



The DePaul family has always worked hard to make a difference for our people and our communities. 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!

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DePaul Strong #65 – September 11, 2024

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.

A Place to Call Home at the Holland Circle Apartments

I just wanted to send a note of thanks for the good work that has gone into making my new home as peaceful as it is for me. I'm quite sure that many of my neighbors here at Holland Circle Apts in Amsterdam feel the very same way.



A Place to Call Home at the Veddersburg Apartments



The people that work here there are so sweet and very helpful. They helped with the paperwork, and talked us through the process of moving. The building itself is beautiful and very clean. Y'all are awesome!

Thank you to staff of the [Holland Circle Apartments](#) and the [Veddersburg Apartments](#) in Amsterdam 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!

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, artists flex their creativity with activities including tie dying at [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#), Paint and Sip at the [Holland Circle Apartments](#) in Amsterdam, and a chalk art submission in the Perry Chalk Art Festival by a resident of the [Knitting Mill Apartments](#) in Perry.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, [Westwood Commons](#) seniors in North Chili perfect the art of pour painting; seniors of [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda completed 'Bee Kind' crafts, and residents of the [Veddersburg Apartments](#) in Amsterdam make homemade beaded bracelets.

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 visited the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens while [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) took trips to the Seneca Park Zoo and Mississippi Mudds for lunch.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, Heritage Manor of Lockport took in the sights at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine; [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili enjoyed lunch at the D&R Depot, and [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda soaked up nature at Hahn's Pond, a water garden superstore.

Recreation for the Win

DePaul's Recreation Department continues to engage and inspire clients in our agency's mental health residential programs in Monroe County.



Over 100 DePaul staff and residents attended the annual picnic at Seabreeze! A lunch buffet with burgers, hot dogs, BBQ chicken, chips, potato salad, plus the waterpark, wave pool, and classic Jack Rabbit rollercoaster made for an incredibly fun day.

Pictured top row, left to right, are residents of [Edgerton Square](#), [Elmgrove](#) and [Halstead Square](#). Pictured bottom row, left to right, are residents of [Lyell Road](#), the [Neighborhood of the Arts Apartments](#) and [Parkside](#).



Participants in DePaul's Recreation program celebrated Shark Week by posing for photos with Director of Recreation Terry Hewitt, snacking on Goldfish crackers, sipping shark punch, playing the Discovery Shark Week edition of Monopoly, and watching Jaws.

Pictured top row, left to right, are residents of the [Carriage Factory Apartments](#), [Halstead Square](#) and the [Neighborhood of the Arts Apartments](#). Pictured bottom row left to right are residents of [Parkside](#), [Edgerton Square](#), the [Rochester View Apartments](#), and [Upper Falls Square Apartments](#).

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, seniors of [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga celebrated Tomatoes Galore Day with cheesy tomato biscuit casserole including buttermilk biscuits; helped to prepare lunch which included homemade hamburgers, baked beans and strawberry Jell-O salad, and whipped up a batch of Southern double crust peach cobbler.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, residents of [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili enjoyed bagels with cream cheese while seniors of [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda assembled fresh salads from the garden and mixed up a batch of molasses cookies.

Two Scoops of Fun

Nothing screams summer more than refreshingly sweet flavor of ice cream!



Pictured top row, left to right, are freezer pops and ice cream cake day at [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga, and [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) seniors enjoy a cool treat in the community and out and at Tasty Treats.

Pictured middle row, left to right, [Holland Circle Apartments](#) in Amsterdam kept cool with summer sundaes; [La Rosa Villas](#) in LeRoy enjoyed a visit from the Ice Cream and Chill truck, and at [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili, seniors savored Creamsicle Day and the ladies paid a visit to Abbott's Frozen Custard!

Pictured bottom row, left to right, residents of Westwood Commons celebrated National Senior Citizens Day with sundaes, and seniors of [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda enjoy an in-house ice cream cart and making homemade blueberry ice cream.

Engaged and Entertained

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



Pictured top row, left to right, seniors of [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga enjoyed a concert with Ray Braselton, a visit from the SPCA Serving Erie County, NY's Paws for Love program, and fresh hair cuts at the in-house salon with visiting beautician Diane.

Pictured middle row, left to right, the ladies at [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) were treated to a Women's Hour featuring chocolate dipped treats and wine; a resident at [Seneca Square](#) in Buffalo played guitar with a peer mentor, and [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili hosted a men's coffee hour.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, residents, staff and family members of Westwood Commons in North Chili are participating in a walking group while seniors of [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda stay active with ribbon exercises and a drum circle by KB Percussion Adventures.

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, the [Charles J. Lesh, MD Apartments](#) in Batavia kicked off the season with a corn hole tournament and barbecue; [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga welcomed family and residents to a celebration featuring hot dogs, hamburgers, pasta salad and ice cream, activities and a photo booth, and the [Ebenezer Square Apartments](#) in West Seneca commemorated the Fourth of July with karaoke, movie soundtrack trivia and classic food including hot dogs, hamburgers, macaroni salad and fruit.

Pictured middle row, left to right, [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) hosted a carnival-themed summer picnic featuring Chiavetta's chicken, hot dogs, face painting, corn hole, and custom drawings from a caricaturist; the [Knitting Mill Apartments](#) in Perry celebrated the third annual block party with a 1950s theme, games, a dunk tank and delicious food prepared by staff, and DePaul's Recreation Department cooled off with a dunk tank at the Rochester Administration Building!

Pictured bottom row, left to right, seniors and their families of [Wheatfield Commons](#) Memory Care Unit in North Tonawanda got into the summer spirit with a fun luau-themed picnic and over 75 residents, staff and family members attended the first-ever carnival at the [Veddersburg Apartments](#) in Amsterdam featuring a dunk tank, a variety of games, prizes, cotton candy, fried dough, Buffalo chicken pasta and so much more.

Fun and Games

Whether it's to pass the time, competing for a prize, or learning something new, DePaul residents are finding comradery and good-natured competition with games, contests and more.



Pictured top row, left to right, the [Charles J. Lesh, MD Apartments](#) in Batavia residents worked collaboratively on a crossword puzzle in the community room, while seniors at [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga had a blast playing tabletop shuffleboard and relished a sunny afternoon on the courtyard with a spirited game of ladderball.

Pictured middle row, left to right, seniors of [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili played Farkle and bingo at the Genesee Valley-Henrietta Moose Lodge 2290, and a resident at [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda won a Beanie Baby basket raffle to raise funds for Alzheimer's Association WNY.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, residents of Wheatfield Commons stay sharp with daily games of Scrabble and a resident of the [Veddersburg Apartments](#) in Amsterdam claims a raffle prize during the summer carnival.

Stay tuned for more good news...

