



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.

Simple Pleasures

The taste of the first barbecue or ice cream of the summer are just one of many reminders to stop and smell the roses and count our blessings!



Pictured above, residents were treated to novelty ice cream at Wheatfield Commons in North Tonawanda, New York, to sundaes at Horizons in Canandaigua, New York, to Dum Dum lollipops at Twelve Oaks in Mt. Airy, North Carolina, and to a socially-distanced Memorial Day barbeque at The Carriage Factory Apartments in Rochester, New York.

Recreation On-the-Go

Though current circumstances prevent folks from gathering in large groups, the fun must go on! DePaul's Recreation Department has been making the rounds to various mental health residential sites in Rochester, New York, to share fun one-on-one activities.



Pictured above, residents from DePaul's Rochester-area mental health residential programs at Elmgrove, Edgerton Square, West Main Apartments, Lyell Road and the Neighborhood of the Arts Apartments have been staying engaged and entertained with a multitude of crafts including planting herb seeds, and customizing their own reusable shopping bags and flower pots.

Thank you to Black Button Distillery for donating 1,000 seeds including rosemary, thyme, lavender and mint, and to The Garden Factory for providing discounted supplies for the crafts!

Art Therapy

Hope comes in many colors! Many artists in our agency have been spreading sunshine by sharing their talents!



Housing Specialist Riley Kirwan created a beautiful display of homemade paper flowers on her door and paired it with a beautiful quote: "Where flowers bloom, so does hope." A resident at Glenwell in Cheektowaga, New York, has discovered her artistic side during the past few months. She's been coloring pictures which her daughter gave her and hanging them all over her room. Also at the Knitting Mill Apartments, resident Kathleen McBee has been sharing her coloring artwork with fellow residents by leaving them on their doors.

Cause for Pause

Staff at the Trolley Station Apartments in Canandaigua, New York, are finding new ways to raise awareness around important holidays.



In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, residents were encouraged to wear green, the color symbolizing mental health, and given bracelets with the words “Hope,” “Strength” and “Survivor” emblazoned on them. For Memorial Day, American flags were distributed among residents who were invited to write a note on paper in memory of a loved one who served or to honor a first responder. That afternoon, residents gathered outdoors at a safe distance to play Taps on their smart phones.

Connecting with Loved Ones

Whether it's at the window or in a virtual chat, residents at DePaul's Senior Living Communities have continued to be comforted by the faces of loved ones.



Pictured above, residents at Wexford House in Denver, North Carolina and Twelve Oaks in Mt. Airy, North Carolina, receive visitors and gifts!

Overflowing with Gratitude

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.



- Chuck Weed provided pizza for lunch for staff (Glenwell)
- Marietta Andrews brought in cupcakes for residents and staff in honor of her mother's birthday (Glenwell)
- Lori Cyrek dropped off snacks and subs for staff (Glenwell)
- Helena Poslinski donated personal hygiene products for the residents (Glenwell)
- Melissa B. made ear savers for fellow residents (Trolley Station Apartments)
- Shannon Marion provided chicken tenders, French fries and hush puppies from Libby Hill Seafood for staff (Twelve Oaks)
- Denise Stowers Buchanan sent three boxes of goodies from Nuts.com as a thank you to staff (Twelve Oaks)
- Buster Cox provided a cookie tray for the staff in the Memory Care Unit (Twelve Oaks)
- Peter Glanville played bagpipes (Westwood Commons)

- Youth from Lakeside Ministry Church decorated the lawn with inspirational signs and pin wheels (Wexford House)
- Julianna Pastore donated cards and activities for residents (Wexford House)

Stay tuned for more good news...

