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Lenore "Nonnie" Carroll, a resident of Wheatfield Commons in North Tonawanda, recently celebrated her 100th birthday. Photo courtesy of Wheatfield Commons

Centenarian celebrates lifetime of giving back on 100th birthday

To Lenore "Nonnie" Carroll, the secret to longevity is to "be kind to her neighbor." The North Tonawanda resident passed along that advice recently when celebrating her 100th birthday at Wheatfield Commons, a DePaul Senior Living Community.

According to the facility's staff, Carroll has spent a century practicing what she preaches. A former resident of Grand Island, Carroll served as president of the Altar Society at St. Stephen's Church, where she organized the first blood clinic and assisted with flu shot clinics. She and her late husband, Hank, were both members of the Grand Island Historical Society, and for many years helped prepare floats for the annual Fourth of July parade and with the fourth-grade

"Tour of Grand Island and River Lea."

The two also delivered for Meals on Wheels and organized many basket raffles and fundraisers for a multitude of organizations with which they were affiliated. Carroll also organized a group twice a year to help the Grand Island Town Clerk prepare tax bills for mailing. In gratitude for her service, Carroll was named Citizen of the Year for Volunteer Services in 2013, one of her proudest accomplishments. Along with her service, Carroll is a cancer survivor. She said she is surprised to be turning 100, and is proud to call Wheatfield Commons home.

Carroll's hobbies include playing solitaire on her iPad, bingo, and keeping up on the news.