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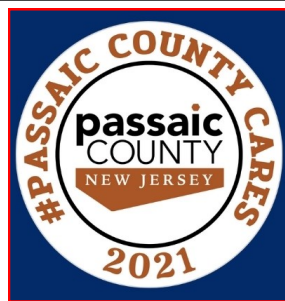
Preakness Healthcare Center

A Legacy of Caring since 1929

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Preakness Healthcare Center is owned and operated by the Passaic County Board of County Commissioners. Our mission is to provide the finest care to our patients and residents. We offer sub-acute care, physical rehabilitation, long-term care, behavioral management, Ventilator / Respiratory Care, Hospice and Palliative Care, and Respite services. Preakness Healthcare Center has been providing high-quality healthcare to the community since 1929.



Preakness Strong!

Covid-19 Vaccinated!

Protecting our Residents and Employees!



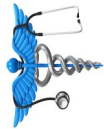
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Preakness Healthcare Center

Important Information

**PREAKNESS
NURSING**



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Daniel Nasulme

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11-7 shift

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**PREAKNESS
SOCIAL SERVICES**

VISIT US ON-LINE!

www.passaiccountynj.org/preakness

State Survey Results

Results of the most recent survey conducted by the NJ Department of Health, including the plan of correction in effect, are available for your review in the Main Lobby and rear entrance.

Stay Connected With



Contact Suzanne McEvoy
to sign up for the

Preakness Healthcare Center e-mail list!

973-585-2161

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Preakness Healthcare Center

Congratulations....

The 40 Year Club!



Congratulations to
Randy Crawley, Food Service Worker,
& Camille Thompson, Secretary
to the Social Services Department,
who both recently celebrated 40 years
of Service to Preakness Healthcare
Center !

Anne Margaret Roman, BSN, RN, Promotion
to Assistant Nursing Supervisor, 3-11 shift

Tina Hucalla, BSN, RN-C, voted Education
Co-chair for the Association of Professionals in
Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC)
of Northern New Jersey - 3 years in a row!

Farewell....

Retired 3/1/2021

Hattie Maggette - CNA - 33 years 5 months

Beatrice Oje - CNA - 16 years, 8 months

Retired 4/1/2021

Miguel Ruiz - Building Maintenance Worker -
25 years

PREAKNESS STRONG
★ **HEROES** ★
DO WORK HERE!

Passaic County Board of County Commissioners Announce:



COVID-19 VACCINE MEGA DISTRIBUTION SITE

Sign up to receive Passaic County's COVID-19 vaccine appointment notices:

passaiccountynj.org/newsletters

passaiccountynj.org/COVIDVax



Passaic County CARES COVID-19 At-Home Testing

Passaic County Board of County Commissioners is offering free COVID-19 testing at home powered by Vault Health.

To register, please visit:

PassaicCountyNJ.org/COVID19HomeTest

This program is open to all Passaic County residents. A drivers license is required. Health insurance is not required.

IN LOVING MEMORY

of our
Preakness Healthcare Center
residents who have gone to
their rest. May they
rest in peace.



Visitation Opportunities with our Residents

We appreciate the continued cooperation of our Preakness Healthcare Center Community as we make every effort to provide a safe visiting setting for our residents and their guests.

Outdoor Visitation by appointment is scheduled daily, weather permitting and under employee supervision.

Appointments may be requested by calling
[973-585-2145](tel:973-585-2145).

The phone messages are checked several times daily. Your appointment is confirmed once you receive a confirmation.

1:30 pm - 2:15 pm

2:30 pm - 3:15 pm

3:30pm - 4:15 pm

4:30pm - 5:15pm

Visits for residents on ventilators are available M-F during the 1:30pm and 2:30pm time slots.



As reminders, as per the NJ DOH Directive, visitors may not use facility restrooms nor may visitors or residents smoke or eat during the visit. Water may be brought in but may not be shared. Packages must be left at the Security desk for delivery after the visit. Social distancing must be practiced during the visit and masks must be worn by employees, residents and visitors. The Outdoor Visitation Policy may be obtained from the Passaic County website, www.passaiccountynj.org, under Preakness Healthcare Center and are available in the front lobby of the facility.

Essential Caregivers

Dr. Geoffrey Mugalu, Assistant Executive Director, is continuing to review Essential Caregiver applications to incorporate how an Essential Caregiver may participate in the care of a resident. Feel free to call him at 973-585-2113 with any questions. As is required in many businesses, we must specify indoor capacity. We are able to schedule eight Essential Caregivers per day. Please be reminded that an Essential Caregiver visit may not be a social visit. At this point in time, Essential Caregiver visits are limited to once/week for a maximum of two hours.

The visits are offered in accordance with regulatory requirements. Updates are provided through the Constant Contact email group and posted on the Passaic County website.

Improve How Your Mask Protects You

Accessible version: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/effective-masks.html>



When choosing a mask, look at how well it fits, how well it filters the air, and how many layers it has:

- 1 Make sure your mask fits snugly against your face.
- 2 Pick a mask with layers to keep your respiratory droplets in and others' out.

Do

Improve fit



Choose a mask with a **nose wire**



Use a **mask fitter or brace**



Check that it **fits snugly** over your nose, mouth, and chin

Add layers of material



2 ways to layer

- Use a cloth mask that has multiple layers of fabric
- Wear a disposable mask underneath a cloth mask. The cloth mask should push the edges of the disposable mask against your face.

Make sure you can see and breathe easily

Knot and tuck ear loops of a 3-ply mask



Knot the ear loops



Fold and tuck in unneeded material



Check for close fit

Do NOT



Combine two disposable masks



Combine a KN95 mask with any other mask.



cdc.gov/coronavirus

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ACT NOW!



WEAR A MASK



STAY 6 FEET APART



AVOID CROWDS

Employee Recognition!

ESSENTIAL WORKERS & HEALTHCARE HEROES

Thank you!

for Your Commitment and Dedication to Quality Care

March

- * National Social Workers Month
- * National Nutrition Month
- * Registered Dietitian Day * 3/11
- * LTC Administrators Week * 3/8-3/12
- * Doctor's Day * March 30

April

- * Volunteers Week 4/18 - 4/24
- * Healthcare Administrative Professionals Day * 4/23
- * Hair Stylist Appreciation Day * 4/30

May

- * Mental Health Awareness Month
- * Nurses Week - 5/6-5/12
- * National Skilled Nursing Care Week 5/9 - 5/15

An Attitude of Gratitude

Residents and Employees Remembered by our Community



Over the past several months, Preakness Healthcare Center has been embraced by the community through virtual programs, meals, handmade keepsakes, ear savers & masks along with support and words of encouragement. We would like to thank everyone who helped make a difference to our residents and employees during the Covid-19 Pandemic. We are Preakness Strong!

Thank you to DePaul Catholic, Passaic County Technical Institute, Our Lady of the Valley, The Great Pretenders, LP Cub Scouts Pack 143, LP Daisy Troop, 98167, Fair Haven Girl Scout Troop 60608, Jessica McMonagle, Paulette DeMauro, Elizabeth Campbell, Our Preakness Families, Cara Mulhern and her 6th grade CCD class at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Oakridge, NJ, Wayne Valley National Honor Society, Anthony Wayne Jr. National Honor Society, National Park Service - Great Falls, Girl Tours, Alexis Mason with Priority One Chair Exercises, The Alzheimer's Foundation of America, Dorothy Flair with Loving Lifesavers, SilvRWrap, Hanna Monsolygo, Barbara Nowakowski-Urban, Abby's Sew Right, Wenrui (Joy) Zhang and many local religious organizations.

“Star Cook” Status!

Congratulations, Nyesha Brimley!



Over the past several years, Preakness Healthcare Center has been having a contest amongst our cooks. This is serious business as a prime parking space is at stake!

The cooks present their meals daily to the Dietary Supervisor. The Dietary Supervisor then rates the meal based on appearance, texture, taste and nutritional balance. Regular, Mechanical Soft and Puree consistencies are all rated daily. Using a scoring system, the scores are tabulated and then tallied at the end of each month.

The Dietary department is proud to announce that Nyesha Brimley has been chosen as our Star Cook.

Chef Nyesha has been with Preakness for 11 years. She is a graduate of Eva's Kitchen Culinary program and has helped cook for both Preakness and our Meals On wheels program many times.

She is presently overseeing all aspects of packaging and distributing meals and supplies to the drivers as well as monitoring the food quality and appearance.

Nyesha is a very conscientious and caring staff member who is always concerned for our residents and the seniors we serve throughout the county. Please join us in congratulating Chef Nyesha.

Staying Connected through Technology!

Virtual Visits continue to be available through Facetime, Skype and WebEx platforms.

Virtual visits may be arranged by calling:

Alina Zalenski, Director of Therapeutic Recreation

973-585-2124 - azalenski@passaiccountynj.org

Lee Livingston, Senior Recreation Therapist

973-585-2163 - llivingston@passaiccountynj.org



New Life!

Social Distance planting program on 1-200. We see smiles under those masks!

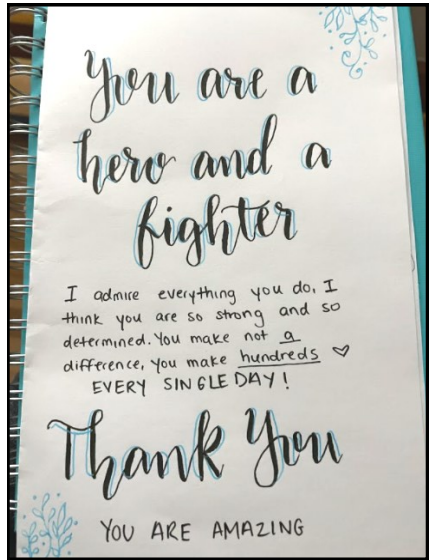
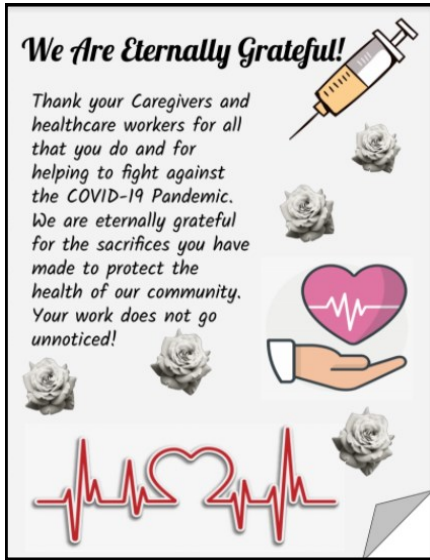
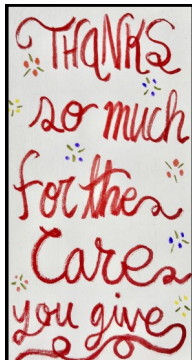
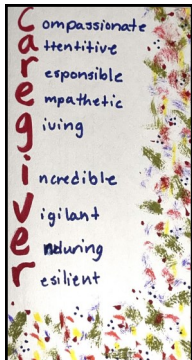
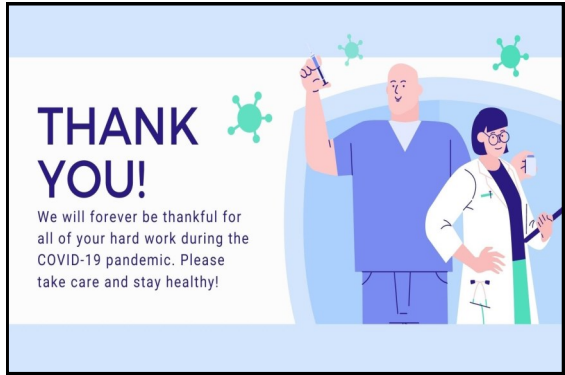


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PASSAIC COUNTY TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

Health Occupations Students of America Honors our Preakness Healthcare Heroes!

The Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) chapter at the Passaic County Technical Vocational Schools were thinking about their healthcare heroes on the frontlines of the Covid-19 pandemic when they began **Cards for Caregivers**: a school wide initiative to collect handmade and virtual cards with words of encouragement to send to caregivers on Valentine's Day. With the unique setting of having students both at home and in person, HOSA began compiling screenshots of cards on a google slideshow. They wanted to make the message clear that the work healthcare workers are performing right now to keep our communities safe are not unnoticed. We appreciate and respect all that Preakness Healthcare has done and continues to do to aid, support, and inspire all generations as they come together to change our world for the better. Thanks for all that you do!



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ATTENTION CAREGIVERS

Thank you for all that you sacrifice for our health

I'm glad to know there are still flowers that bloom in the midst of this chaos.

thank you

BE SUPPORTIVE **BE CAREFUL**

BE ALERT **BE KIND**

BE THANKFUL
for our Caregivers

THANK YOU.

YOUR SACRIFICES TO KEEP PEOPLE SAFE DURING THIS PANDEMIC ARE AMAZING. YOU ALL ARE BRAVE AND INSPIRING!

#thanks HEALTH HEROES

TO OUR SUPERHEROES. THANK YOU
We're grateful for all you do!

Thank you to all healthcare workers! You risk your own lives just to help and protect other people. I have always seen people in the medical field as heroes. Now with COVID-19, you only show how dedicated and compassionate you are.

YOU ARE Loved

You're an inspiration to me and many others. Thank you for your compassion and love for others!

I LOVE YOU

REAL HEROES WEAR SCRUBS!

Thank you for your efforts during this time! YOU are the real HERO!

We love you!

Covid-19 has nothing on you!

Preakness Healthcare Center Directory

Administration

Executive Director	Lucinda Corrado	lcorrado@passaiccountynj.org	973-585-2169
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Director of Business Office	Michael Marinello	mmarinello@passaiccountynj.org	973-585-2189
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Nursing Supervisor "On Call"		*Available 24 Hours a Day*	973-617-7496

Additional Departments

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Clinical Nutrition	Jeanette Chaitow	jeanettec@passaiccountynj.org	973-585-2192
Computer Services	Ron Pangilinan Joe Palma	ronaldp@passaiccountynj.org joseph_p@passaiccountynj.org	973-317-7022 973-585-2189
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Facilities	Scott Pinto	scottp@passaiccountynj.org	973-317-7030
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Human Resources	Chonda Curtis	hr@passaiccountynj.org	973-881-4480
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Pastoral Care	Sister Pat Avicolli Father Jim Moss	sisterpat@passaiccountynj.org	973-585-2118 973-317-7029
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Social Services	Sharon Link	sharonl@passaiccountynj.org	973-585-2148
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Therapeutic Recreation	Alina Zalenski	azalenski@passaiccountynj.org	973-585-2124
Volunteers / Community Outreach	Suzanne McEvoy	smcevoy@passaiccountynj.org	973-585-2161