



# Preakness Healthcare Center

## A Legacy of Caring since 1929

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Update, August 4, 2023

### ***Celebrating National Immunization Awareness Month***

*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.

On August 2, 2023, we had the pleasure of celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of our resident Rose Cuccinello with her family and co-residents! Rose Cuccinello, a life-long resident of Paterson, joined our Preakness family 22 years ago. She served our Country in World War II from 1944 to 1945 as a Private in the Women's Army Air Corp (WACS) and is our last surviving World War II Veteran. Rose Cuccinello is the newest member of our "Centenarian Club" of residents who are 100 years or older: one resident who is 103 years, one resident who is 101 and four residents who are 100 years young.

We express our thanks to the Wayne Rotary Club for their generosity to celebrate "Christmas in July" with our residents on July 22, 2023. The music, pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, gifts for residents and the Rotarian's conversations with our residents are greatly appreciated!

On July 27, 2023, bikers from the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club (Chapter XIII) visited. They gave our residents the opportunity to admire the motorcycles, talk to the bikers and reminisce about the days when many of our residents had or had family members with motorcycles. The "drive by" at the end of their visit was amazing!

Please join us in welcoming ---

- Eddie Brown, Director of Food Services. Mr. Brown is a Certified Professional Food Services Manager and brings many years of dietary experience from healthcare settings to our Home.
- Elsie Cosare, RN, BSN, Assistant Nursing Supervisor. Ms. Cosare's clinical experience includes hospital and long-term care nursing.

We are accepting applications for adult (18 years and older) volunteers. Some of the opportunities are Pastoral Care, Therapeutic Recreation activities, visits with residents, Preakness Hospital Auxiliary. The application process includes background and reference checks, a Certificate of Good Health, and attendance at orientation. For additional information or to request an application please contact Suzanne McEvoy, Director of Volunteers at 973-585-2161 or by email at [SuzanneD@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:SuzanneD@passaiccountynj.org).

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

- Classics at the Movies (Blue Hawaii), August 11, 2023

- “Movie under the Stars” (Bookclub – the Next Chapter), August 16, 2023, 8:15 pm (on the rotunda patio, weather-permitting)
- Casino Day, August 18, 2023
- Steel Drums Concert, August 19, 2023
- Latin Dance Party, August 21, 2023
- “Elton John” Concert, August 25, 2023
- Presentation: A Walking Tour of Passaic County’s Parks in the 1940s and 1950s, August 28, 2023

*Save the date:* We will celebrate Grandparents Day on September 10, 2023 with a concert by the North Jersey Concert Band!

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 high heat/high humidity days or on days that “wildfire smoke alerts” are issued, this patio is closed.

Before we know it, school will be back in session. School supplies will be needed for many students who begin school in the Fall. The County of Passaic is partnering with Montclair State University as part of the University’s annual 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance collecting school supply donations. The goal is to provide 300 students at East Side High School in Paterson with everything they need for the new school year. A list of requested donations is available at our entrance Security desk and a collection bin is in the entrance lobby. Thank you for your anticipated support!

Job opportunities are available for an Environmental Services Supervisor, Nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants, 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