



Preakness Healthcare Center

A Legacy of Caring since 1929

Update, July 3, 2023

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.

Since the last Update, we are sharing with you ---

- Our thanks to our staff who worked on Father's Day to make the day special for our resident fathers and to our staff from many departments who assisted Dietary staff with the luncheon.
- Congratulations to resident Eleanor S. on the celebration of her 103rd birthday!!
- Congratulations to Kareth Foster on her achievement of licensure as an LPN!
- That we currently do not have any residents or staff on transmission-based precautions for COVID-19.

As of this date, we are awaiting regulatory inspection/approval of the fire alarm system project to enable our residents to return to their rooms on 2-400 "B" and 3-400 "B".

In sorrow, we share with you that Terry Akridge, C NA recently passed away. Ms. Akridge began her employment in November 2000. She has provided compassionate care to hundreds of residents during the past 23 years. We offer our appreciation to her and our condolences to her family and friends.

Future resident events beginning at 2:00 pm in our Home's main dining room include:

- Frederick Law Olmstead History Presentation, July 5, 2023
- Friday at the Movies, July 7, 2023
- DJ Dance Birthday Party, July 14, 2023
- Outdoors at the Movies, July 19 at 8:30 pm (on the rotunda patio, weather-permitting)
- Jazz Band Concert, July 21, 2023
- Christmas in July with the Wayne Rotary Club, July 22, 2023
- Mindful Meditation, July 26, 2023
- "Big" Bingo, July 28, 2023
- Dancing with "Donna", July 31, 2023

Barbeques are held on the rotunda patio, weather-permitting, on Wednesdays. The unit schedules are posted throughout our Home. Family members are welcome to join us.

The rotunda patio is open daily, weather-permitting, from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm with staff present for assistance. On days that "wildfire smoke alerts" are issued, this patio is closed.

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

Despite the end of the Public Health Emergency and the expiration of many of the COVID restrictions, vaccination is still recommended by the NJ DOH. Residents or staff who wish to receive a vaccine may contact Patrick Kuiken, RN, LTC-CIP, Infection Preventionist at 973-585-2181.

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, Geoffrey Mugalu, Ph.D., 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