

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 #53 – October 21, 2022

Football Frenzy

With fall comes the changing of the leaves, a chill in the air, and cheering on the home team.



DePaul's Recreation Program helped get clients from Rochester-area mental health residential programs pumped up for the opening day of football season with activities including throwing and punting contests, word searches, a "pass the helmet" game with full-size candy bar prizes, and watching a Buffalo Bills tribute video. Pictured from left to right are residents from Halstead Square, the Neighborhood of the Arts Apartments, Ridgeview Commons and the Carriage Factory Apartments.



DePaul Recreation Program also participants had the best time visiting the Buffalo Bills training camp at St. John Fisher University. Pictured clockwise above are residents from the Carriage Factory Apartments, Halstead Square, Ridgeview Commons, Parkside and the Neighborhood of the Arts Apartments.



And a resident at <u>Heritage Manor of Lockport</u> showed off her fandom by decorating an entire tree in Buffalo Bills memorabilia.

Arts and Crafts

DePaul residents and staff have been enjoying a whirlwind of creativity with colorful crafts and unique creations!



Pictured top row, left to right, is a an upcycled paper bag craft project donated by CarePatrol of Buffalo-Niagara in honor of National Paper Bag Day at <u>Glenwell</u> in Cheektowaga, as well as dried flowers pressed into picture frames, homemade sunflowers which added warmth and beauty to the front desk, and glass jars adorned with flowers at <u>Heritage Manor of Lockport</u>.

Pictured middle row, left to right, craft activities have included inspirational paintings and relaxation jars using glitter, glitter glue and food coloring with warm water at the <u>Knitting Mill Apartments</u> in Perry, Shrinky Dinks key chain art at <u>La Rosa Villas</u> in LeRoy, and embroidery art at <u>Trolley Station Apartments</u> in Canandaigua.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, are completed lamb art and canvas paintings at Wheatfield Commons in North Tonawanda and sand art and paint projects at Woodcrest Commons in Henrietta.

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, <u>Heritage Manor of Lockport</u> residents recently visited the Herschell Carousel Factory Museum and the Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Museum, while seniors from <u>Westwood Commons</u> in North Chili savored a stop at Abbott's Frozen Custard.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, seniors from <u>Woodcrest Commons</u> in Henrietta took trips to the Glenn H. Curtiss Museum, Niagara Falls and a Rochester Red Wings baseball home game.

Porches, Patios and Courtyards

With the days of warmer weather coming to a close, there's been a flurry of fun on the many porches, patios and in courtyards across the agency.



Pictured above, left to right, the <u>Knitting Mill Apartments</u> in Perry celebrated Labor Day with a snacks, refreshments and entertainment in the courtyard, and at <u>Wheatfield Commons</u> in North Tonawanda, seniors enjoy some time with a praying mantis in the garden, a beach day celebration in the courtyard, and coffee and donuts on the porch.

Wish You Were Here

Savor the summertime fun come and gone with DePaul's Recreation Program.



Pictured top row left to right, a resident from <u>Rochester View Apartments</u> tours the grounds around Warner Castle, residents from the <u>Neighborhood of the Arts Apartments</u> visit

Letchworth State Park and Band on the Bricks at the Rochester Public Market, and a resident from Lyell Road browses the larger-than-life menu at Polar Freeze.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, <u>Parkside</u> residents attended Monroe County's 18th Annual Salute to Seniors Concert at Ontario Beach Park, and residents from the <u>Carriage Factory</u>
<u>Apartments</u>, <u>West Main Street Apartments</u> and <u>Halstead Square</u> attend the Genesee County Fair.

Giving Back

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



Pictured clockwise above, DePaul's Human Resources Department hosted a school supplies drive for students at Hope Hall in Gates as well as some DePaul staff members, seniors at Wheatfield Commons in North Tonawanda made teddy bears out of towels which were sold at the community's 3rd Annual Jewelry Sale with all proceeds going to support the Niagara Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and residents at La Rosa Villas in LeRoy pulled together care packages consisting of homemade goodies for the LeRoy Police, Fire and Ambulance departments in honor of Remembrance Day.

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.



- Residents received a donation of school supplies from Property Manager Mary Klatt's husband's military unit (Boxcar Apartments)
- The Scrappy Treasures quilting group donated exquisite handmade quilts and pillowcases (Glenwell)
- Jack Striegel donated craft supplies (Heritage Manor of Lockport)
- Lynn Tacca's Family made baskets for staff (Wheatfield Commons)
- Linda, the daughter of a resident, provided ruby slipper cookies for Wizard of Oz Day as well as cheery sunflower cookies (Wheatfield Commons)
- Laura Piazza, the daughter of residents Bud and Sally, donated stunning cupcakes (Wheatfield Commons)

Stay tuned for more good news...











