



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.

## DePaul Strong #27 – February 22, 2021

### Caring Matters

We are ever so grateful for the notes of appreciation from loved ones of those in our care letting us know what our dedicated, wonderful employees mean to them. We are proud to be the next best thing to one's own family!



#### Twelve Oaks

★ Austin Shiver ★ Sarah Alexander ★  
Rebecca Frye ★ Breon Strickland  
★ Helen "Marie" Flippin ★

Austin, Sarah, Helen, Rebecca and Breon worked together to respond quickly, calmly, and professionally in an emergency situation resulting in a positive outcome. They did a fantastic job and are truly appreciated.

#### Praise for Twelve Oaks Staff

I want you to know how very grateful I am that Austin was on the floor last night and was able to think straight during an emergency.

Your staff have hard jobs and they are taking care of our Moms and Dads, Aunts and Uncles, Brothers and Sisters. These people that we love, who we haven't been able to hug for almost a year, have depended on your staff for everything.

You all are the BEST.  
We love you all and thank you!



## Fun and Games

Whether it's to pass the time or competing for a prize, DePaul residents are finding joy in some old-fashioned fun, games and contests!



Pictured top row, left to right, a resident at Dayspring of Wallace shows off a puzzle depicting a well-known local bridge in Wallace, North Carolina, residents at Pee Dee Gardens in Florence, South Carolina work on completing puzzles, while a resident at Greenbrier in Fairmont, North Carolina plays checkers.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, residents at La Rosa Villas in LeRoy, New York participated in a door decorating contest for Valentine's Day, a resident at Greenbrier is crowned queen and a resident at Twelve Oaks in Mt. Airy, North Carolina was voted king for the holiday, and a resident at Twelve Oaks shows off her bingo prizes.

## Mardi Gras Spirit

Carnival season has arrived at DePaul and residents have their Mardi Gras spirit on display with masks, feathers and beaded necklaces!



Pictured counterclockwise above are residents from Wexford House in Denver, North Carolina, Pee Dee Gardens in Florence, South Carolina and Dayspring of Wallace in Wallace, North Carolina, as well as a resident from Glenwell in Cheektowaga, New York.

## **Creature Comforts**

Sometimes the smallest gestures can have the biggest impact. DePaul seniors have been soaking up the creature comforts at home!



Pictured left to right, a resident at Heritage Manor of Lockport, New York takes time out to correspond with a friend, a resident at Glenwell in Cheektowaga, New York shows off her fresh new haircut, and a resident at Westwood Commons in North Chili, New York displays stuffed animals she “adopted” from a donation of stuffed animals from a local community group!

## **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 socially-distanced acts of service, donations of personal protective equipment, and much more, we are beyond grateful.



- In honor of Valentine's Day, Piney Grove Baptist Church provided a steak lunch for all residents and staff. Staff members dressed up like chefs and waiters and served the residents a three-course meal including salad and soup, an entrée of steak, twice baked potatoes and bread, and a red velvet cupcake for dessert. (Rolling Ridge)
- Thank you to Blended Harmony for providing an outdoors performance for residents and staff. (Pee Dee Gardens)
- Bonnie Boles donated colorful Valentine's Day wreaths for residents' doors. (Twelve Oaks)
- Thank you to Candy from Family Dollar in Pilot Mountain for donating Valentine's Day balloons for residents. (Twelve Oaks)

- Lisa Collins donated several trays of delicious cookies to recognize the quality care provided by staff to her mother. (Twelve Oaks)
- Scottie Payne from Medi Home Health and Hospice donated goodie bags for all the residents. (Twelve Oaks)
- Cindy Kincaid donated word puzzles, adult coloring books, candy, crayons and colored pencils and chips. (Wexford House)
- For Valentine's Day, Personal Care Assistant Amber Paris and her family wrote a card to staff and bought balloons and cards for all residents. (Wexford House)
- Miss Samantha's Preschool class from Westport Baptist Church provided precious homemade Valentine's cards and goodie bags for residents, in addition to cookies for staff! Special thanks to Hadley, Audrey, Rogan, Colden, Bennett, Callan, Leena and Colsen! (Wexford House)
- Med Tech Brittany Johnsen helped coordinate a donation of Valentine's Day gifts for residents and staff from students at St. James Elementary School as part of their "Kindergarten Cares" service project. (Wexford House)
- The Lincoln County Public Library and community guest artists gave each resident a homemade painted heart as part of its "Art from the Heart" initiative. (Wexford House)

**Stay tuned for more good news...**

