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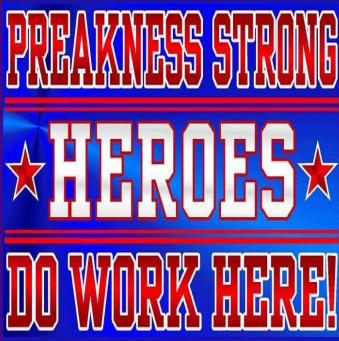
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since 1929*

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Preakness Healthcare Center

is owned and operated by the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders. 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.



THANK YOU,
Preakness Healthcare Center
STAFF!

DJ Dance Party Returns

at Preakness Healthcare Center

Tyrone Buggs, Lamar Davis and Anthony "Tony" Sangster are back!

The trio were nominated for their exceptional service and dedication to the residents of Preakness Healthcare Center by Leading Age New Jersey in 2015. *LeadingAge New Jersey* is the statewide association of not-for-profit senior care organizations and is dedicated to advancing quality aging services in New Jersey through advocacy, education, and fellowship.

Join our the "Excellence in Care" award winners for this musical outdoor event on Wednesday, September 30, 2020.



Wednesday,

September 30, 2020

During the 1:30pm & 2:30pm
Outdoor Visits!

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!

SPACE IS LIMITED!

Call 973-585-2145 for your reservation.

(Visitation guidelines apply.)

A Celebration of Grandparents

at Preakness Healthcare Center

No one day is required to celebrate the Grandparents Day! Whether you are called Mimi, Nana, Pop, Gramps, Yaya, Gram, Grampy or Nonno, hearts are filled with the love, laughter and memories shared by loved ones.

Preakness Healthcare Center invited you to join us for a Special celebration on Friday, October 2, 2020 at 2pm as The Pettit Sisters entertain our Preakness Family Virtually!



While we will be broadcasting the show live though our closed-circuit tv station, our families and friends can tune in by way of ZOOM!

Other programs are lined up for the day including a specialty dessert for all residents, intergenerational memories from our student virtual volunteers, interviews with our residents and movie features.

Thank you to all Grandparents for the love and joy you bring to so many!

Friday,

October 2, 2020

The Pettit Sisters
on zoom from 2pm - 3pm

Residents: Tune into Channel 64

Families & Friends: Join us on

zoom at Meeting ID # 862-881-6346



Preakness Healthcare Center

Important Information

VISIT US ON-LINE!

www.passaiccountynj.org

* Click on the Preakness
Healthcare Center tab*

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.

Preakness Healthcare Center

Introductions,
and Congratulations



Introducing....

Linu John, *Recreation Aide*
Emily Smith, *Food Service Worker*
Ann-Andie Estriplet, *RN*
Dr. Abubakr Alfaouri, *Covid-19 Support*
Ariel Gungil, *Accounting Assistant*
Chris Falone, *Dietary Supervisor from Camp Hope*
Kelly De Rocco *Cook from Camp Hope*
Eddy Santos, *Recreation Therapist*
Dr. Demetrios Bayiokos, *Dentist*

Congratulations....

Daniel Nasulme - *Asst Director of Nursing on the completion of his BSN Degree*
Debra Douglas- *on the completion of her LPN*



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SOCIAL SERVICES

Sharon Link – MSW, LCSW

Director of Social Services 973-585-2148

Camille Thompson - Secretary 973-585-2147

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<u>Joan Derramas, MSW, LCSW</u> Vent & 1-400 973-585-2107	<u>Tara Kadlur, BSW, CSW</u> 1-200 & 2-200 973-585-2186
<u>Gregory Komar, MSW, LSW</u> 3-400 & 3-200 (G Wing) 973-585-2120	<u>Barbara Cohen - MSW, LSW</u> 2-400 973-585-2112
<u>Per Diem</u> Martha Gros, MSW, LCSW Monday & Thursday 10 am – 4 pm	<u>Per Diem</u> Lucy Gambino, MSW, CSW Wednesday 9:30 am – 4 pm

Someone is always available

“On Call” at 973-617-7496

Director of Nursing

Suja Samuel

Assistant Director of Nursing

Daniel Nasulme

Nursing Supervisors

7-3 shift

Patrick Kuiken, Evelyn Lintag, Juan Saavedra, Hardeep Singh

3-11 shift

Mark DeloSantos, Damian Dymka, Marc Georges

11-7 shift

Joven Baldevarona, Jessy Varghese

Nursing Department Secretary

Ibelise “Ibby” Grullon - 973-585-2190

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Preakness Healthcare Center

Outdoor Visitation

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.

Visitation by appointment is scheduled daily, weather permitting, under the supervision.

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

1:30 pm - 2:15 pm

2:30 pm - 3:15 pm

3:30pm - 4:15 pm

4:30pm - 5:15 pm

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

The phone messages are checked when staff are not in the office. 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 staff, 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.

Piles of PPE!

We are grateful for the endless search and acquisition of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) by PHC Central Supply, S. Arvanitakis, M. Marinello and our Business Office Team! Your efforts have assisted in keeping all of Preakness Healthcare Center safe during this Covid-19 Pandemic. Per CDC Guidelines, we are required to have a 60 day emergency stock pile on hand at the facility.



L to R: T. Sangster, B. Denny and T. Ghebreyohannes

Who's the next

Preakness Healthcare Center

“Star Cook?”



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 **Norman Hooper** has been chosen as our Star Cook .

Norman will be the star cook for the remainder of this year. Norman is our senior cook with well over 20 years of experience. He has also been our BBQ chef a number of times this year. He has the ability and knowledge to handle any and every cooking detail in the department.

During this challenging year, Norman has stepped up to oversee the nursing home side of cooking, while others focused on Meals on Wheels for the community. Thank you and **Congratulations, Norm!**



Unique "No Contact" Volunteer Opportunities

at Preakness Healthcare Center

****Beginning October, 2020****

Make a difference in the life of someone residing in Long Term Care!

Play online games with a resident:

Word Games, Trivia, Card games, Hangman, jigsaw puzzles

Pen Pal – E-mail or USPS mail

Caring Calls – phone/video calls to provide conversation/companionship for a resident

Examples of Conversation topics:

- One to one interviews (hobbies, talents, dreams, favorites, etc)
- Prayer opportunities
- Current Events review
- Entertainment talks – Dear Abby, Horoscopes, Hollywood Gossip, Local Sports

Pre-recorded or LIVE videos for viewing: exercise class, teach a foreign language, play an instrument, dance, reading of a story/poetry, and so much more!

Individuals and groups are welcome!

Please contact Suzanne McEvoy, CTRS, CDP – Director of Volunteers and Community Outreach

973-585-2161

suzanned@passaiccountynj.org

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✓ AND THE MOMENTS THAT MATTER MOST.

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Constant Contact

Contact Suzanne McEvoy to sign up for the Preakness Healthcare Center e-mail list!

973-585-2161 smcevoy@passaiccountynj.org

September 2020 Staff Recognition



Healthcare Environmental Services & Rehabilitation Awareness Week

September 13 - 19, 2020

National IT Professionals Day

September 15, 2020

IN LOVING MEMORY

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