



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 #67 – First Quarter 2025**

### **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 the employees of the [Lock 7 Apartments](#) in Oswego, [Trolley Station Apartments](#) in Canandaigua and [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda for going above and beyond to make a difference!

### **Celebrating Gabrielle and Amanda!**

"I extend my gratitude to you both for all you do to work together as a team. You go above and beyond for so many.

I am very grateful for you both and feel you are in the right place of employment to help people to live in a nice apartment.

Thank you both for being who you are and helping at all times. You are greatly appreciated!"



## Liz Wiatrowski

### Trolley Station Apartments

Liz is like a second mom to me. She has helped me drastically this past year. I arrived to Trolley Station not having lived alone before. I was quite depressed and overwhelmed. Liz is consistently supportive and truly caring. She has a heart of gold and I truly appreciate her. Thank you for helping me become my true authentic self!

## Praise for Wheatfield Commons

I put my trust in you & you've never once failed me. You've done an amazing job at your job & I am truly grateful for you in every way.  
I ask God to richly bless + keep you healthy & safe & to notice what a great job you are doing every day.



DePaul's greatest asset is our passionate, dedicated team members who make an immense difference in the lives of those we serve!

## 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 whipped up no-bake pumpkin cheesecake pies, sheet pancakes in honor of National Blueberry Pancake Day, and tomato soup cake for National Soup Month, and residents of [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) celebrated National Calzone Day.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, Heritage Manor of Lockport celebrated National Peanut Butter Day with homemade peanut butter pie, residents of the [Skybird Landing Apartments](#) in Geneseo made their own sushi, residents of [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili enjoyed delicious made-to-order omelets prepared by employees, and at [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda, seniors are enjoying a culinary journey around the world starting with a trip to Italy featuring caprese salad made with homemade mozzarella, pappardelle with ragu and homemade cannoli for dessert.

## **Engaged and Entertained**

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



Pictured top row, left to right, excitement at [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga has included cheering on the Buffalo Bills, pet therapy, a performance by the [Oyer Morgan Group](#) and celebrating National Kazoo Day.

Pictured middle row, left to right, are seniors at [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) enjoying cappuccinos and bingo, bowling, celebrating National Monopoly Day, and a special dinner to celebrate winning the holiday door decorating contest.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, [Ridgeview Commons](#) in Rochester participated in game night, [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili hosted a men's coffee hour and headed out for lunch at a [Pizza 151](#) in Batavia, and seniors of [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda gathered for lively conversation and warm beverages during Tea Talk.

## **Artistic Expressions**

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





Pictured top row, left to right, are snowman-inspired art projects at [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili and [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda.

Pictured bottom row, left to right, Wheatfield Commons seniors celebrated Alice in Wonderland and Minnie Mouse with crafts and created winter scenes during a paint-and-sip activity.



Living Opportunities of DePaul hosted the Annual Art Show at [Kensington Square](#) in Buffalo. Residents of the [Apple Blossom Apartments](#), the [Ebenezer Square Apartments](#), Kensington Square, the [Riverside Apartments](#), and [Seneca Square](#) showcased artwork, singing, poetry readings and other talents.

## Recreation for the Win

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



Congratulations to all who participated in the recent Pickleball Tournament hosted by DePaul's Recreation Program in Rochester! Coming in first place was Human Resources Generalist Justin Hewitt and Michael Spirles of [Ridgeview Commons](#). Second place went to Activities Coordinator David Jandreau and community member Chad Washington. The winners were awarded a trophy plus jars of pickles and gift cards.



DePaul Recreation participants had a blast celebrating Super Bowl LIX with delicious snacks as well as football-themed bingo and Jeopardy!

## 365 Days of Celebrations

There is no shortage of reasons to celebrate and pay tribute at DePaul from January to December. Check out this list of some unique holidays, national awareness and theme days which were celebrated across the agency in 2024 on the [DePaul Blog](#).



Pictured clockwise above is Hot Chocolate Day on January 31 at the [Knitting Mill Apartments](#) in Perry; Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day on April 12 at the [Starting Line Apartments](#) in Utica; Creamsicle Day on August 14 at [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili, and Frankenstein Friday on October 25 at [Glenwell](#) in Cheektowaga.

## Holiday Highlights

The last few months have been filled with reasons to celebrate, with a multitude of holidays!





Pictured top row, left to right, residents of the [Charles J. Lesh, MD Apartments](#) in Batavia sent handwritten cards to the New York State Veterans Home at Batavia to show their appreciation and [Heritage Manor of Lockport](#) paid tribute to Veterans with a catered lunch from [Molinaro's Ristorante](#).

Pictured bottom row, left to right, Veterans received boutonnières at [La Rosa Villas](#) in LeRoy and certificates of appreciation at [Wheatfield Commons](#) in North Tonawanda.



Pictured above, left to right, Heritage Manor of Lockport seniors prepared stuffing for a Thanksgiving feast, a resident at the [Veddersburg Apartments](#) in Amsterdam won a turkey in a raffle made possible with [grant funding](#), and seniors at Wheatfield Commons got into the spirit with a turkey-themed photoshoot.





Pictured clockwise above are festive gatherings at DePaul's Rochester Administration building, [Westwood Commons](#) in North Chili, the annual holiday party for clients of DePaul's Mental Health Residential Programs, and [Trolley Station Apartments](#) in Canandaigua.

Check out the [DePaul Blog](#) for more holiday highlights from across the agency.

## Overflowing with Gratitude

The outpouring of donations of support for residents and employees 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!



### Glenwell

- Members of [Resurrection Life Church](#) spread holiday cheer with carols, cards and cute elves.



### Heritage Manor of Lockport

- Elrene Monroe crafted a beautiful gingerbread house for display.
- Ms. Dewey's fifth grade class at Douglas J. Regan Intermediate School in the [Starpoint Central School District](#) donated handmade holiday cards.
- The Farley family provided care packages.



### Wheatfield Commons

- The Treichler family donated cupcakes.
- The Fortuna family donated cookies.
- Deb and Len Cheskrewicz and The Rhoads family donated a gift card for lunch from Wegmans.
- Rachel Badger donated lunch.
- Lynn Tacca's family gifted chocolate.
- Jennifer Nopper donated a platter of homemade cookies.
- Arlene Hughes' daughter made snowman candles.
- Dolores Laske's son donated a box of chocolates.

- The Young family delivered festive cookies.
- The Getty family spread cheer with gifts including desserts, tea, and more.
- The Meenaghan family gifted an artificial tree for decorating.
- Carmella Fortuna's family provided a catered Italian meal.
- The Heckeler and Brooks families gifted lunch from Franco's Pizza.



### Westwood Commons

- Joanne T's family donated donuts.
- Stephen S's family donated candy.
- Ginny N's family donated a gift card.
- Paul T's family donated cookies.
- Addie G's family gifted candy.
- Edith B's family donated candy.

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

