

# MEMORIAL DAY BBQ

at Don Guanella's Cardinal Krol Homes

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With proper social distancing measures, our Don Guanella men had a chance to celebrate Memorial Day in the sunny weather!



**The Communities of Don Guanella and Divine Providence**  
Programs Serving Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities  
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## DON GUANELLA FEAST DAY!

**Stay tuned for plans to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Don Guanella School!**

**We are in the planning stages for commemorative events.**

**Catholic Mass is scheduled for October 22nd, 2020 at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Secane.**



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# WHAT IT MEANS TO CARE FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE IN THE PANDEMIC

at The Communities of Don Guanella and Divine Providence

During this extremely difficult time for us all, our residents and the people we are honored to care for are among the most vulnerable of populations. They need you and people like our Directors of Nursing at Divine Providence and Don Guanella, Angela Babcock and Margaret Hewitt D'Angelo, to nurture and support them.

## Director of Nursing at Divine Providence Village, Angela Babcock

Angela continues to balance family and countless challenges during this pandemic. Her 70+ hour work weeks help ensure the best possible resident care and that Health Care Coordinators, Nurses, Supervisors, and most importantly the Direct Support Professionals have everything they need during this unprecedented time. We are lucky to have Angela and YOU to support our special residents.

“ Our individuals here are the people closest to God, in my opinion. They are so pure and so full of grace. They are the most amazing individuals, and it is an honor to serve them. ”



## Director of Nursing at Don Guanella, Margaret Hewitt D'Angelo



One of our DG Heroes during Nurses Week

Peg serves as the Director of Nursing at Don Guanella and Clinical Oversight for The Community Living Arrangement program. Though challenging, Peg cherishes her work each day even when it comes to navigating tough decisions like disease processes and best practices. Peg's dedication to our residents shines through every interaction she has with our clients and their families.

“ Our individuals give us so much more in return than we can ever give them. ”

# ONE OF OUR MANY MIRACLES



We are grateful for our courageous staff who risked exposure to the Coronavirus to care for our residents. We have seen much resilience among those who have been ill. One particular success story is Missy's return home to Divine Providence Village after spending 26 days at Bryn Mawr Hospital suffering from the Coronavirus. In early May, her health situation turned dire; Bryn Mawr Hospital did all they could for Missy and she was sent home. Miraculously, once home at DPV Missy was able to gradually improve. Missy has been home for about two months now, and she has reduced the amount of oxygen she has been on and is able to drink and eat again. Though she still has a road ahead to recovery, Missy's miracle proves she is a fighter and that she needed to be back home with her family at Divine Providence Village to beat the Coronavirus.

## SOCIAL DISTANCING at Don Guanella

With the Philadelphia suburban counties moving into the Yellow phase of reopening, our residents are able to take some steps towards normalcy.

Here are some Fairview housemates enjoying being outside while safely saying the rosary together.



\*Disclaimer: Some photos were taken before the Covid-19 pandemic