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Sign Language Club Students Take on the Caroling Scene

Wayne, NJ – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – When Passaic County Technical Institute (PCTI) American Sign Language Club began in September, Advisor Stephanie Morgan gathered with students to brainstorm ways in which they could use their love of Sign Language to bring joy to the community during the holiday season. After much discussion they all agreed to visit Preakness Healthcare Center in order to spread some good old-fashioned holiday cheer.

Donned in holiday attire – Santa hats, reindeer antlers, and decked in other festive gear—students signed carols such as “Rudolph the Red-Noised Reindeer,” “The Twelve Days of Christmas,” “Santa Baby,” and more. Sign Language Club members also created hand-crafted cards with a personalized note for each resident.

After the caroling session concluded, students asked what signs everyone was interested in learning. They then ventured into the audience, taking initiative in assisting both staff and residents in performing the correct signs. This included “Merry Christmas,” “Happy Holidays,” “How are you?,” “good morning,” and “good night,” to name a few.

PCTI students were so warmly received that the nursing staff asked them to return again! Many of the Sign Language Club members asked for volunteer applications to visit the Preakness Healthcare Center on their own time.

It was definitely a day to remember for PCTI students, residents, and nursing staff alike. Thank you to PCTI Advisor Stephanie Morgan, Sign Language Club members, and all staff and residents involved at the Preakness Healthcare Center. This demonstration of holiday cheer will not be soon forgotten!



Photo Caption 0578: PCTI Sign Language Club President Priscilla Nunez signs “*partridge in a pear tree*” from the Twelve Days of Christmas with her fellow club members.



Photo Caption 0073: PCTI Sign Language Club Members showcase the sign for love with Advisor Stephanie Morgan at the Preakness Healthcare Center.