

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 #60 – September 6, 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.



Glenwell, a DePaul Senior Living Community in Cheektowaga, recently received the following positive feedback in Google reviews and Facebook comments:

"With both my Mom and Aunt living here, I can say that we are all very happy! Everyone I have talked to at Glenwell has been friendly and knowledgeable. The meals are delicious, the activities are fun, and the rooms are clean."

"May I thank whomever is responsible for all the dynamic activities that you are bringing to the Glenwell residents. They so deserve these special opportunities. I am sure they feel the love and respect they deserve."

Thank you to <u>Glenwell</u> staff 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.

#### **Summertime Fun**

There have been endless opportunities to soak up the sun and fun across the agency this season



Pictured top row, left to right, residents at <u>Heritage Manor of Lockport</u> stay cool testing out the new snow cone machine and savoring the flavor of hamburgers and hot dogs.

Pictured middle row, the <u>Trolley Station Apartments</u> in Canandaigua celebrated the first day of summer with yard games, popsicles and lemonade in the courtyard!

Pictured bottom row, left to right, nothing says summer like a trip to Abbott's Frozen Custard for residents of <u>Westwood Commons</u> in North Chili and a water balloon toss and popsicles on the porch at <u>Wheatfield Commons</u> in North Tonawanda.

#### **Unconditional Love**

Nothing warms the heart quite like some pet therapy!



Pictured top row, left to right, is the pet ferret of a resident of <u>Eagle Star Housing's</u>

<u>Farmington Safe Haven</u>, a visit from Lacey at <u>Glenwell</u> in Cheektowaga, and a visit from Birdie Bee and Monte at <u>Heritage Manor of Lockport</u>.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, is National Pet Photo Day at the <u>Knitting Mill Apartments</u> in Perry, as well as pet therapy with Cocoa at <u>Wheatfield Commons</u> in North Tonawanda.

### **Garden Therapy**

A healthy dose of sunshine and time spent in the garden nets many rewards!



Pictured clockwise, residents of <u>Heritage Manor of Lockport</u> plant tomatoes, basil and cucumbers earlier in the summer, the <u>Veddersburg Apartments</u> in Amsterdam celebrates National Plant a Flower Day, and in North Tonawanda at <u>Wheatfield Commons</u>, seniors help tend to and harvest the garden.

#### **Themed Days**

No matter what season, there's always plenty of ways and reasons to celebrate at DePaul!



Pictured top row, left to right, residents and staff of <u>Glenwell</u> in Cheektowaga wore Hawaiian shirts to recognize Hawaii becoming a state and show their support to those impacted by recent wildfires, <u>Heritage Manor of Lockport</u> celebrated Western Day with a visit from Therapony and a fun photo shoot, and residents of the <u>Knitting Mill Apartments</u> in Perry enjoyed a tea party complete with chicken salad, ham salad and cucumber sandwiches, deviled eggs and dessert.

Pictured middle row, left to right, is a Luau at <u>La Rosa Villas</u> in LeRoy, and spa day and National Ice Cream Sundae Day at the <u>Trolley Station Apartments</u> in Canandaigua.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, is a Carnival at <u>Woodcrest Commons</u> in Henrietta and Shark Week with DePaul's Recreation Department.

#### **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 enjoy lunch at The Silo Restaurant, residents of the <u>Knitting Mill Apartments</u> in Perry aim for the elusive hole-in-one during a mini-golf outing, and staff and residents of <u>Eagle Star Housing's Liberty Square</u> in Batavia and <u>Pembroke Home</u> in East Pembroke had a wonderful evening attending Military Appreciation Night at the Batavia Muckdogs game!

Pictured middle row, left to right, seniors at <u>Wheatfield Commons</u> in North Tonawanda enjoy outings to Goodman's Farmers Market, the Sanborn Museum and Mansion State Historic Park and the Field of Honor in Niagara Falls.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, a senior from Wheatfield Commons gets out on the water at Charlie's Boat Yard, and residents of <u>Woodcrest Commons</u> in Henrietta visited Sonnenberg Gardens and had a picnic at Charlotte Beach.

## **Keeping Cool**

You scream, I scream, DePaul screams for ice cream!



Pictured top row, left to right, <u>Glenwell</u> in Cheektowaga enjoys Creamsicle Day, residents at the <u>Knitting Mill Apartments</u> in Perry make homemade ice cream while seniors at <u>Heritage</u> <u>Manor of Lockport</u> enjoy a visit from Lil' Jenny's Ice Cream.

Pictured middle row, left to right, Netsin's Ice Cream truck makes a stop at <u>Ridgeview</u>

<u>Commons</u> in Rochester, the <u>Trolley Station Apartments</u> in Canandaigua celebrate National Chocolate Ice Cream Day, and seniors at <u>Westwood Commons</u> in North Chili get a taste of summer at Abbott's Frozen Custard.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, seniors at Westwood Commons celebrate National Chocolate Ice Cream Day while <u>Wheatfield Commons</u> in North Tonawanda cooled down with ice cream from Platter's Chocolates and a visit from Uncle G's Ice Cream Truck.

## **Giving Back**

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



Pictured top row, <u>Heritage Manor of Lockport</u> seniors made and sold dog treats at the Annual multi-family yard sale which included a fundraiser and auction to benefit Diamonds in the Ruff Animal Rescue.

Pictured bottom row, at <u>Glenwell</u> in Cheektowaga, seniors, their families and the community raised money for the 2023 Buffalo Walk to End Alzheimer's with hot dog and ice cream float fundraisers.

## **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!



- Thank you to Muriel Zilbauer for donating herbs and perennials and Linda Dansa for donating perennials for the garden circle at Glenwell in Cheektowaga.
- Melissa Ray from Visiting Nurses Association brought Heritage Manor of Lockport beautiful hydrangeas from her home.
- Thank you to the Hall family for treating Heritage Manor of Lockport residents to an ice cream party!
- Roy and Rosanne Masters brought in beautiful flowers and cookies for the staff at Heritage Manor of Lockport.
- Wegmans made a donation to help purchase cookie trays for a Luau at La Rosa Villas in LeRoy.
- Eagle Star Housing's Spencerport Home was the recipient of a donation from the Chili American Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 1830.
- Thank you to the Mini Chef Co through BOCES WEMOCO for preparing a homemade meal for residents and staff at Eagle Star Housing's Spencerport Home including lasagna, chicken, stuffed shells, and cookies.
- The Merritt family brought in candy for the staff at Westwood Commons in North Chili.
- April Hill spoiled residents with manicures at Westwood Commons.
- Girl Scout Troop 60329 donated the supplies for a cookie social at Westwood Commons.

# Stay tuned for more good news...











