

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 #47 - March 21, 2022

# **Thank You For Making a Difference**

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.



Thank you to staff at Halstead Square in Rochester and Hopelink at Shelter Cove in Churchville for going above and beyond to make a difference! 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.

#### **Arts and Crafts**

DePaul residents and staff have been channeling their inner Picasso with colorful crafts and unique creations!



Pictured top row, left to right, Glenwell in Cheektowaga celebrated March with cute lamb crafts, residents built wooden models at Lyell Road in Rochester, and DePaul's Recreation Department provided the supplies and directions for a gnome craft at the Neighborhood of the Arts Apartments in Rochester.

Pictured middle row, left to right, the Packet Boat Landing Apartments in Lockport recently hosted a paint night, a resident at the Skybird Landing Apartments in Geneseo shows off a puzzle tray they created with materials from this month's "Grab and Go" craft table, and the Trolley Station Apartments in Canandaigua provided tenants with the supplies for a homemade crayon craft.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, recent craft activities at Woodcrest Commons in Henrietta included a button tree craft, hand-painted wooden signs and painting.

#### **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 clockwise above, Heritage Manor of Lockport has an ongoing candy guessing contest leading up to Easter, a winner of the Tolkien Treasures Scavenger Hunt at the Knitting Mill Apartments in Perry chose a Mordor poster as a prize, seniors at Wheatfield Commons in North Tonawanda have recently started exchanging and discussing books, and a resident at the Packet Boat Landing Apartments in Lockport enjoys a game of bingo.

## **Out and About**

DePaul seniors are having a grand old time getting out on the town!



Pictured above, left to right, Heritage Manor of Lockport recently took a trip to the Corning Museum of Glass and Batavia Downs Gaming & Hotel, while residents at Wheatfield Commons in North Tonawanda enjoyed a scenic bus ride.

#### Recreation on the Road

DePaul's Recreation Program has been hitting the road with residents of DePaul's licensed residential mental health programs in Rochester.



Pictured above, left to right, DePaul's Recreation Department took residents from Elmgrove in Rochester to Altitude Trampoline Park for an afternoon of fun and residents from Ridgeview Commons in Rochester and Rochester View Apartments in Henrietta explored exhibits including Expedition: Dinosaur, and Flight to Freedom: Rochester's Underground Railroad at the Rochester Museum & Science Center.

# **Savoring 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, the Apple Blossom Apartments in Cheektowaga hosted an indoor picnic complete with hot dogs and popcorn to enjoy during a movie while seniors at Glenwell in Cheektowaga celebrated National Soup it Forward Day and reminisced about snacks and Tupperware while whipping up a batch of homemade Chex Mix.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, Heritage Manor of Lockport offers an omelette station, Lyell Road in Rochester celebrates Chili Day with DePaul's Recreation Department, and Woodcrest Commons in Henrietta serves up omelettes-to-order once a week.

## **Mardi Gras Splendor**

Colorful contests, sweet treats and festive attire helped set a carnival mood at DePaul.



Pictured clockwise above, Batavia Apartments created marshmallow carnival floats, artwork by a resident of the Carriage Factory Apartments in Rochester was declared the winner in a Mardi Gras coloring contest hosted by the DePaul Recreation Department, Heritage Manor of Lockport savored homemade Fasnacht Kuechel, and residents at Wheatfield Commons in North Tonawanda got into the spirit with festive masks.

## We're Hiring! Help Us Help Others

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 at <a href="www.depaul.org/employment/">www.depaul.org/employment/</a> to view current job openings.

#### **Donations**

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.



- Community Action of Orleans and Genesee provides fresh, healthy food for weekly pop-up pantries (Boxcar Apartments)
- The Department of Social Work and Patient and Family Services at UR Medicine collected toiletries and other items for residents (Hopelink at Shelter Cove)

- Matt and Nicole from NY Project Hope spend some time sharing information and playing the guitar and singing for residents (Wheatfield Commons)
- The Niagara County of the Aging donated animatronic pets and lifelike baby dolls for residents (Heritage Manor and Wheatfield Commons)

# Stay tuned for more good news...











