



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 #56 – March 1, 2023

### Thank You for Making a Difference

DePaul is 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 Wheatfield Commons Staff**

I can't say enough good things about the care my Dad received. The leadership and staff are truly resident-centered and worked hand-in-hand with us as a family to make it the very best experience for him.

Laurie is always looking for creative ways to make sure everyone is included. Christine is a strong advocate for the residents and was a strong ally. Kathy has created a compassionate environment and tirelessly maintains high quality of care.

This is a model for dignified care. Bless you for all you do.

**Praise for Woodcrest Commons Staff**

I wish I could give them more than 5 stars! Every employee from the kitchen staff to the pharmacy techs to the custodial staff to the administration is kind, friendly, and professional.

I have never been anywhere where the culture is so based on respect and love. Above and beyond! My Mom is getting the very best care and I am so grateful.

Thank you to staff at [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda and [Woodcrest Commons](#) in Henrietta 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!

## Unconditional Love

Nothing warms the heart quite like some pet therapy!



Pictured top row, left to right, residents from [Lyell Road](#) in Rochester spent time with Jonah the therapy dog from ROCDog during a recent activity with DePaul's Recreation Program, seniors at [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga enjoyed visiting with Chip and his handler Mike from Paws for Love - A Program of the SPCA Serving Erie County, and Hemi delivered smiles at [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#).

Pictured bottom row, left to right, Sadie pays a visit to Heritage Manor of Lockport while Melvin, the senior living community's newest resident cat, checks out his new stomping grounds. Also pictured is a visit with KJ the puppy at [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili.

## 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 creative crafts including a string art project and sip and paint night at the [Knitting Mill Apartments](#) in Perry, and a painting of cherry blossoms and a snowman made from socks at [Woodcrest Commons](#) in Henrietta.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, are koala bear crafts made in honor of Australia Day, a love bug craft, a National Hippo Day craft, and one of many homemade Valentine's Day card projects which seniors completed at [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda.

## Valentine's Day

February has been filled with heartfelt celebrations and engaging activities!



Pictured top row, left to right, residents at [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga shared their favorite Valentine's Day candy, seniors at [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) pose for photos in the 'kissing booth' with help from a furry friend, and residents at the [Knitting Mill Apartments](#) in Perry make Valentine's Day cards while residents at [La Rosa Villas](#) in LeRoy frost sugar cookies.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, are a heart wreath craft at the [Trolley Station Apartments](#) in Canandaigua, and seasonal photo shoots and socials at [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda.



Pictured above, Heritage Manor of Lockport residents were feeling the love with homemade cards from preschoolers at DeSales Catholic School.

## Comfort Food

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



Pictured top row, left to right, are Whoopie Pies for the Super Bowl at [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga, homemade fastnachts in honor of Mardi Gras and red velvet cake in honor of Valentine's Day at [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#).



Pictured bottom row, left to right, a staff member at the [Starting Line Apartments](#) in Utica dips pretzels for Mardi Gras, residents at the [Trolley Station Apartments](#) in Canandaigua celebrate National Chocolate Cake Day and at [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda, residents celebrated culture with a delicious homemade soul food meal.

## Celebrations Aboard

Check out these highlights from some of the unique holidays which were recently around the agency.



Pictured top row, left to right, DePaul's Recreation Program recently celebrated Betty White's birthday with a theme day which included a painted book décor craft project, the Super Bowl and Wayne Gretzky's birthday.

Pictured second row, left to right, the [Skybird Landing Apartments](#) in Geneseo celebrated National Carrot Day with carrot cake cupcakes and a toast bar for National Toast Day.

Pictured third row, left to right, the [Starting Line Apartments](#) in Utica celebrated Mardi Gras while tenants at the [Trolley Station Apartments](#) in Canandaigua dressed up for National Wear Red Day in honor of American Heart Month.

Pictured fourth row, left to right, are Mardi Gras celebrations at [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili and [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda as well as a Groundhog Day craft at Wheatfield Commons.

## 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, are winners of the DePaul Recreation Department's Super Bowl Prediction Contest, winners of the monthly raffle at [La Rosa Villas](#) in LeRoy, and staff from the [Trolley Station Apartments](#) in Canandaigua during a 'Souper Bowl' competition.

Pictured bottom row is bingo at the [Skybird Landing Apartments](#) in Geneseo and one of the winners of the Black History Month drawing at the [Starting Line Apartments](#) in Utica.

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