



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, November 21, 2023

### **With Wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving!**

*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 all who assisted on Veterans Day to recognize and thank our residents and staff who are Veterans for their service: Pipe Major Jaime McCabe from the Passaic County Pipes and Drums, Suzanne Levy who provided pins and flags and Tasha Brown who provided pins and certificates to our Veterans. Thank you to Alina Zalenski, CTRS, Director of Therapeutic Recreation for presenting the ceremony.

Thank you to the Wayne Rotary Club for the Drum Circle with our residents! It was an engaging, interactive event for our residents and the Rotary Club members.

Please join us in congratulating Luse Davilus on her achievement of an RN license and promotion!

Congratulations to resident Sina Baugh on the celebration of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 11, 2023! Congratulations in advance to resident Blandina Barbetti who will celebrate her 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday on November 25, 2023! Our "Centenarian Club" has eight residents who are 100 years or older.

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

- Birthday Party, November 22, 2023
- Bible Study with Eddy, November 29, 2023
- Friday at the Movies, Dolly Parton's Christmas on the Square, December 1, 2023
- Internet Safety and Identity Theft presentation by the Passaic County Sheriff Department's Community Policing Division, December 4, 2023
- DJ Dance and Birthday Party, December 6, 2023
- Hanukkah musical celebration, December 8, 2023
- "Zooming to Music" with school children, December 9, 2023
- Christmas musical celebration, December 13, 2023
- Christmas Karaoke, December 15, 2023

Changes to the Catholic mass schedule are as follows:

- Mass will not be celebrated on November 21 or November 23, 2023.

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

We will celebrate "Ugly Sweater Day" on December 15, 2023.

As we approach the holiday season, for the safety of all and at the risk of “bah humbug”, please be advised that cut trees may not be brought into our Home. Artificial decorations with lights or electric ornaments must be UL listed. Extension cords are not permitted. Please refer any questions to Frank Irizarry, Safety Coordinator at 973-585-2117.

As recommended by the NJ Department of Health, Patrick Kuiken, RN, LTC-CIP, Infection Preventionist is continuing to administer 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.

Job opportunities are available for an Environmental Services Supervisor, Nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants, Food Service Supervisor, Food Service Workers, Cook, Recreation Therapist, 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 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