



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 #61 – December 13, 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.



*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!*



## Praise for Woodcrest Commons

This place is wonderful.  
It's a hidden gem. You have the  
most fantastic staff. It's like a five  
star hotel. Now I have found home!



Thank you to staff at the [DeWitt Clinton Apartments](#) in Rome, [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!

## Honoring Those Who Served

Veterans Day was filled with ceremony and celebration across the agency.



Pictured top row, left to right, [270 on East](#) in Rochester hosted a Veterans Day Breakfast, residents of the [Charles J. Lesh, MD Apartments](#) sent cards of appreciation for the residents of the New York State Veterans Home at Batavia, and staff participated in the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Day Breakfast at the Rochester Institute of Technology and the Monroe County Veterans Day Parade hosted by the Rochester International Airshow.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, [Glenwell](#) residents made cards and baked chocolate chip cookie bars for Veterans at the Buffalo Veterans Center, and [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) and [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda honored their veterans with a lunch.

Be sure to check out the impactful stories of [Nathaniel](#), an Army Veteran who moved into [270 on East](#) in Rochester in November 2022, and [John](#), a Veteran Marine who moved into [Liberty Square](#) in Batavia on Veterans Day 2022.

## Active and Engaged

Inspiration and engagement come in many forms thanks to special guests and unique activities.



Pictured top row, left to right, Father Joseph Dumphrey from St. John the Baptist Church delivered mass at [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#), the [Starting Line Apartments](#) in Utica hosted a yoga class, and seniors at [Westwood Commons](#) in North Tonawanda enjoy camaraderie over coloring and staying fit with morning walks and exercises.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, seniors at [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Chili enjoy bubble therapy, a visit from the Adams Fire Company Station #2, ribbon exercises and time spent checking out Pastor Bill's classic car.



## Music and Culture

Enrichment opportunities abound at DePaul, with everything from history and culture to music and dancing!



Pictured top row, left to right, [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga celebrated National Senior Citizens Day with a performance by the Diamond Dancers, Frida Kahlo's birthday with art and Mexican cuisine, and International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples with the help of Rendever virtual reality headsets.

Pictured middle row, left to right, the halls at [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) have been filled with the sounds of music thanks to a resident who plays the saxophone, members of the Amish community from Lyndonville, and Michael Mansueto Leidig on piano.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, a barbershop quartet entertains at the [Knitting Mill Apartments](#) in Perry, KB Percussion Adventures lead an interactive drumming workshop at the [Packet Boat Landing Apartments](#) in Lockport, and [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda celebrates Polish Day with traditional music and Polish-inspired flower headbands.

## 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, creativity has included a homemade sunflower wreath and beaded bracelets at [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga, painting with The Art of Mandy at [La Rosa Villas](#) in LeRoy, chalk art at the [Neighborhood of the Arts Apartments](#) in Rochester, and a teacup craft at the [Packet Boat Landing Apartments](#) in Lockport.

Pictured second row, left to right, is tie-dyeing at the [Riverside Apartments](#) in Buffalo, Sip and Paint at [Starting Line Apartments](#) in Utica, learning to knit at the [Skybird Landing Apartments](#) in Geneseo, and tie-dyeing and diamond dot keychains at the [Trolley Station Apartments](#) in Canandaigua.



Pictured third row, left to right, seniors at [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili painted rocks for the courtyard and wooden apples for area teachers, as well as stepping stones for the courtyard. At [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda, recent craft projects have included flower and cactus paintings.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, also at [Wheatfield Commons](#), are crafts inspired by Watermelon Day and World Ocean Month, as well as a sunflower painting. At the [Veddersburg Apartments](#) in Amsterdam, residents have created diamond paintings and tie-dye projects.

## 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, the [Charles J. Lesh, MD Apartments](#) in Batavia gathered for a recent welcoming party that included games and prizes, [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) cheers on the Buffalo Bills, and there was plenty of competition and camaraderie during a block party and a chili contest at the [Knitting Mill Apartments](#) in Perry.

Pictured middle row, left to right, is the winner of macaroni and cheese competition at the [Packet Boat Landing Apartments](#) in Lockport, and highlights from a Fourth of July Picnic and a game of cornhole at [Seneca Square](#) in Buffalo.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, is Glow Bingo at the [Starting Line Apartments](#) in Utica, bingo in the courtyard at the [Trolley Station Apartments](#) in Canandaigua, and puzzles at [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda.

## Savor the Flavor

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



Pictured top row, left to right, is frozen banana spilt pie at [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga, breakfast pizza at [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#), and pretzel making and a delicious and nutritious salad bar at the [Knitting Mill Apartments](#) in Perry.

Pictured middle row, left to right, is Cinnamon Bun Day at [La Rosa Villas](#) in LeRoy, Peanut Butter Cookie Day at the [Packet Boat Landing Apartments](#) in Lockport, a food truck event at the [Riverside Apartments](#) in Buffalo and Strawberry Shortcake Day at the [Skybird Landing Apartments](#) in Geneseo.



Pictured bottom row, left to right, the Anderson's Frozen Custard Food Truck visits [Seneca Square](#) in Buffalo, the [Trolley Station Apartments](#) in Canandaigua celebrate Hot Dog Day, seniors at [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili soak up some sun and enjoy root beer floats, a resident at [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda whips up a batch of brownies, while a senior at [Woodcrest Commons](#) in Henrietta attends a milkshake social.

## 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, [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) takes a trip to Letchworth State Park, and Veterans from [Liberty Square](#) in Batavia take a trip to the Genesee Country Village Museum and National Warplane Museum.



Pictured middle row, left to right, residents and staff from the [Riverside Apartments](#) in Buffalo enjoyed trips to The Great New York State Fair and Niagara Falls where they rode the Maid of the Mist, and seniors from [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda had a great time exploring Hahn's Koi Pond and Gardens and the Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, a senior from Wheatfield Commons enjoy goat therapy at a local farm, while residents from [Woodcrest Commons](#) in Henrietta check out the Rochester Museum & Science Center and The Strong National Museum of Play.

## On the Road with Recreation

There's no end to the adventures that clients with DePaul's licensed residential programs in Rochester might take with DePaul's Recreation Program.



Pictured top row, left to right, are outings to the Buffalo Bills Training Camp, Seabreeze and to The Great New York State Fair.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, Recreation participants explore Letchworth State Park, celebrate Rosh Hashanah, enjoy a boat ride on the Genesee River, tour the Corning Museum of Glass, and take in the sights at Stony Brook State Park.

## Halloween Happenings

October was filled with thrilling parties, imaginative costumes and seasonal outings.



Pictured top row, left to right, are celebrations at the [Boxcar Apartments](#) in Albion, the [Charles J. Lesh, MD Apartments](#) in Batavia, and the [Ebenezer Square Apartments](#) in West Seneca.

Pictured middle row, left to right, are highlights of the fun at [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga, [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#), [Halstead Square](#) in Rochester, the [Knitting Mill Apartments](#) in Perry, and [La Rosa Villas](#) in LeRoy.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, are festivities at [Seneca Square](#) in Buffalo, [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda, and the [Veddersburg Apartments](#) in Amsterdam.





Pictured top row, left to right, are fall-themed outings including staff from [Liberty Square](#) in Batavia attending the Batavia Muckdogs' Trick-or-Treat event, which Eagle Star Housing sponsored, [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) seniors at The Great Pumpkin Farm, and residents of [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda at Goodman's Farm Market.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, Wheatfield Commons seniors check out the fall sights at Cherry Bank Farm Cider Mill, Kelly's Farm Market, and the North Tonawanda Haunted Market.

## Giving Back

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



Pictured top row, left to right, staff participated in the Adopt-A-Mile Program for the Rochester Marathon on September 24, serving as race marshals to cheer on the runners; [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) seniors make crafts for pen pals at an area elementary school, and participants in DePaul's Recreation Program created handmade cards for patients at the Golisano Children's Hospital.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda residents made teddy bears and other crafts for the Third Annual Jewelry Sale with proceeds benefiting the Alzheimer's Association WNY. Wheatfield Commons also raised money with a basket raffle and collected donations for the FeedMore WNY food drive.

## 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 Veterans Outreach Center provided Thanksgiving baskets to Veterans at [270 on East](#) in Rochester which included a whole frozen chicken, canned goods and a bag of rice.
- Wegmans donated all the food for a Veterans breakfast at 270 on East.



- The American Gold Star Mothers sponsored a paint night at [Liberty Square](#) in Batavia. Gold Star Mother Rita Hasenauer and her husband Gold Star Father Dan Hasenauer provided the supplies and instruction for a colorful art activity.
- A generous community member paid for a Thanksgiving meal for Veterans at Liberty Square.
- The Pembroke Central Schools Veterans Outreach Club hosted a food drive for [Pembroke Home](#).
- The St. John the Evangelist Spencerport Parish Men's Club donated gift cards to residents of [Spencerport Home](#).
- VFW Post 6105 in Spencerport provided bed sheet sets and blankets to Spencerport Home.
- The Ogden Presbyterian Church donated an assortment of gift cards for Veterans of the Spencerport Home.
- Herman Unvericht donated Tops gift cards to the Spencerport Home.
- American Legion Riders of Greece Post 468 donated Walmart and Tops gift cards to the Spencerport Home.
- The Spencerport Home received food donations from Mangia Mangia and Agatina's.
- McColley's restaurant donated \$1 for every shepherd's pie sold in the month of November to the Spencerport Home.
- St. John's Episcopal Church in Honeoye Falls provides ongoing donations of personal hygiene supplies and needed apartment supplies for Eagle Star Housing Veterans.
- The Rotary Club of Batavia collected donations for Eagle Star Housing residents at the Trick or Trot 5k Cemetery Run/Walk in October.
- Notre Dame High School in Batavia demonstrated their support of Veterans by collecting donations of personal hygiene products and funds to benefit Eagle Star Housing.
- The Sunny Mike Foundation collected socks for Veterans of Eagle Star Housing.
- Wendy Milliman provided treats for residents at [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#).
- The family of resident Kay Hill provided rice krispy treats for staff at [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili.
- Angela Roach gifted festive scarecrow cookies to [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda.
- The Brooks family expressed their appreciation to staff at Wheatfield Commons with chocolate.
- The Hutton family provided donut holes for staff at Wheatfield Commons.

Stay tuned for more good news...

