



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 #66 – November 12, 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.



Thank you to staff of Wheatfield Commons in North Tonawanda 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.

## Artistic Expressions

DePaul residents and staff have been enjoying a whirlwind of creativity with colorful crafts and unique creations.



Pictured top row, left to right, seniors of [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga were inspired with foliage paintings and mixed-media art projects made with shaving cream, paint and paper bags; artists of [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) decorated rocks while residents of [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili colored paper leaves during Craft Corner.

Pictured middle row, left to right at [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda, seniors channeled their inner Picasso with tie-dyes, rainbow popsicle stick name placards, a campfire scene, and painted birdhouses.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, also at Wheatfield Commons, seniors assembled pinecone bird feeders, made apple tree portraits with tissue paper, and decorated football ornaments.

## Out and About

DePaul clients, residents and staff are having a grand time getting out on the town.



Pictured top row on the left, residents of the [Charles J. Lesh, MD Apartments](#) explored Letchworth State Park, and pictured top right, [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) seniors visited furry friends at the SPCA Serving Erie County, NY.

Pictured bottom row on the left, residents of [Seneca Square](#) in Buffalo soaked up the beautiful fall colors at Emery Park, and pictured right, seniors at [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili closed out the baseball season with a Rochester Red Wings game.

## 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 honored Hispanic Heritage Month, celebrated September 15 through October 15, by playing the board game Lotería, reminisced about the former amusement park Crystal Beach with waffles, prepared for Monday Night Football by making English muffin pizzas, and enjoyed tea and treats with friends.

Pictured middle row, left to right, Glenwell celebrated Curious Events Day on October 9 with science experiments, [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) residents participated in a drum circle with KB Percussion Adventures and made homemade chocolate dipped apples, and seniors of [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili competed in Connect Four and Farkle.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, seniors of Westwood Commons were joined by Occupational Therapy Doctorate Students from Roberts Wesleyan University for Fun and Stimulation Programs, residents of [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda checked out the Adams Fire Company's new truck, and DePaul staff assisted residents of the [Upper Falls Square Apartments](#) register to vote.

## 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.



Pictured top row on left, Recreation participants celebrated the opening day of football season with an NFL Kickoff Party complete with pizza, popcorn, root beer floats, trivia, team jerseys and more.

Pictured top row on right and bottom row, participants challenged participants in the DePaul Recreation Program challenged DePaul staff to a game of softball in late-August! The final score was 9 to 6 with staff taking home the win. A visit from Netsins on Wheels Ice Cream truck after the game made for a homerun!

## Celebrating DePaul Seniors

In the spirit of National Assisted Living Week (NALW) September 8-14 and Active Aging Week September 30-October 6, DePaul seniors are aiming to live well no matter their age!



Pictured top row, [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga celebrated NALW with themed-days including the 1920s with a speakeasy complete with mocktails and music, tie-dyes in honor of the 1970s, and JELL-O creamsicle poke cake to commemorate the 1980s.

Pictured bottom row, staff from [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili dressed in blue in honor of NALW and seniors of [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda stepped back into the 1960s with a retro photo booth, bean bag Twister and homemade tie-dye shirts.

For more photos from DePaul Active Aging Week celebrations, visit <https://www.depaul.org/2024/09/30/depauls-senior-living-communities-celebrate-active-aging-week/>.

## Embracing Autumn

Fall is a magical time of year with countless opportunities to connect at community gatherings, soak up the scenery, express creativity and celebrate the best that the season has to offer.



Pictured top row, left to right, [Charles J. Lesh, MD Apartments](#) in Batavia took a trip to The Great Pumpkin Farm in Clarence, and staff of the [DeWitt Clinton](#) Apartments in Rome dressed up for Halloween.

Pictured middle row, left to right, a staff member of [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) enjoyed an outing to The Great Pumpkin Farm, staff of the [Knitting Mill Apartments](#) in Perry showed off their spirit, and residents of [La Rosa Villas](#) in LeRoy kicked off October with a trip to Roanoke Orchard for apple picking, cider slushies and fresh donuts!

Pictured bottom row, left to right, staff of Seneca Square in Buffalo scare up some fun, seniors of Wheatfield Commons in North Tonawanda made seasonal crafts including paper pumpkins, and staff at DePaul's Administration Office in Rochester flexed their creativity with fun costumes.

## Overflowing with Gratitude

The outpouring of donations of support from families and community members in recent months is sincerely appreciated. From food and cards to acts of service, and much more, we are beyond grateful!



- Karen, a daughter of a resident at [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#), sent 'boo baskets' filled with homemade goodies for staff.
- Faith and Trystin volunteered their time to assist with a chicken barbeque at [Wheatfield Commons](#) as part of efforts to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association.
- Deb Cheskiewicz and Susan Rhoads provided beautiful flowers for memory care staff at Wheatfield Commons.