



Preakness Healthcare Center

A Legacy of Caring since 1929

Update, October 19, 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.

Thank you to the North Jersey Concert Band musicians for giving our residents the opportunity to attend a concert in our Home! The Concert Band musicians have provided the concert for approximately ten years. We can't thank them enough!!

On October 17, 2023, one resident who lives on resident unit 3-400 was admitted to the hospital for a medical condition and tested positive for COVID-19 upon admission.

As recommended by the NJ Department of Health, Patrick Kuiken, RN, LTC-CIP, Infection Preventionist is administering the updated COVID-19 monovalent vaccine to residents who consent or who have consent authorized by the resident's representative to receive the vaccine. Mr. Kuiken can be reached at 973-585-2181 for additional information or to answer any questions.

Please join us in welcoming Scholastica Anoiske, RN, BSc, CALA, Assistant Nursing Supervisor. Ms. Anoiske will work on the evening shift and looks forward to meeting our residents, families and staff.

Congratulations to Peggy Ramos on her promotion to Keyboard Clerk 3! She will provide support to the Social Services, Infection Prevention and Quality Improvement departments.

Save the date! Thanksgiving is approximately one month away. Our holiday family dinner celebration will be on Thursday, November 23, 2023, at 12:30 pm. Residents may invite three guests to dine with them in the main dining room. Seating is limited. Please call Suzanne McEvoy, Director of Volunteers and Community Relations at 973-585-2161 for a reservation.

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

- Rock & Roll Musical Celebration, October 20, 2023
- Karate Demonstration, October 21, 2023
- Italian Celebration Party, October 25, 2023 (with special lunch menu)
- Halloween Party, October 31, 2023 (*with costume parade*)
- Friday at the Movies, "Air", November 3, 2023
- Jazz Band, November 4, 2023
- Wayne Public Library Visit, November 6, 2023
- Veterans Service, November 11, 2023

Masks are required when attending activities and religious services in the main dining room until further notice

Changes to the Catholic mass schedule are as follows:

- Mass will not be celebrated on October 31, 2023.

If you are new to our Preakness family as a resident or staff and are a Veteran, please speak with Alina Zalenski, CTRS, Director of Therapeutic Recreation, 973-585-2124 so that we may properly recognize your service.

Job opportunities are available for an Environmental Services Supervisor, Nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants, Food Service Supervisor, Food Service Workers, Cook, Registered Dietitian, 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.

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 Mugal, 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