

## **Volunteers at The Towers at Tower Lane During COVID-19**

The Towers at Tower Lane's Volunteer Coordinator and Spiritual Leader Sarah Moskowitz has been transforming life for The Towers' residents and community since she began two years ago. Since her start, she has helped over 170 community members engage seniors in meaningful ways.

The COVID-19 pandemic has necessitated a re-imagining of volunteer service once again. Thanks to the hard work of Volunteer Coordinator and Spiritual Leader Sarah Moskowitz and Healthy Living Coordinator Dean Tinari, The Towers at Tower Lane residents have been getting newly delivered programming and volunteer services.

Towers volunteers have been writing letters weekly and hand making cards. Local schools and synagogues have been donating arts and crafts supplies, puzzles, crossword puzzles, books and magazines. A brigade of volunteers, thanks to the leadership and help of Doris Zelinsky and Linda Schultz, made masks for employees and residents. Volunteers are also calling several residents weekly for friendly chats and social connection.

There are 26 "super volunteers" who are calling an entire floor of residents seven days a week between 10-11 a.m. to check in on them. They have been so critical to residents' well-being in addition helping The Towers team follow-up when someone needs more care and attention. They are forming deep relationships with the residents.

Dawn Staton, Director of Support Services, has plenty of gratitude for the incredible team working tirelessly to support our residents and their families. She explained, "Our volunteers have made a tremendous impact since the very beginning of the COVID 19 Pandemic. Sarah's hard work and her ability to engage our community has helped everyone feel less alone and more together during this time."

CEO/President Gustave Keach-Longo expresses his gratitude as well. "We are grateful to the entire community for showing us support during the pandemic. You are, each and every one you, making a positive difference. We appreciate the expertise, financial support, time and partnership that has been extended to us as we care for the community's most vulnerable. With your continued support, we will stay strong, stay safe and stay connected."

*To get involved and help The Towers, contact Volunteer Coordinator Sarah Moskowitz at (203) 772-1816, x410, or [jennifer@towerone.org](mailto:jennifer@towerone.org).*