



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 #48 - April 21, 2022

Thank You For Making a Difference

DePaul is ever so grateful for the notes of appreciation from those we serve and their loved ones letting us know what our dedicated, wonderful employees mean to them.

Praise for Shelter Cove Staff

Barbara,

I can't thank you enough for helping our family member. You did what nobody else would do to help him.

I can't say enough about the whole program!
It is a wonderful thing for people in need.



My mother was helped and cared for by so many staff at Westwood Commons.

It was comforting to know that assistance was always available for her.

Thank you all for your care and attention!



Thank you to staff at [Hopelink at Shelter Cove](#) in Churchville and [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili for going above and beyond to make a difference! DePaul's greatest asset is our passionate, dedicated staff who make an immense difference in the lives of those we serve! We are proud to be the next best thing to one's own family.

Spring on the Wing

April showers bring May flowers, seasonal crafts and other fun across the agency!



[Trolley Station Apartments](#) in Canandaigua said "moove over" to winter and welcomed spring with Cow Tales candy and milk!



Pictured top row, left to right, are spring flowerpot crafts made with assistance from DePaul's Recreation Department at the [Elmgrove](#) Licensed Congregate Treatment Site and [Halstead Square](#) in Rochester. Also pictured are spring blossom cookies at [Heritage Manor](#) of Lockport.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, are seasonal craft projects at DePaul's [Neighborhood of the Arts Apartments](#) and [Rochester View Apartments](#) in Rochester and [Woodcrest Commons](#) in Henrietta.

Arts and Crafts

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



Pictured clockwise is splash art made at DePaul's [Elmgrove](#) Licensed Congregate Treatment Site, cross-stich made by an artistic resident at [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga, and ceramic painting projects at [Woodcrest Commons](#) in Henrietta and [La Rosa Villas](#) in LeRoy.

Savoring the Flavors

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

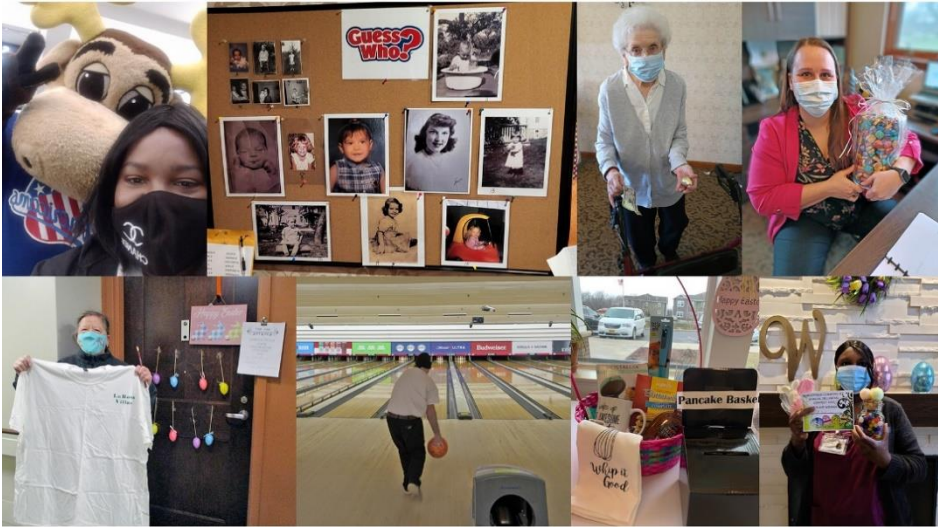


Pictured top row, left to right, residents at [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga made their own breakfast with help from staff, and at [Heritage Manor](#) of Lockport, an employee prepared food during a cookout while another team member boasted a "World's Greatest Omelette Chef" apron.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, DePaul's Recreation Department made a banana cream pie dessert and no-bake chocolate peanut butter cookies with residents at the [Neighborhood of the Arts Apartments](#) and seniors at [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda prepared for a birthday brunch and made chocolate lollipops for Easter.

Fun and Games

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



Pictured top row, left to right, the Recreation Department took residents from the [Carriage Factory Apartments](#) to an Amerks Game in Rochester, and at [Heritage Manor](#) of Lockport, baby photos are on display for a game of Guess Who?, a resident shows off her Easter egg hunt winnings, and a staff member takes home the prize in the candy guessing contest.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, is the winner of the door decorating contest at [La Rosa Villas](#) in LeRoy and a bowling outing with DePaul's Recreation Department and residents from [Ridgeview Commons](#) in Rochester. Pictured second from right is one of the prizes that was available in an Easter egg hunt raffle at the [Skybird Landing Apartments](#) in Geneseo and pictured far right is the winner of the [Wheatfield Commons](#) annual jellybean contest.

Celebrating Volunteers

The third week of April is National Volunteer Week. Whether it's education, food or a friend, DePaul appreciates those who have given the gift of their time to brightening and enlightening all of our lives!



Pictured above, left to right, a SNAP-Ed NY Environmental and Marketing Nutritionist with the Cornell Cooperative Extension taught residents at the [Apple Blossom Apartments](#) in Cheektowaga how to make veggie quesadillas with cilantro yogurt dip; residents at [La Rosa Villas](#) in LeRoy enjoyed a lunch and learn presentation from the Parkinson's Foundation New York and New Jersey Chapter; a staff member's husband has become a popular volunteer teaching cooking classes at [Heritage Manor](#) of Lockport, and residents at [Ridgeview Commons](#) in Rochester relish a pet therapy visit.

Giving Back

While DePaul has been the recipient of much generosity and kindness, giving is a two-way street!



[Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga celebrated National Pet Day by baking dog biscuits for Standing Together Animal Rescue Service to comfort dogs waiting for their forever home. The activity was a nice way to foster a sense of purpose and connection while also giving back to a worthy cause!

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.



- Leann Seifred from Buffalo Bakez donated homemade cupcakes (Heritage Manor)
- Stephanie Taylor, LMSW, delivered sweet treats from the social work department at Strong Memorial Hospital (Hopelink at Shelter Cove)
- Thank you to school counselor Miranda Merton and students from the Norman Howard School for helping residents with an Easter craft (Westwood Commons)
- Family of a former resident brought in a note and lunch for the staff (Wheatfield Commons)
- Kathy Barton delivered the spring cheer with these lovely flowers (Wheatfield Commons)
- Ralph and Wendy Critelli delivered a beautiful treat basket for staff including yummy treats and pampering products on behalf of multiple families (Wheatfield Commons)
- Colleen Martin donated flowers for staff (Wheatfield Commons)

Stay tuned for more good news...

