

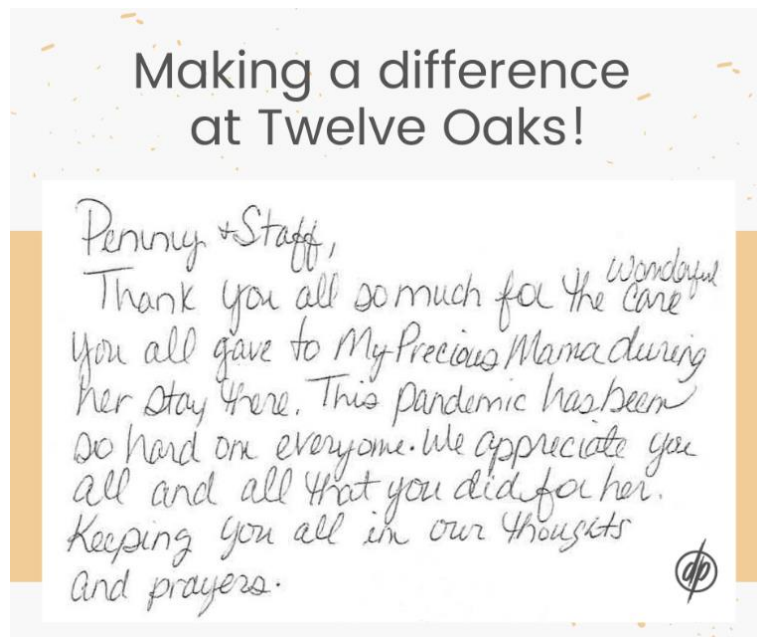


The DePaul family has always worked hard to make a difference for our people and our communities. In these unprecedented times, we are forever grateful for the countless acts of humanity that raise our spirits and make each day brighter. We hope you'll join us in celebrating the good that we see at DePaul, as we navigate this journey together.

DePaul Strong #28 – March 16, 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!



Above is a note from family at Twelve Oaks in Mt. Airy, North Carolina!

Shining Stars

Not all heroes wear capes! The DePaul family has always worked hard to make a difference for our people and our communities.



Alan Harpst

Packet Boat Landing Apartments

"Alan came to the rescue for one of our tenants that was very distraught due to the wheel breaking off her walker. It rendered her unable to safely navigate inside her apartment and the tenant was worried. Alan immediately ensured the tenant was safe while he quickly rushed to the hardware store and returned to repair her walker. Alan consistently exhibits acts of service that go above and beyond the scope of his position. His dedication and acts of kindness help make Packet Boat Landing a happy home for many."

Jae Tomlinson

Packet Boat Landing Apartments

"On Jae's first day here, I had a panicky incident in the elevator and Jae asked if it would help if he rode with me. He was very kind and understanding. He is a very good fit with us!"

The DePaul Shining Star Employee Recognition Program highlights the many "Shining Stars" of our organization, recognizing and celebrating employees who go above and beyond in their roles. Thank you to Alan and Jae for demonstrating service excellence at the Packet Boat Landing Apartments in Lockport, New York.



Pictured above, Mike Riemer, Maintenance Director at McKinley Square in Buffalo, New York, poses with the many Shining Star nominations earned by staff so far this year!

Creative Expressions

Art therapy has been a go-to for many DePaul residents and staff during the pandemic with a myriad of activities and opportunities that allow them to express their creativity.



Pictured left to right, residents at La Rosa Villas in LeRoy, New York make bookmarks, residents at Pee Dee Gardens in Florence, South Carolina create collage art, seniors at Woodcrest Commons in Henrietta, New York paint ceramics and residents at Skybird Landing Apartments in Geneseo, New York participated in a paint and sip cocoa activity.

Irish Eyes are Smiling

When Irish eyes are smiling, you can't help but smile back. DePaul seniors have been getting ready for St. Patrick's Day with a rainbow of fun!



Pictured top row, residents from Cambridge House in Hildebran, North Carolina created leprechauns out of popsicle sticks and rainbows out of marshmallows and Lucky Charms cereal, while residents at Wheatfield Commons in North Tonawanda, New York enjoyed cookies courtesy of Glen Swazey, a resident’s son.

Pictured bottom row, seniors at Woodridge in Monroe, North Carolina sewed and stuffed shamrocks while seniors at Horizons in Canandaigua, New York painted shamrock ornaments to hang on the tree in the lobby!

Kindness Fits All

Dignity and respect for all is a pillar of what we do here at DePaul each and every day. Here’s just a few ways they’re showing it!



Pee Dee Gardens in Florence, South Carolina honored the 14th Annual Pink Shirt Day on February 24, a globally recognized movement to end bullying in all its forms and encourage the growth of a global community built on acceptance and support for all. Staff and residents wore pink shirts to bring awareness to this worthy cause. Also pictured is a “Take What You Need” board at Twelve Oaks in Mt. Airy, North Carolina, featuring things like “courage,” “patience,” and “hope” among other positive sentiments.

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.



- Thank you to ROCCARES, Local to U Distributors, Healthy U Delivers and other local businesses for donating healthy 'snack paks' to Upper Falls Square residents in Rochester, New York and Westwood Commons in North Chili, New York as part of their 1,000 Blessings campaign!
- Dietary Manager Faye Henry recognized staff for their hard work and dedication with goodie bags that included a festive teddy bear (Dayspring of Wallace)
- The family of John Gerhardt donated a Wii for residents to enjoy (Glenwell)
- Starpoint Central School fifth-grader students made sure residents were feeling the love with homemade Valentine's Day cards (Heritage Manor)
- All staff received a framed, artistic quote by area artist Lillian Harden and a bag of Bertie County peanuts (Rolling Ridge)
- Residents enjoyed arranging fresh flowers donated by Trader Joe's of Buffalo (Wheatfield Commons)

Stay tuned for more good news...

