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Prestwick Village gives cheers to its volunteers

Staff report

LAURINBURG Residents at Prestwick Village have plenty of reasons to count their blessings during National Volunteer Appreciation Month in April. The DePaul Senior Living Community in Laurinburg has many dedicated volunteers of all ages!

Volunteer Joshua Frye, a sophomore at Marlboro Academy in South Carolina, is a National Honor Society member looking for an opportunity to help others, Joshua began volunteering at Prestwick Village this year. He likes it so much, he's become a regular,



sometimes coming up to two or three times a week!

"I wasn't sure how I would be received as a teenager," he said.

Joshua has been a hit, according to Activities Director Rebekah Chandler-Marquez.

"The residents have really enjoyed him," she said. "He is very calm, quiet, all-around pleasant person to be around."

Resident Curtis Ray said Joshua is a "fine young man."

"There are not very many young men like that who will spend time listening to an older person," said Curtis.

A history buff, Joshua said

the residents at Prestwick Village have some very interesting experiences to share.

"These folks have lived through so many different situations in their lifetime," he said. "It really leaves a big impact on you to hear their stories."

In addition to Joshua, several community members dedicate time volunteering at Prestwick Village.

Volunteer Mary Ellen Caulder does arts and crafts with residents on Tuesdays. Mary Ellen and her sister used to tend to the gardens at Prestwick when their late-mother used to live there. Now Mary Ellen said she wants to give back by helping her mother's friends do what they love most!

Marty Crumroy, community service coordinator with the Scots for Youth of Scotland County. The group of 14 youth come to Prestwick Village twice a week.

"The teens get attention from the residents and the residents give attention to the teens," said Rebekah. "They begin to speak of their buddies. It is so awesome."

Community member Donna



Courtesy photos

In the photos are: Prestwick Village resident Curtis Ray with volunteer Joshua Frye, a sophomore at Marlboro Academy in South Carolina; Mary Ellen Caulder does arts and crafts with residents on Tuesdays; Marty Crumroy, community service coordinator with the Scots for Youth of Scotland County; and Donna Carter comes every Wednesday afternoon to play the piano for residents.

Carter comes every Wednesday afternoon to play the piano for residents who love singing along. She also brings treats for all residents and staff.

"Her talents on the piano and in the kitchen make everyone so happy," said Rebekah. "We love Miss Donna!" For more information about Prestwick Village, please contact Administrator Deanna Smith at 910-276-5950 at dsmith4@depaul.org or visit us on Facebook.

