

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 Hearts

DePaul's Recreation Department has been encouraging our agency's mental health residential communities to wear their hearts on their windows as part of the World of Hearts Campaign. Clients and staff have been decorating their windows with homemade hearts and flowers in gesture of unity and celebration, and documenting it with photos!



Pictured here are hearts on windows at Edgerton Square in Rochester, New York, the Recreation Department in Rochester, New York, and Skybird Landing in Geneseo, New York. If your site would like to submit a photo, email your submission to Recreation@depaul.org.

Bingo Must Go On



There's just no stopping bingo! Staff at DePaul sites across the agency have found a way to make the favorite pastime possible while social distancing! Some communities have residents playing in their bedrooms, announcing the numbers over the intercom system, while others have been setting up games in the halls, with residents seated just inside their doors.

Pictured here are residents from Wexford House in Denver, North Carolina, Heath House in Lincolnton, North Carolina and Twelve Oaks in Mt. Airy, North Carolina.

Keeping Everyone Protected



Many kind and generous sewers and crafters have reached out during this time of need to see if DePaul can use fabric masks made by caring hands. Thank you to our staff, residents, individuals and others who have donated time to make and collect masks and assisted in obtaining other protective gear to keep staff, residents and their surrounding communities safe:

- Harriett Allwood (Knitting Mill Apartments)
- Heidi Augustyn (Seneca Square)
- Brims Grove Baptist Church (Twelve Oaks)
- Colvin Cleaners (McKinley Square)
- Mary Davis (Edgerton Square)
- Mark Henderson (Dayspring of Wallace)
- Becky Maynard
- Robin McCondichie
- Jo White (Twelve Oaks)



Close at Heart

Though circumstances may be keeping them apart physically, DePaul residents and their families aren't letting that keep them from staying connected with video calls, window visits and more!



Pictured above residents from across our agency's senior living communities in New York, North and South Carolina enjoy virtual visits and window chats from family, friends and even the local sheriff!

Community Cares

While seniors and their families are connecting with technology, nothing quite replaces the joy of receiving a handwritten note in the mail! DePaul's seniors have been the recipients of hundreds of cards filled with heartfelt wishes over the past few weeks. Pictured below are residents at Glenwell in Cheektowaga, New York, Rolling Ridge in Newton Grove, North Carolina, Cambridge House in Hildebran, North Carolina, and Wheatfield Commons in North Tonawanda, New York.



A case of a forgotten return address on a letter from a community member to a resident at Westwood Commons in North Chili, New York, had a happy ending thanks to a post on the senior living community's Facebook page! The original sender was found thanks to a post on Facebook, and the resident was able to send her sincere thanks to the young girl!

Hello. I hope this letter finds you happy and well. I know that it can be very upsetting to be living through such uncertain times, but we are all here for you. Know that you are not alone and that you are loved by everyone because we all care about you. Even though you can't always be around family, friends, and other loved ones, society cares about you. We don't want to spread this virus to people such as yourself who can be vulnerable because we want to be with each other later. Whether it is visible or not, just know that we are all in this together (even though we aren't physically together.) Please know, you are not alone. There is so much love and support out there, and I am trying my absolute hardest to help end this crisis by social distancing so that we can all be with those we care about soon.



Dear Elise,

Thanks for your lovely letter, it is indeed kind words from one so young and hopeful. Living in a place like this isn't always easy but sometimes people show up with a wish or salutation to brighten a gloomy day. Indeed, these are difficult times but working together we will all live on and maybe even better than ever. Keep up your interest in the best the world has to offer and put away the silly things that happen. We all have something special to offer the world even if it is only a happy smile and a cheer for a better tomorrow.

So for you, I offer a hoorah for a smile and an added smile to you and your friends for to us all here to keep us smiling and maybe our time here isn't all in vain.

Thank you again for caring and writing and believe me when I give you a pat on the back for doing some of the things that make all living people live together in harmony and smile—keep smiling.

And here's a glad smile back for you—

Love always,
Susan Schupp



Lisa Quincey Thank you Susan! I shared your letter with my daughter Elise. Thank you for your kind words. We are keeping you all in our prayers! We are also so appreciative of all the staff at Westwood and residences and nursing homes everywhere for keeping our loved ones safe and showing them love and support while families can't physically be there ❤️

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Stacie Major Beautiful! ❤️

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Gratitude Abounds



Our sincerest thanks to the United Way for a monetary donation made possible through a CVS grant to purchase gift cards for phone minutes for clients of DePaul's Care Management program. In addition, United Way grant monies were used to purchase produce boxes from Flower City Produce for DePaul clients. Each box will have iceberg lettuce, bibb lettuce, potatoes, onions, peppers, squash, tomatoes, oranges, apples and a head of cabbage.

Stay tuned for more good news...

