



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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**DePaul Strong #50 – June 21**

### **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.



**I cannot say enough good things about Heritage Manor and its staff.**

I would not have been able to board a plane and leave New York if I had not been able to make a home for my mother here. I could rest assured that she would be safe, taken care of and very well fed. I never quite knew the love that she would enjoy while living there, or the joy that this phase of her life could bring her.

The staff are consummate professionals who care deeply about the work that they do. For them, this is clearly not just a "job." This is a calling and they are a true credit to their calling.





# Recognizing

## Brittany Williams and Esther Wildey

"For professional integrity, commitment to person-centered treatment programming, communication and responsiveness during times of potential risk, I'd like to mention these two leaders as tremendous assets to DePaul.

I'm grateful for their partnership and am confident they are going above and beyond to support residents and staff through collaboration and partnership with external stakeholders with treatment teams for individuals they serve."

Thank you to staff at [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) and [Lyell Road](#) staff in Rochester 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.

## 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, the [Boxcar Apartments](#) in Albion celebrated National Donut Day, as did [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#), and a senior at Heritage Manor of Lockport settles in for an ice cream sundae.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, a resident of Heritage Manor of Lockport whipped up an orange creamsicle cake, the [Knitting Mill Apartments](#) in Perry participated in a 'Chopped' cooking challenge with meals scored on presentation, creativity and taste, and residents of [Woodcrest Commons](#) in Henrietta created adorable garden gnome cookies with strawberries and Skittles.

## Memorial Day Salute

DePaul honored and remembered those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country in late-May.



Pictured clockwise are patriotic door decorations made by residents of [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#); a seasonal craft made by a resident of [West Main Street Apartment Treatment Program](#) with help from the DePaul Recreation Department; residents of [Woodcrest Commons](#) head out to the Town of Henrietta's Memorial Day parade to pass out treats from the senior living community's float, and seniors painted the American flag onto wooden boards to create festive wall/door hangings at [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili.

## Out and About

DePaul clients, residents and staff are having a grand old time getting out on the town!



Pictured top row, left to right, [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) recently visited the Jell-O Gallery and Museum in LeRoy and enjoyed a delicious lunch at Wilson House Restaurant and Inn, and [McKinley Square](#) paid a visit to the Padre Pio statue at St. Margaret Parish in Buffalo along with a staff member whose uncle in Italy made the monument.

Pictured middle row, left to right, [Westwood Commons](#) seniors made a stop at the Rochester Lilac Festival and [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda hit the road for sweet treats at Platter's Chocolates and a tour at the Aquarium of Niagara.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, residents of [Woodcrest Commons](#) in Henrietta enjoyed a scenic ride which included a stop at the Sri Vidya Temple, as well as a visit to Powers Farm Market to soak up the sounds, sights and other farm-fresh delights!

## Arts and Crafts

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



Pictured top row, left, seniors at [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga upcycled ceramic flowerpots as painted bugs while residents at DePaul's [Knitting Mill Apartments](#) in Perry expressed their creativity with beautiful resin art!

Pictured bottom row, left to right, residents at the Knitting Mill Apartments created personalized inspiration boards using a variety of photos and stickers, and [Woodcrest Commons](#) seniors created lightning bug jar canvas art during a monthly Sip and Paint activity, as well as patches which are being assembled for a collaborative quilt.

## Fun in Bloom

With warmer weather and sunny skies comes a flurry of fun activities and seasonal beauty across the agency.



Pictured above, left to right, [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) headed out to play putt-putt, the gardens in the courtyard at [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga are bursting with color, and [Woodcrest Commons](#) in Henrietta paid a visit to see the Maplewood Rose Garden in all its glory.

Pictured bottom row at [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda, residents are celebrating the start of gardening season with new raised beds and by sowing wildflowers for butterflies which were recently released.

## Giving Back

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



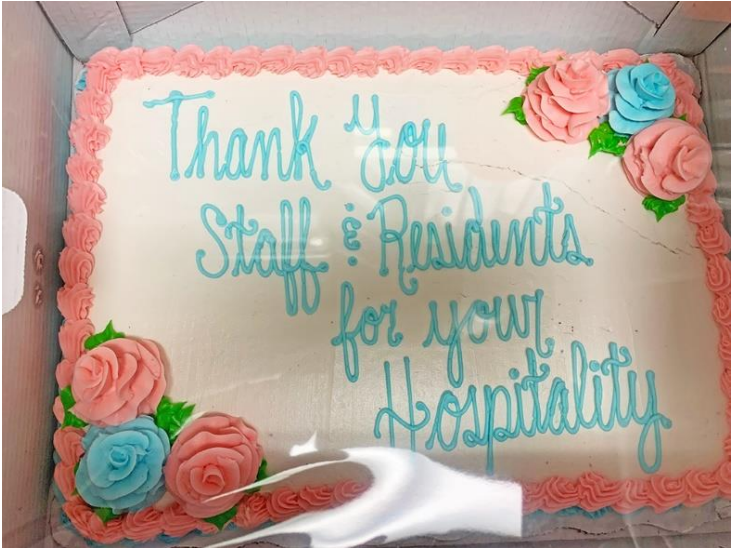
Residents at [La Rosa Villas](#) in LeRoy created over 20 no-sew blankets for cats and dogs at the Genesee County Animal Shelter.



[Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) recently hosted a food drive with donations going to the Resource Council of WNY.

### **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, and much more, we are beyond grateful.



Sincerest thanks to Frank, Robyn and Frankie from Frank the Brush, Inc., who recently delivered a lovely card and cake for residents of [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili to thank them for their hospitality as they completed painting projects around the community.

The card which accompanied the cake read "Thanks to each and every one of you for your kindness and friendly smiles, making us painters feel so welcome. You provide a great service for everyone you care for and thank you for doing what God has called you to do."

## Stay tuned for more good news...

