



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 #55 – February 1, 2023

### The Reason for the Season

The holidays have been merry and bright across the agency with creative crafts, meaningful decor and festive celebrations!



Pictured clockwise above, a resident of [Halstead Square](#) in Rochester commemorated Hanukkah with a coloring activity, the halls at [La Rosa Villas](#) in LeRoy were decked with homemade seasonal crafts, staff members at [Woodcrest Commons](#) in Henrietta sported ugly sweaters during a staff party, seniors from [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda took a trip to the Christmas Tree Shops, and a resident from the [Rochester View Apartments](#) in Henrietta enjoyed a visit with Santa during a celebration with DePaul's Recreation Department.

Check out more of the holiday highlights from across the agency on the [DePaul Blog](#).

## 365 Days of Celebration

There is no shortage of reasons to celebrate and pay tribute at DePaul, from January to December.



Pictured above are celebrations from February 2022 including Groundhog Day at [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga, Wear Red Day at the [Trolley Station Apartments](#) in Canandaigua, Pizza Day at [Rochester View Apartments](#) in Henrietta, and the Super Bowl at the [Carriage Factory Apartments](#) in Rochester.

For a full month-by-month list of some unique holidays and theme days which were celebrated across the agency in 2022, visit the [DePaul Blog](#).

## 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, are a painted landscape at [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#), alcohol ink coasters at [La Rosa Villas](#) in LeRoy, New Year's resolution trees made by residents from the [Neighborhood of the Arts Apartments](#) in Rochester with help from DePaul's Recreation Department, and a National Penguin Day craft project at [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda.

Pictured middle row, left to right, Wheatfield Commons seniors created adorable walrus and Yeti artwork, while another resident is learning how to crochet from a staff member.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, is more creativity at Wheatfield Commons including a snowman made from paper plates and construction paper, a polar bear portrait created with tissue paper, adorable clothespin birds in honor of National Bird Day and birdseed rolls which were placed in the courtyard as a special treat for the birds in the winter.

## Comfort Foods

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



Pictured top row, left to right, residents at the [DeWitt Clinton Apartments](#) in Rome enjoyed a recent taco lunch, seniors at [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga warm up with a homemade batch of chicken noodle soup, [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) seniors have been enjoying a monthly brunch as well as lunch outings to Cracker Barrel.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, seniors learned how to prepare chicken alfredo during Cooking with Don, residents frosted cookies at the [Skybird Landing Apartments](#) in Geneseo, and [Wheatfield](#)

[Commons](#) seniors celebrated National Penguin Day with chocolate and banana popsicles and made also chocolate-dipped pretzel sticks.

## Out and About

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



Pictured left to right, residents of [Halstead Square](#) in Rochester cheered the Amerks hockey team onto a win during an outing with DePaul's Recreation Department and residents of [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda paid a visit to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine to check out an expansive nativity display.

## 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.



- The Department of Social Work and Patient & Family Services at UR Medicine provided goodies from Panera in a gesture of appreciation for staff (Hopelink at Shelter Cove)

- Zion Dominion Ministries donated stockings filled with goodies for residents in the Memory Care Unit (Glenwell)
- Connie Critelli`s family brought in a plate of beautiful Christmas cookies (Wheatfield Commons)
- Ann Korff`s Family donated Platter`s chocolate covered pretzels (Wheatfield Commons)
- The Costanzo and Moore families provided lunch for the January staff meeting (Wheatfield Commons)

**Stay tuned for more good news...**

