



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 #64 – June 28, 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.

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**Praise for Heritage Manor**

Heritage Manor is clean, beautiful, and welcoming for both visitors and residents. It is very apparent that they regularly invest in landscaping, décor, and updates.

My family member enjoys the food (and they are finally eating three meals a day at regular times) and they have top tier activities. My family member went from being slightly reclusive to being vibrant and participatory in less than one year's time.

The staff treats residents (and myself as a caregiver) like family. They are always kind, always patient, and it is clear that everyone takes their job seriously and also finds purpose in their roles.

If you are considering placing a loved one here, I highly recommend it!





# Praise for Westwood Commons

We can't thank you enough for your care of our mother over the years while she lived at Westwood Commons. It brought us peace of mind and we appreciate all of your hard work.



Thank you to staff of [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) and [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili 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!

## Springing into Summer

Inspiration, excitement and engagement are in bloom across the agency.



Pictured top row, left to right, residents of the [Charles J. Lesh, MD Apartments](#) in Batavia kicked off summer with a corn hole tournament and hot dogs and burgers on the grill, and members of the garden club cleaned up the courtyard in preparation for two new raised garden beds; seniors of [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga planted seeds in upcycled pudding cups on Earth Day which were planted in the garden; DePaul's Recreation Department assisted in the annual Parks & Trails New York Canal Clean Sweep in honor of Earth Day, and seniors of [Westwood Commons](#) flexed their green thumbs with some garden therapy.

Pictured bottom row, seniors of [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda freshened up the courtyard with new plantings, commemorated Earth Day with a colorful, handprint art project, and soaked up a sunny walk outside.

## 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, are culinary creations at [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga including no-bake strawberry cheesecake, lasagna and Milky Way brownies; [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) celebrated National Donut Day on June 7 with a visit to Paula's Donuts, in addition to whipping up a batch of homemade pizzelles.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, [La Rosa Villas](#) in LeRoy celebrated National Beverage Day on May 6, and seniors at [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda prepared an antipasto salad, celebrated National Donut Day, and stopped by Platter's Chocolates for some ice cream.

## 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](#) seniors embarked on outings to The BFLO Store, lunch at Spring Lake Winery & Ristorante and a trip to the Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica, while residents of the [Skybird Landing Apartments](#) in Geneseo traveled to the Rochester Lilac Festival.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, seniors of [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda enjoyed lunch at the Eastern Pearl Restaurant, and residents of [Woodcrest Commons](#) in Henrietta attended a New Horizons big band ensemble concert at the Eastman School of Music's Kilbourn Hall and toured the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum in Rush.

## Art 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, the [Charles J. Lesh, MD Apartments](#) in Batavia hosted a 'Meet the Artist' Exhibit; seniors of [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga completed a mixed media art project, dandelion paintings made with items from the kitchen, and flip flop door hangings. Also pictured, a resident of [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) shows off a homemade tie dye shirt.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, a sewing club has popped up at [Starting Line Apartments](#) in Utica while residents of [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili have been making hats to donate in knitting club. Also pictured, seniors of [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda flex their creativity with a stork craft and watermelon suncatchers, and seniors of [Woodcrest Commons](#) in Henrietta tried their hand at weaving.

## **Entertained and Engaged**

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



Pictured top row, left to right, [Glenwell](#) seniors soaked up goat therapy and a sunny morning walk in Cheektowaga, and a senior from [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) participated in a drum circle with KB Percussion Adventures.

Pictured middle row, left to right, seniors from [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda stayed active with basketball on the patio, manicures and meditation, bubble therapy and listening to albums during Men's Club.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, residents of [Woodcrest Commons](#) in Henrietta tapped into their inner child with Disney Day and kept their minds sharp with puzzle club.

## Holidays Abound

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



Pictured left to right, seniors from [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga, [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) and [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda marked the start of the Kentucky Derby.



Pictured left to right, seniors recognized Mother's Day along with staff and family at Glenwell, Heritage Manor and Wheatfield Commons.



Pictured left to right, precious Father's Day memories are made at Glenwell and Wheatfield Commons.



DePaul residents have celebrated recent patriotic holidays including Memorial Day, Armed Forces Day and Flag Day with fanfare and reverence.

Pictured top row, left to right, Glenwell honored Memorial Day by making red, white and blue mini-cheesecakes and coloring and writing messages to those currently serving in the military that will be sent to Operation Gratitude and crafting holiday themed-wreaths.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, the [Packet Boat Landing Apartments](#) in Lockport was adorned in beautiful decorations, and seniors of Wheatfield Commons celebrated Memorial Day with a concert, visited the Wheatfield Veterans Memorial in honor of Armed Forces Day, and saluted Flag Day by singing patriotic songs on the porch and with a visit from Pastor Bill who stopped by to share the beautiful handknit blanket made by his mother.

## 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!





- Luba donated a variety of gifts and cards to residents at [Westwood Commons](#) in honor of Mother's Day, Memorial Day and Father's Day.
- Tom Treichler delivered delicious donuts to [Wheatfield Commons](#).
- Chris and Sarah Beh provided this Edible Arrangements as a gesture of thanks to staff at Woodcrest Commons.
- Trader Joe's donated beautiful floral arrangements to [Woodcrest Commons](#).

**Stay tuned for more good news...**

