

SUMMER 2023 Our Lady of Peace

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# Music for a Cause

Our Lady of Peace recently hosted a benefit concert for We Bring the Music (WBTM), a local organization bringing "a joyful noise" to residents of senior living communities and rehabilitation centers. Formerly known as Nursing Home Swing, the group has provided many small concerts to Our Lady of Peace residents over the years. It was a privilege to be a part of the fundraiser supporting WBTM. Clockwise from top left: Victor Lee & The Jazz Connection perform; Ray Reed offers up a toast; and Shirley Blanchard smiles with her niece, Simone.



Phyllis Guthrie (left) listens to the music alongside Jodi Gammon.

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Pastoral Counselor Obie Sue Thomas serves snacks to guests before the performances.



Caryl Mueser and her nephew, David, clap to the beat of the Band.



Residents were bursting with holiday spirit at our recent Christmas in July celebration hosted by Pastor Viktoria of St. Mark Lutheran Church and Our Lady of Peace Volunteer Cindy Campbell. With help from our Life Enrichment Team, these ladies created a fun and magical Hawaiian-themed holiday party, complete with a Christmas tree, Christmas carols, colorful leis, prizes, and more. Yummy snacks and drinks—from hot chocolate to cold ice cream and delicious baked goods—were served.

Alo-ho-ho! Shirley Blanchard is all smiles. Holiday themed treats for all!

Barbara Guertin shows off her door prize. Pastor Viktoria with our guest of honor— Santa!

Eileen DeClerk and Barbara Lachance sing carols.



### The Purr-fect Pet

Visitors to Our Lady of Peace may have noticed a new, furry team member roaming the halls. Ani the cat is our official Director of Pet Therapy. Once owned by

resident Rae Black, Ani quickly became a beloved member of the community. After Rae's passing, her family graciously allowed Ani to stay in her home at Peace. We are lucky to be her new caretakers and look forward to the impact she will have in her new position!

> Cheryl Kasper and Ani spend time together in the Christopher Center.



### Thank You for Being a Friend!

Lorraine D. Rantz and Shirley Jackson have a rare friendship—one that spans nine decades! The two met at St. Mary Dominican College in New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1940. Today, they spend their days reminiscing about past adventures and making new memories as neighbors at Our Lady of Peace. They look forward to celebrating one another's birthdays, as they are both close to turning 99 years old!

Lorraine

Lorraine and Shirley at their 50th college reunion. Their friendship has outlasted many things, including their alma mater, which closed in 1984.

Shirley

Two peas in a pod! Lorraine (left) and Shirley spend time together on the porch—one of their favorite things to do.



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## Have You Heard?

Our "Activities" department is now known as our "Life Enrichment" department. This may seem like a small change, but it represents our holistic approach to care. Because while we do have fun and stay busy, this new name better reflects how our programming is truly *enriching lives!* 





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