Care Management Department and staff members Leah Romano, Brittini Iverson, Linda Donahue, Sabrina Carson, Ina Barber, Janay Heard and Abby Hanson.

You can read more about Arlena's story of hope on the DePaul blog (www.depaul.org/blog/).



Walk on the Wild Side

Residents at DePaul's Knitting Mill Apartments in Perry, New York got up-close and personal with a variety of reptiles during a visit from Prehistoric World. Pictured are Theresa B. and James K.



Mad Hatters

Residents at DePaul's Skybird Landing Apartments in Geneseo, New York tipped their hat to National Mad Hatter Day on October 6 by creating silly hats. Pictured in their fantastic top hat creations are Samuel Pifer, Betty Barnhardt and Adam Rhodes.



Recreation On-The-Go

DePaul's Recreation Department has been making the rounds to various mental health residential sites in Rochester, New York, to share socially distanced, fun, one-on-one activities.

Residents at Halstead Square, Edgerton Square and the Rochester View Apartments put their own unique flair on customizable items such as visors, coffee mugs, frames and lanyards during sessions with DePaul's Recreation Department. Pictured above are Ed M. and Victoria P. of Halstead Square.

The Recreation Department staff also distributed books, DVDs, hygiene kits and more donated by community members. Pictured is Tracey C. of DePaul's West Main Street Apartments.

Coronavirus Kindness

The outpouring of support and donations from families and community members in recent times has truly been overwhelming. We are beyond grateful for the food and cards, acts of service, and donations of personal protective equipment and supplies! Thank you to community members, places of worship, businesses, organizations, and DePaul staff for going above and beyond to brighten each day with food, gift cards, flowers, cards, and much more! Space does not permit us to name every donor, but all contributions are known and appreciated.

Special thanks to:

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- Grace Moravian's Church Mask Group
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- Madeline Wright



DePaul was the recent recipient of ten iPads donated by Spectrum Health & Human Services, Inc. which they purchased utilizing a grant from WNY COVID-19 Community Response Fund (wnyresponds.org). The iPads include one year of free internet service. This generous donation will benefit residents in DePaul's Licensed Congregate Treatment Sites, Community Residence-Single Room Occupancy Programs and Apartment Treatment Programs. Pictured above, Senior VP of Clinical and Program Operations for Spectrum Health & Human Services Julie Gutowski presents the iPads to Senior SRO Program Director for DePaul Jill Bryant.



Many thanks to TechRochester for donating produce boxes to DePaul through Flower City Produce! TechRochester generously donated \$1,250 from proceeds of the TechRochester Tech Summit to Flower City Produce for DePaul and Rochester Childfirst Network. Pictured far left, representing DePaul, is Senior Program Director Julie Edwards.

Become a Holiday Helper



The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has presented challenges for many and has put the world in a place of uncertainty. Yet one thing remains clear, there is always an opportunity to make a difference for someone less fortunate. As the holiday season approaches, we ask that you consider making the season brighter for a person in need at DePaul. You can make a difference this holiday season by becoming a Holiday Helper!

Donations of gift cards and financial contributions can be made

instead of purchasing gifts. If you are interested in adopting actual gifts from an individual's holiday wish list, arrangements can be made to ship adopted wishes from online retailers to DePaul. If you wish to purchase gifts and personally deliver them, please know we are dedicated to safety and social distancing and are implementing procedures that support the socially-distanced delivery of donated gifts, which includes specific appointment times and a new location for drop off.

Past wish lists have included requests as simple as chocolate cake, books, cat toys or socks. For more information about how you, your family, place of worship, club or workplace can adopt someone in need, contact Amy Cavalier at (585) 719-3102 or acavalier@depaul.org. Tax-deductible financial contributions can be made by check and mailed to "DePaul Holiday Helpers Program," 1931 Buffalo Road, Rochester, NY 14624, or made online on the DePaul website at www.depaul.org/donate/.



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