

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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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 Westwood Commons Staff During one of the most challenging times for our family, you did everything possible to make Mom's last days peaceful and comfortable. Perhaps most heartwarming was facilitating the line of residents to exchange a few last words with Mom. It still makes me cry (good tears) when I think of it. The Westwood Commons team is nothing short of incredible. You will always live in our hearts.

Thank you to staff at <u>Westwood Commons</u> 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!

Mother's Day

It was an opportunity to shine the spotlight on all of moms and shower them with their favorite things!



Pictured top row, residents at <u>Glenwell</u> in Cheektowaga shared reflections and received roses for the occasion.

Pictured bottom row, seniors at <u>Heritage Manor of Lockport</u> enjoyed a tea party while residents at <u>Wheatfield Commons</u> in North Tonawanda created beautiful cardstock flowers in honor of Mother's Day.

Celebrations Abound

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



Pictured top row, seniors at <u>Glenwell</u> in Cheektowaga enjoyed chips and salsa, margaritas and a virtual "trip" to Mexico using Rendever virtual technology in honor of Cinco de Mayo and celebrated the Kentucky Derby with Mint Juleps and a dice game.

Pictured middle row, residents at the <u>West Main Treatment Apartment Program</u> in Rochester enjoyed an epic 90s themed "It's Gonna Be May" party to kick off the month, rocking out to music and taking Polaroid photos.

Pictured bottom row, <u>Wheatfield Commons</u> in North Tonawanda celebrated Arbor Day by planting rose bushes and shrubs and Red Hat Society Day by making embellished cardstock hats paired with Raspberry Zinger tea and cinnamon rolls!

Thoroughly Entertained

Inspiration and engagement have come in many forms recently thanks to some unique guests and activities.



Pictured top row, left to right, <u>Heritage Manor of Lockport</u> soaks up pet therapy with Dozer, residents at the <u>Trolley Station Apartments</u> in Canandaigua celebrated National Jelly Bean Day with samples, and ponies from Thera-pony made the rounds and a family of ducks has made their home at <u>Wheatfield Commons</u> in North Tonawanda.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, a volunteer joins residents for karaoke at Wheatfield Commons, The Oasis Tappers got toes tapping and Steve Cortese got residents singing at Westwood Commons in North Chili and Woodcrest Commons in Henrietta seniors enjoy the tunes from the Old Favorites.

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, residents from the <u>Carriage Factory Apartments</u> in Rochester enjoyed a trip to Niagara Falls with DePaul's Recreation Department, and seniors of <u>Heritage Manor of Lockport</u> had a blast exploring the Buffalo Science Museum and eating out at the Amherst Buffet.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, seniors of <u>Westwood Commons</u> in North Chili enjoyed a lunch outing to the D&R Depot Restaurant, and residents of <u>Wheatfield Commons</u> in North Tonawanda savored Ted's Dogs and sipped milkshakes from Hoover's Dairy on a scenic ride.

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 Buffalo Bills Clay Pots at <u>Glenwell</u> in Cheektowaga, tie-dyed shirts at the <u>Trolley Station Apartments</u> in Canandaigua, and vases decorated with tissue paper and Mod Podge and tie-dyed butterflies at <u>Wheatfield Commons</u> in North Tonawanda.

Pictured bottom row, residents made themed-crafts for National Horse Rescue Day and World Turtle Day at Wheatfield Commons, and seniors at <u>Woodcrest Commons</u> in Henrietta recreated skylines during a paint-and-sip activity as well as colored pictures of baskets for May 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!



- Erin Lawson, and Girl Scout Troop #30885 donated beautiful assorted colorful plants and hand decorated terra cotta pots to seniors at Glenwell in Cheektowaga.
- Many thanks to Carol for her wonderful donation of a brand-new beautiful playpen for Melvin at Heritage Manor of Lockport.
- Staff enjoyed cookies from Kay at Westwood Commons in North Chili.

Stay tuned for more good news...









