



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 #63 – April 30, 2024

### Solar Eclipse

With many of DePaul's sites in the path of totality for the April 8 solar eclipse, it was all eyes on the skies.



Pictured top row, left to right, the [Charles J. Lesh, MD Apartments](#) in Batavia provided all residents and staff with solar eclipse glasses, as well as Moon Pies, Eclipse gum and educational information, and seniors at [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga and [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) also took the chance at catching a glimpse of the astrological occasion.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, DePaul's Recreation Department hosted a Solar Eclipse Picnic complete with themed food and drinks including Sun Chips, Moon Pies, Capri Sun, 'moon' macaroni salad and 'sunny' subs; seniors at [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili and [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda were jazzed up for the big moment, and at [Woodcrest Commons](#) in Henrietta, residents made their own edible eclipses using Oreo cookies!

## Active and Engaged

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



Pictured top row, left to right, seniors at [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga recognized National Cherish an Antique Day, participated in a sing-along with Jim, and enjoyed a performance by Huff and Steve, and [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) welcomed a balloon artist.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, residents of [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda participated in a sit and be fit activity, hot manicures, and Zumba, while seniors at [Woodcrest Commons](#) in Henrietta were entertained by Joe Miltsch and the Spotlight Dancers.

## Savor the Flavor

From food holidays to comfort foods, there's no shortage of culinary adventures to relish across DePaul!



Pictured top row, left to right, [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga celebrated National Oreo Day and National White Chocolate Cheesecake Day with a delicious white chocolate Oreo cheesecake and another resident is all smiles during a baking activity. Meanwhile, [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) celebrated National Pound Cake Day and learned how to prepare meatballs and pasta during Cooking with Don. Lastly, the [Starting Line Apartments](#) in Utica celebrated National Grilled Cheese Day.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili celebrated Coca-Cola day with a delicious cake made with the classic beverage and enjoyed ice cream floats, seniors at [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda made a butter lamb, savored toast and tea, and whipped up a batch of homemade butter, while seniors at [Woodcrest Commons](#) in Henrietta enjoyed a spot of tea.

## Unconditional Love

Nothing warms the heart quite like some pet therapy!



Pictured top row, left to right, [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) pulled out all the stops for Administrator Shannon Radlich's dog Birdie's first birthday. Seniors crafted dog collars which were donated to the Niagara County SPCA and hosted a party complete with themed snacks including dog bone cookies, 'pupperoni', a 'barkuterie' board.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, the [Trolley Station Apartments](#) in Canandaigua celebrated National Pet Day, [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda welcomed a therapy fish and visits from Luffy and Linus.

## 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, [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga took an outing to Tim Hortons and [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) enjoyed lunch at Sprague's Maple Farm, Avanti's Pizza and Youngstown Village Diner.

Pictured middle row, left to right, the [Knitting Mill Apartments](#) in Perry toured the Corning Museum of Glass, and seniors at [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda soaked up the greenery at You Grow Girl WNY and the Tattered Tulip, two plant shops in the area.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, Wheatfield Commons got a front row seat of the Hibachi action at Fuji Grill while [Westwood Commons](#) headed to Johnny D's Family Restaurant, Batavia Downs Gaming and Foster's Restaurant.

## Holidays Abound

There's no shortage of ways to celebrate across the agency!



### St. Patrick's Day

Pictured top row, left to right, [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga celebrated St. Patrick's Day with shamrock shakes, Celtic music, a scavenger hunt, entertainment from the Rince na Tiarna Irish Dance School, and staff also got into the spirit with their green attire!

Pictured middle row, left to right, [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) captured the moment with a themed photo shoot, the [Joseph L. Allen Apartments](#) in Schenectady was decorated for the occasion, and DePaul's Recreation Department hosted a party that included crafts and homemade shamrock shakes.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, are some of the highlights from St. Patrick's Day at [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda including fun photos and seasonal craft projects.



**Easter**

Pictured top row, left to right, a [Glenwell](#) resident prepares a bunny cake for the holiday, [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) hosted an egg hunt and got creative, and staff at [Liberty Square](#) in Batavia served up Easter breakfast.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, are a smattering of Easter crafts and festivities at [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda, [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili and [Woodcrest Commons](#) in Henrietta.

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## Awareness Across DePaul

Here are some creative ways that DePaul has been recognizing diversity, inclusion and celebrating unique-themed holidays.



Pictured top row, left to right, are recognitions including World Autism Day and Black History Month at the [Charles J. Lesh MD, Apartments](#) in Batavia, and Women's History Month at [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga.

Pictured middle row, left to right, Glenwell honored Black History Month with an African Drumming Workshop and the Polish-American tradition of Dyngus Day, and seniors at [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) savored Oreo Day and Pi Day.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, [La Rosa Villas](#) in LeRoy celebrated Vitamin C Day and Oreo Cookie Day, while [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda honored Dyngus Day and Read Across America Day, which coincides with the birthday of Dr. Seuss.

## Fun and Games

Whether it's to pass the time, competing for a prize, or learning something new, DePaul residents are finding joy in games, contests, and other good-natured fun!



Pictured top row, left to right, is bingo at the [Charles J. Lesh, MD Apartments](#) in Batavia, as well as the winner of the guessing game contest, and a fun game of bunny toss at [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga.

Pictured middle row, left to right, seniors at [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) cast their votes in chili contest, and competed in Wii Bowling and a guessing game contest.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, DePaul's Recreation Department hosted a Basketball Hot Shot competition, while seniors at [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili played candy bingo and table bowling.

## 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!





- Sandy donated puzzles for residents at [Glenwell](#).
- Hope Rises, founded by Kate Glaser, hosted the first ever 'Love Yourself' celebration at Glenwell complete with glam sessions provided by Cheyenne Altenberg of Hair Reformation and Marisa Borello, a Valentine's Day-themed photo booth with professional pictures by Ashley Lynn Photography, homemade hats, scarves and cookies donated by Alexzia Brooke of Alexzia Brooke Gallery, blankets made by Ingram Micro, soap donated by Creations by Marissa, Valentine's Day cards made by Chloe Riggs and Lindsay Riggs of Buffalovebirds, and musical entertainment from Matt's Music, Inc. Thank you to volunteers Ania Duchon of Chrusciki Bakery and Michele Pratt from Hope Rises and Kasie Labrie aka Mrs. Erie County for helping pass out refreshments and take photos with the residents.
- Jackie Toscom donated walker bags to seniors at [Westwood Commons](#).
- Luba donated centerpieces for St. Patrick's Day and cards, mints and Easter boxes to residents at Westwood Commons.
- The Treichler family donated delicious donates to [Wheatfield Commons](#).
- Lynn Tacca and family provided Easter candy buckets for residents of Wheatfield Commons.

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