



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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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!

To Pee Dee Gardens Staff:

I just wanted to take a moment to express my appreciation. My mother has ALWAYS been treated with dignity and compassion by ALL staff. EVERYONE at Pee Dee Gardens goes the extra mile and we are very grateful that she is in such a wonderful place.

I am especially impressed by the tremendous work of the staff during the COVID-19 lockdown. Pee Dee Gardens really excelled during a trying time. The entire administration and staff are the best and greatly appreciated.



To Pee Dee Gardens Staff:

When Mom first moved in, she said she felt like she was on a permanent vacation.

Now, she just says she's home.

She loves Pee Dee Gardens and all the activities. Mom has always been a very social person and I thank you for allowing her to be social in a safe environment.



Kudos to the staff at Pee Dee Gardens in Florence, South Carolina for these beautiful notes from families expressing gratitude for the quality of care!

Savoring the Flavors

From food holidays to comfort foods, there's plenty of ways to savor the flavor across the agency!



Pictured top row, left to right, residents of Greenbrier in Fairmont, North Carolina prepared cupcakes and a loaf cake during baking club and celebrated all things lemon in August, while residents of Heritage Manor of Lockport in Lockport, New York took a bite out of pretzel day!

Pictured middle row, left to right, getting ready to savor fresh tomatoes and corn are residents from Twelve Oaks in Mt. Airy, North Carolina; Rolling Ridge in Newton Grove, North Carolina, and Wheatfield Commons in North Tonawanda, New York.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, residents enjoyed National Watermelon Day and fresh peaches at Wheatfield Commons, while a resident of Woodridge in Monroe, North Carolina assembled s'mores!

Fun and Games

Whether it's to pass the time or competing for a prize, DePaul residents are staying engaged with old-fashioned fun, games and contests!



Pictured top row, left to right, a resident takes on a word search challenge at Greenbrier in Fairmont, North Carolina, and at Heritage Manor of Lockport in Lockport, New York, residents compete in Wii bowling, and staff participated in a pie contest with the winner being a candy apple pie!

Pictured bottom row, left to right, a resident of La Rosa Villas in LeRoy, New York shows off a gift card which she won in a raffle, a resident of Twelve Oaks in Mt. Airy, North Carolina celebrates a bingo win with prizes, and a resident of Wheatfield Commons in North Tonawanda, New York competes in a game of bean bag toss.

Arts and Crafts

DePaul residents and staff have been channeling their inner Picasso with colorful crafts and unique creations!



Pictured top row, left to right, a resident and her children show off their homemade tie-dye shirts at the DeWitt Clinton Apartments in Rome, New York; a resident of Westwood Commons in North Chili, New York proudly displays her most recent cross-stich work, and a resident of La Rosa Villas in LeRoy, New York prepares shirts for tie-dying.

Pictured middle row, left to right, a resident of Edgerton Square in Rochester, New York colored a butterfly during an activity with DePaul's Recreation Department, and at Westwood Commons in North Chili, New York, a resident paints a wooden car, and another resident poses among the collection of coloring art she's completed over the past year.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, residents at Wheatfield Commons in North Tonawanda, New York create a wire craft project and cherry blossom painting, while a resident of Woodridge in Monroe, North Carolina creates a canvas artwork of his initials.

Simple Pleasures and Creature Comforts

From furry and feathered friends to pampering and time spent relaxing outdoors, there's a reason to smile around every corner at DePaul!



Pictured top row, left to right, residents of the DeWitt Clinton Apartments in Rome, New York now have access to several bicycles which they can borrow to get around town. Also pictured, residents of Greenbrier in Fairmont, North Carolina and Heath House in Lincolnton, North Carolina help feed the birds.

Pictured middle row, left to right, residents of Heritage Manor of Lockport in Lockport, New York relax with happy hour on the porch, fresh manicures, and a visit from Willow, an adorable chocolate lab who belongs to the Assistant Resident Care Director.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, Heritage Manor of Lockport's Resident Care Director brought in her rabbit Chase for a visit, residents of Wheatfield Commons in North Tonawanda, New York enjoyed a visit with Adeline, a therapy dog from the Erie County SPCA, and a resident of Woodridge in Monroe, North Carolina shows off her fresh manicure!

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.



- The Harlan family delivered sweets and treats as a gesture of appreciation to staff (Pee Dee Gardens)
- Dave Lawrence donated Krispy Kreme donuts for staff members (Pee Dee Gardens)
- Rita and David Anderson brought in ice cream sandwiches, bars and popsicles for residents and staff (Twelve Oaks)
- Denise Scott provided donuts for the staff (Twelve Oaks)
- Beckie Johnson delivered a delicious donation of watermelons and tomatoes from the Old Store Produce in Huntersville (Wexford House)
- The Murphy family bought lunch for the staff as a gesture of appreciation (Wheatfield Commons)

Stay tuned for more good news...

