

# PREAKNESS PRESS

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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 County of Passaic and the 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.

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## WE ARE HERE

**Because We Love the Ones You Love!**





Preakness Healthcare Center

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Joven Baldevarona, Jessy Varghese



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SOCIAL  
SERVICES**

**VISIT US ON-LINE!**

[www.passaiccountynj.org/preakness](http://www.passaiccountynj.org/preakness)

**Stay Connected With**



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

973-585-2161

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*Remembering our Preakness Healthcare Center*

*Friends who have gone to their rest.*

*May they rest in peace.*



**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.

# WELCOME BACK

## Indoor Visitation Q & A

**Welcome back to our families and friends as we resume indoor visitation.**

**A few reminders and answers to questions received to date regarding indoor visitation.**

- **Consent for visits:** Residents who are not suspected or confirmed to be infected with COVID-19, who are not quarantined for a COVID-19 exposure or who are not on isolation and who give written informed consent may receive visitors indoors during visiting hours.
- **Prescheduled compassionate or end of life visits:** Residents who are suspected or confirmed to be infected with COVID-19, who are quarantined for a COVID-19 exposure or who are on isolation and who give written informed consent may have pre-scheduled compassionate or end of life visits. Please call 973-585-2145 to schedule.
- **Designated visiting locations are:** a resident's room with the permission of the roommate if the resident has a roommate; outdoor patios, sitting rooms, activity rooms, resident library and resident game room if not in use by residents. Rehab and the Rotunda Café areas are not designated visiting location. Please socially distance from other residents/visitors. Please do not approach roommates of residents for permission to visit. Please refer questions to the nurse or nursing supervisor.
- **Children may visit.** Children two years of age and older who can wear a face mask and socially distance may visit.
- **Pets may NOT visit.**
- **Indoor visiting hours are 10 am to 7 pm, seven days per week.** Two visitors at any one time are permitted to visit.
- **Masks required** All visitors must wear a face mask provided by Preakness Healthcare Center and follow all infection prevention protocols of Preakness Healthcare Center.
- **Removal of Masks if fully vaccinated during visit, in resident's rooms only** Visitors who are fully-vaccinated who are visiting a fully vaccinated resident may, within the resident's room if the roommate is not present, remove the face mask and have close contact.
- **Food/Other Items allowed.** Visitors may bring food items for a resident that are consistent with the resident's dietary plan of care. Please refer questions to the nurse or dietitian. Visitors may also bring other items for a resident to the resident's room.
- **Visitors who wish to feed a resident must be trained.** Dining or assistance with dining is not permitted in any space except the resident's room. Please refer the request to be trained to a nursing supervisor who can be reached by calling 973-585-2131 or 973-617-7496.
- **Visitors may resume bringing resident laundry from the facility to be laundered off-site** if that is the resident/visitor's preference. Please transport the soiled laundry in a plastic bag. The washers/dryers that are located on units 1-300, 2-400 and 1-200 at this point in time are restricted for use by residents who live on the units because residents and visitors from another unit are not permitted to travel throughout the facility.

## Outdoor Visits and Out on Pass Opportunities

- **If you prefer to visit outdoors and need assistance to schedule a visit, please call 973-585-2145.** Outdoor, scheduled, visitation hours are 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm, 3:30 pm, 4:30 pm. Two visitors at any one time are permitted to visit.
- **Residents who have a physician's order to go out on pass** and are not on quarantine or isolation may do so. Please contact Tina Hucalla, Infection Preventionist at 973-585-2181 to discuss the process and receive the required education.

# **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

## **Nurses Week**

**May, 2021**

### **RN - Longest Length of Service**

**Maria**  
**"Tess"**  
**Nadres**



**Hire Date:**  
**2/24/92**

### **LPN - Longest Length of Service**

**Jorge**  
**Apaza**



**Hire Date:**  
**9/13/93**



### **CNA**

**Longest Length of Service**



**Tyrone Buggs**

**Hire Date: 3/12/84**



## **CNA Week**

**June,**  
**2021**

**Staying Connected  
Through Technology!**



**Virtual Visits**

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

Throughout the Pandemic, virtual visits were offered during restricted visitation and were facilitated by our Therapeutic Recreation staff. Recreation staff are now focused on conducting resident activities. Since visitation is available seven days/week, we ask that virtual visits not be requested by families who plan to visit indoors or outdoors.

**If a virtual visit is needed, please contact**

**Alina Zalenski,**

**Director of Therapeutic Recreation**

973-585-2124 - [azalenski@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:azalenski@passaiccountynj.org)

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**Senior Recreation Therapist**

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**Memorial Wreaths  
for our Veterans**

Thank you to the Passaic County 4-H for remembering our Veterans with patriotic star wreaths.



**PLAZA WEST  
HALL OF  
FAME**

***Thirty Residents to identify.  
They left us some clues.***

The Therapeutic Recreation Staff of 1-300 held a contest to highlight the lives and accomplishments of their residents.

**The Question is....**

**How well do you know us?**



*Congratulations to our winners, Danuta Jurgowski and Suzanne McEvoy ( Pictured with 1-300 resident, Jean H.)*

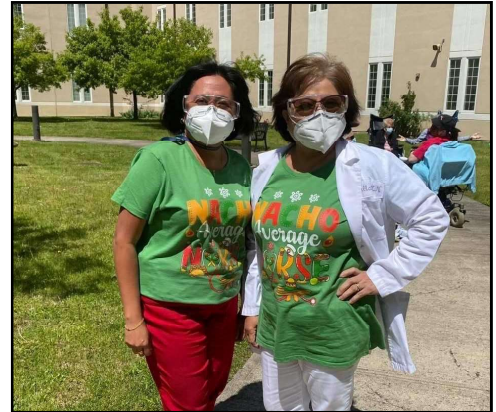
**OUR NEW STAR COOK!**

Preakness Healthcare Center has a quarterly contest amongst its' 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. Congratulations to **Rudy Acosta**, our New Star Cook!



# MOVING FORWARD & MAKING NEW MEMORIES

***Baseball Opening Day ~ Cinco de Mayo ~ DJ Dance Party  
~ Memorial Day ~ Summer Kick Off ~ Butterfly Release***





**BBQs are for residents only.**  
**Thank you for your cooperation.**

**Wednesdays ~ Noon - 1:30pm**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Unit</b>
June 30	1-200
July 7	2-200
July 14	3-200
July 21	1-400
July 28	3-400
August 4	1-300
August 11	2-300
August 18	Pathway

*Preakness*  
*Healthcare Center*

**Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic**

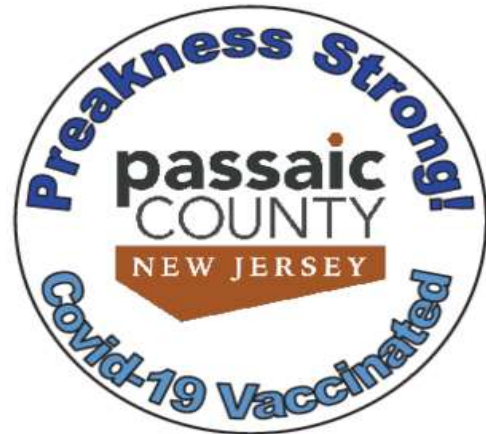
for residents, staff and adult family members  
of residents & staff.

**Wednesday, June 30, 2021**

~Time to be announced~

Johnson & Johnson and Moderna vaccines  
will be available.

**Contact Tina Hucalla,**  
**Infection Preventionist at 973-585-2181**



**Comfort Pillows**

**Handmade Kindness shared with the**  
**residents of Preakness Healthcare Center**

Many Thanks to Gail Babitz and the Members of  
the Pines Lake Women's Club who provided  
handmade comfort pillows to each of our resident  
during National Skilled Nursing Care Week in  
May.



## Preakness Healthcare Center Directory

### Administration

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