



Preakness Healthcare Center

A Legacy of Caring since 1929

Update, May 25, 2023
Celebrating Memorial Day

Please Note: This Update is posted on the Passaic County website and distributed through the Constant Contact email group for families who have elected to provide their email address and is distributed to all staff. Our Social Workers, Therapeutic Recreation staff and Unit Clerks distribute the Update to residents who wish to receive it.

As we approach Memorial Day, we thank our residents and staff who are Veterans for their service to preserve our freedoms. Our residents and staff have served in all branches of the military in World War II, the Korean War, the Cuban Missile Crisis, Vietnam, Iraq, and the National Guard. With immense thanks to our staff and colleagues from many Passaic County Departments for their assistance to create a tribute to our Veterans who were honored by the Passaic County Board of County Commissioners with a Distinguished Medals ceremony during our Memorial Day Parade on May 24, 2023. We also thank our Dietary staff for the luncheon that was served to the parade participants, our Veterans and our guests.

On May 20, 2023, a C NA who works on resident unit 1-200 tested positive. Residents who were exposed to the C NA completed three rounds of testing; all results were negative.

The New Jersey Department of Health continues to urge residents and staff to become vaccinated as the safest and most effective protection against COVID-19 and its variants. Residents or staff who wish to receive a vaccine may contact Patrick Kuiken, RN, LTC-CIP, Infection Preventionist at 973-585-2181.

Resident Council elections for officers were held on May 17 and May 18, 2023. Congratulations to:

- Gail S., President
- Evelyn, R, Vice-President
- Susan A., Treasurer
- Lucy A., Secretary

Future resident events beginning at 2 pm in our Home's main dining room include:

- Friday at the Movies, May 26, 2023
- Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Party, May 31, 2023

Save the Date! We will celebrate Father's Day on June 18, 2023 with a family holiday dinner celebration. Each resident may invite three guests. Details to follow.

During the last two weeks, our residents have been on outings that included shopping trips, the Meadowlands Racetrack, the dedication of Hinchcliffe Stadium, a Veterans service at Hamilton Plaza, a Memorial Day Celebration at Passaic County Technical-Vocational School and events at the Wayne Public Library. Therapeutic Recreation staff can be contacted to arrange participation in future outings.

Job opportunities are available for an Environmental Services Supervisor, Nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants, Food Services Director, Food Service Workers, Cooks, Social Worker/MSW and Registered Dietitian. Feel free to provide my contact information to healthcare workers looking for a very rewarding career as a member of our team.

If you have an urgent call or complaint, please call Preakness Healthcare Center Security staff at 973-317-7023 and your call will be directed to the appropriate person. In addition, Dr. Geoffrey Mugalu, LNHA, Assistant Executive Director, 973-585-2113; Daniel Nasulme, RN, BSN, LTC-CIP, Director of Nursing, 973-585-1409; Aleyamma John, RN, BSN, Assistant Director of Nursing, 862-345-5911 are available to address any concerns. *A nursing supervisor is available for emergent issues by calling the nursing supervisor cell phone, 973-617-7496.*

Preakness Strong Heroes Will Always Continue to Work Here!

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA
Executive Director