



Throughout this edition of DePaul Details, you'll find a plethora of reasons we have to be thankful.

Thankful *for Our Dedicated Staff*



Whether it's housing seniors, Veterans or individuals with a mental health diagnosis, ensuring affordable living opportunities, providing support services, or assisting someone in recovery, at the heart of DePaul's commitment to quality care are passionate, dedicated staff who make an immense difference in the lives of those we serve.

In recognition of National Nonprofit Day on August 17, here are some of the most rewarding and unique aspects of working for a nonprofit in the inspiring and encouraging words of DePaul staff:

"DePaul is an agency that understands that one-size doesn't fit all. I could not ask for a better place to work!"

"Meaningful work. Plain and simple. It's a blessing to come to work every day and have the potential to make a difference in someone's life."

"The dedication, time, efforts, skills and uniqueness that DePaul employees put forth in helping our clients have a better day and brighter tomorrow motivates me to always improve and grow."

"It's a great feeling to help other people and be appreciated."

"Knowing that after much counsel and guidance my clients can believe in themselves, feel encouraged, and know that we are guiding them to overcome hurdles and accomplish their goals...that is my reward."

Visit the DePaul Blog to view more responses.

Thankful for Sustainability

DePaul Begins Installing Electric Vehicle Chargers

As part of DePaul's commitment to environmental sustainability, electric vehicle (EV) chargers are now available to residents and staff at a number of sites across Western and Upstate New York. The Lock 7 Apartments in Oswego, the Charles J. Lesh, MD Apartments in Batavia, the Veddersburg Apartments in Amsterdam, and DePaul's Rochester Administration Office all currently have EV charging stations. The feature will also be included in all projects being built moving forward.

DePaul was able to defray the cost of installing EV charging stations using tax credits. Accounts to use the charging stations are set up through the EV Connect app and the only cost to users is for the power used to charge their vehicle. That cost is determined by the average kilowatt per hour in New York State.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, EV sales increased from 0.2 percent in 2011 to 4.6 percent in 2021.

"DePaul is continuously seeking opportunities to incorporate efficiency and sustainability into our design, construction and operations," said DePaul President Mark Fuller.



Thankful for Recognition



Lock 7 Apartments Named Project of the Year

DePaul's Lock 7 Apartments in Oswego have been awarded Project of the Year Upstate by the New York State Association for Affordable Housing (NYSFAH).

Awards are presented to the developer/general contractor/architect recognizing excellence

in one or more of the following categories: community need, capacity to catalyze economic development, creativity of financing, affordability, design, unique construction techniques, and energy efficiency. Winners were recognized at an event in November.

Opened in September 2022, the Lock 7 Apartments offer a total of 80 units with on-site services available for 40 supportive units. There are 20 units with ADA accessibility and four units with hearing and vision accessibility (HVA) in the building.



Thankful for Their Service

Out and About with Veterans

Veterans from Liberty Square in Batavia explored the surrounding community with a number of outings in September. Pictured above at the National Warplane Museum in Geneseo are Veterans Adam Shipwash, Dominick Shannon, Keith DeGolier, Michael C. and John H.

Dominick is also pictured below at the Kiwanis Car Cruise in Pembroke.



Thankful for Sharing



Free Lending Libraries

Several free lending libraries have been popping up at DePaul sites, encouraging residents to share books and more!

The DeWitt Clinton Apartments in Rome added a free lending library to the game room during the peak of the pandemic. Program Manager Nancy Welch bought a bookshelf and she and another staff member brought in a variety of books to stock the shelves. It turned out to be so popular, they've since added a larger shelf and relocated the library to the lobby to make it more accessible. Donations from staff and residents have continued to expand the offerings available and make the library inviting to all!

A free library at the Boxcar Apartments in Albion was started last summer by Property Manager Mary Klatt and has expanded with donations from staff and residents. Similarly, at the Lock 7 Apartments in Oswego, residents have donated books to circulate among the community.

Inspired by the initiative at the Boxcar Apartments, staff at the Veddersburg Apartments in Amsterdam created a similar resource with books donated by staff as well as books received from the local library.

The lending library at the Starting Line Apartments in Utica has inspired a book club which brings about a dozen residents together weekly to discuss what they're reading.



Thankful for Your Support

2023 Walk to End Alzheimer's

Congratulations to Team Glenwell for raising over \$5,900 through their participation in the Erie County Walk to End Alzheimer's. The DePaul Senior Living Community in Cheektowaga raised money for the Alzheimer's Association with hot dog and ice cream float sales and a sports memorabilia auction. Pictured below, from left to right, are Glenwell's Memory Care Coordinator LaTea Jackson-Bennett, Administrator Tina Hagen, Marketing Director Stacy Jasinski, Case Manager Rhonda Roberts, Resident Care Director Monique Washington-Mathews, and several Glenwell Team supporters and family members.



DePaul is touched by the support and positive feedback we have received from those we serve and their loved ones expressing satisfaction and appreciation for the quality care, service and dedication provided by our agency. Whether you reach out via email, in a letter, or on Google, Facebook, or other online review sites, your kind, encouraging words mean the world to us!

"We have the best staff here. They help you whenever you need if they can. They do a lot of activities for us. They take really good care of the place."

Overflowing with Gratitude



Third-Annual Bean Bags and Barbecue Competition

Competition and camaraderie were on display at the Trolley Station Apartments in Canandaigua during the third annual Bean Bags and Barbecue competition. Following a cookout in the courtyard, first responders from across the area were paired up with residents for the cornhole competition.

Pictured above throwing out the opening bean bag is New York Senator Pamela Helming and pictured right, shaking hands before the competition, are John S. of the Trolley Station Apartments and DePaul Vice President Zach Fuller.

Among the agencies who competed alongside residents were the New York State Police, the Ontario County Sheriff's Office, the Canandaigua Fire Department, Canandaigua's Emergency Squad and the The United Church of Canandaigua (Presbyterian - American Baptist). Thank you to Canandaigua Quick Print, Wegmans, Staples in Geneva, Lucille Rockefeller and friends of Liz Wiatrowski for their generous donations for the event.

Pictured lower left is the winning team Keelyn K. of the Trolley Station Apartments and Canandaigua Firefighter Taylor Northrup.

Pictured lower right is Ricky Majors of the Trolley Station Apartments and Deputy Brandon Jacobs of the Ontario County Sheriff's Office enjoying a barbecue lunch prior to the competition.



Thankful for Seniors

The Art of Living Well

There are plentiful opportunities to enjoy the second half of life at DePaul's Adult Care Communities in Western New York.

Pictured top left at Heritage Manor of Lockport, Keith Bartlett cheers on the Buffalo Bills and on the right, Sally Lee stays engaged with crafts with Activities Aide Susie Wilson.

Pictured second row on the left at Westwood Commons in North Chili, Marilyn Fegyo paints apples to donate to teachers at Neil Armstrong Elementary School, part of the Gates-Chili School District, while Rosa Biondolillo, on the right, savors the last days of summer with a trip to Russell's Ice Cream.

Pictured third row on the left at Wheatfield Commons in North Tonawanda, Patricia Bartlett arrives at a walker wash during National Assisted Living Week and on the right, Ann Leitch spends an afternoon exploring the koi pond and gardens at Hahn's Ponds.

Pictured second from the bottom on the right at Woodcrest Commons in Henrietta, Walter Green admires a baby kangaroo from Stokoe Farms petting zoo held by Administrator Athena Collazo and on the lower left, Simeon Kolko enjoys some popcorn during a recent Carnival.

Pictured bottom right at Glenwell in Cheektowaga, Edith Radice, Michael Caito, Teresa Stefanski, Barb Kreuzer, Marilyn Deans and Carl Kryszak enjoy entertainment by Lyle Stang during a resident celebration.



Become a DePaul Holiday Helper



You can make a difference for a client in need in a DePaul community-based mental health residential program this holiday season by becoming a Holiday Helper! Sign up and you'll be matched with a holiday wish that includes the individual's gender, age and size, if appropriate. You can also donate generic items such as gift cards or personal care items. Past wish lists have included requests as simple as chocolate cake, books, cat toys or socks.

For more information about how you, your family, place of worship, club or workplace can adopt someone in need, contact Amy Cavalier at (585) 719-3102 or acavalier@depaul.org. Tax-deductible financial contributions can be made by check and mailed to "DePaul Holiday Helpers Program," 1931 Buffalo Road, Rochester, NY 14624, or made online at www.depaul.org/donate/holiday-helpers-program/.

Thankful for Camaraderie and Community



On the Road with Recreation

DePaul's Recreation Program has been hitting the road with residents of DePaul's licensed residential programs in Rochester.

Pictured above at the New York State Fair are Quan M. of the Carriage Factory Apartments, Bill G. of Parkside, Louis W. of the Carriage Factory Apartments, Cindy M. of the Neighborhood of the Arts

(NOTA) Apartments, Michael Spirles of Edgerton Square, Activities Coordinator Denise Simcick and Justin Maldonado of the West Main Street Apartments.

Pictured above at Seabreeze is Parkside Residential Service Coordinator Nicholas D'Ambrosia and residents Todd H., Louis P. Tim M., William G. and Kathleen T.

Pictured below are Karen B. of the Carriage Factory Apartments at Letchworth State Park and Edward Miller of Halstead Square at Stony Brook State Park

Pictured below at the Buffalo Bills Training Camp are Activities Coordinator David Jandreau with Kurt Luechauer of Halstead Square and Mike H. of Ridgeview Commons.





Living Opportunities of DePaul Family Barbecue

Living Opportunities of DePaul Buffalo sites came together for a Family Barbecue on Saturday, September 23 at Como Lake Park in Lancaster. The event was very well received by approximately 180 residents and family members from the various sites. Highlights included food from Chick-N-Pizza Works, music, yard games, plenty of socializing, and fresh air on a beautiful fall day. Special thanks to the Buffalo Fundraising Committee and all of the staff volunteers who helped make this event possible.

Pictured above playing bean bag toss are Scott Bitterman of Seneca Square in Buffalo and his sister Rosan Lengel.

Pictured in the center serving up food are Ebenezer Square Apartments Resident Services Coordinator Christopher Woelffel and Erie and Niagara County Supported/Transitional Housing Supported Housing Coordinator Danielle Alton.

Pictured top right are Licensed Occupational Therapist Nicole Cianchetti with Executive Director/Vice President of DePaul Community Services and Living Opportunities of DePaul Chris Syracuse.

Pictured on the right, from Ebenezer Square Apartments in West Seneca, are Jodi Stafford, Karen S., Larry G., Patricia Zindle and Clinton H.



Friendly Competition

As part of a semi-regular tradition, participants in the DePaul Recreation Program challenged DePaul's licensed residential programs and DePaul's Administration staff to a game of softball in late September.

Pictured left is Director of DePaul's Recreation Program Terry Hewitt leading the crowd in a rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," and lined up for high-fives are Residential Services Coordinators at Parkside D'Moria Santos and Leira Quinones.



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