

Connecting Staff, Residents, Families, and Friends

Upcoming Events

Employee Service Awards & Sullivan Scholarship Award Ceremony

Mark your calendars for **Friday, September 27 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.**, and celebrate the achievements of our outstanding employees and those receiving a Sullivan Scholarship Award.

15th Annual Veteran's Day Celebration

Join us on **Monday, November 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** as we honor and show appreciation to all veterans.

Annual Tree Lighting

Celebrate the holiday season with us on **Friday, December 6, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** Enjoy an evening of lights and community on the campus of the German Centre.

Speaker Series: Navigating the Challenges of Family Dynamics as our Loved Ones Age

Join us on **October 26 at 1:00 p.m.** for an afternoon of insight and enlightenment at the German Centre, where we will explore the evolving dynamics of family relationships as our loved ones age. Hear from community leaders and in-house experts who are at the forefront of addressing the challenges families face with aging and related conditions.

Discover how the German Centre is dedicated to supporting families through these transitions and learn about the innovative approaches and compassionate care that are making a positive impact on both residents and families. Please RSVP by October 15 to Grace Morgan at 617-390-3248 or gmorgan@germancentre.org.

Organizational Updates

Our **Memory Care Assisted Living Neighborhood at Edelweiss Village** is flourishing with new residents who are quickly finding their place within our vibrant community. They are thriving as they engage in enriching social activities, explore our safe and secure outdoor spaces, and connect with our compassionate and attentive staff. We are also excited to announce that Marilyn Fox, a treasured member of our staff, has transitioned from Senior Place to Edelweiss Village as the Memory Care Director. We are thrilled to see her thriving where her passion is in assisted living.



We are delighted to announce that Varcia Toussaint has joined **Schrafft Pavilion** as our new Nurse Unit Manager! With her extensive nursing background and deep passion for her profession, Varcia is a wonderful addition to our team at the German Centre. Varcia's dedication to excellence is complemented by a heartfelt commitment to addressing the emotional and psychological needs of our residents. Varcia's compassionate approach to care aligns perfectly with the values we hold dear at Schrafft Pavilion.

Senior Place, our Adult Day Health Center, is hiring a Program Director/Social Worker. Serving as a member of our social work team, this role involves assessing and addressing the psychosocial, mental, and emotional needs of our participants, and facilitating access to necessary services. For a full job description and application instructions, please visit germancentre.org. We are also very excited to announce that Brian Bassett, a cherished member of the German Centre staff, will become the Activities Director at Senior Place!

Staff Member Highlight

This month we are highlighting Carlos, one of our outstanding housekeeping team members! Carlos' exceptional dedication and keen eye for detail ensures that the German Centre remains not only spotless but also a warm and inviting space for our residents and families.

He consistently goes above and beyond to support other departments, demonstrating an exceptional willingness to collaborate and enhance the overall experience for everyone at the German Centre

Thank you, Carlos, for your tireless efforts and the outstanding care you provide. You truly make the German Centre a better place!

Welcome to the German Centre!

Marie Adrian

CNA

Antoinette Bangura

TNA

Sheida Bazile

TNA

Asmine Celestine

RCA

Ivanne Joseph

RCA

Ken Romelus

TNA

Kervens Romelus

TNA

Varcia Toussaint

Nursing Unit Manager- Schrafft Pavilion



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Deutsches Altenheim Foundation

Impact Through Giving

The German Centre is delighted to announce that we have received a generous grant from the James and Sarah Dyer Charitable Fund to support our Music Therapy program. This funding will allow us to revive the once-thriving and impactful program, bringing the transformative power of music back into the lives of our residents. Music therapy is widely recognized for its ability to engage and inspire, particularly for individuals living with memory loss. This grant not only enables us to further serve our community but also enriches the lives of our residents by offering a program that fosters personal growth and enhances overall quality of life.

Recent & Upcoming Events

We are excited to announce the installation of a new art exhibit at the German Centre featuring the unique watercolor and ink creations of Warren Frank, a former chef and talented local artist. Warren is a dedicated member of the Kiwanis Club of Roslindale and West Roxbury, an organization committed to building better communities across the nation. Our partnership with the local Kiwanis Club has been a longstanding one, and Warren was enthusiastic about the opportunity to showcase his artwork in support of the German Centre. His pieces will be on display through the end of December in our main hallway (to the right of reception). They are also available for purchase, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the German Centre's mission. We invite you to view Warren's artwork and experience the vibrant talent of our local Boston artists!



Warren Frank (b.1949)
Ireland's Green Hills
1976, Watercolor on paper



Ways to Give

- **Online:** dafboston.org/donate
- **Mobile:** Scan the QR Code
- **Phone:** Call us at 617-390-3217

Thank You for Your Support!

Resident Highlight

Thomas Ashe

Thomas Ashe has been a resident of Edelweiss Village since June 2024. A Greater Boston native, Thomas grew up in a large family and is still close with them today. Thomas was a union worker for most of his life and he loved the community that it brought him. In 2016, Thomas suffered an accident at work and was badly injured. Although Thomas was left almost blind due to his accident, he does not let that stop him from living life to the fullest! He loves to travel with his siblings, visit his daughter and grandchildren, go to the gym, and serve as a mentor for the local youth.



When choosing an Assisted Living facility, Thomas gravitated towards Edelweiss Village because of the location and tight-knit community. Thomas raves about the staff, residents, and atmosphere at Edelweiss Village. His favorite space is the dining room because he is able to socialize with all of his new friends. Thomas also loves to participate in the activities and events offered at Edelweiss Village, and is often the life of the party. See Thomas 'rocking out' at an event put on for residents above!

Thomas is very grateful for the life he is able to lead. When asked to provide a piece of life advice for readers, Thomas stressed the importance of not worrying what others think, being a good example for those around you, and being grateful for everything you have.

At the German Centre, we have the privilege to support individuals like Thomas Ashe, whose life and attitude exemplify the spirit of our mission.

The Best of the Best

In this special 'Best of the Best' feature, we are excited to celebrate the outstanding individuals who embody excellence in caregiving. This month, we are highlighting Lisa Smalls, one of our dedicated social workers.

Lisa recently received a heartfelt praise from a patient who stayed with us. In a touching letter, the patient expressed deep gratitude for Lisa's "nurturing attentiveness," noting that Lisa's compassion made her experience at the German Centre truly exceptional.

Lisa's commitment to providing exemplary care not only enriches the lives of those we serve but also inspires us all. Join us in congratulating Lisa!

In Loving Memory

William Guariano, Anna Bauer Place
Susan Kelly, Schrafft Pavilion
Bernard Lynch, Anna Bauer Place
Karen May, Anna Bauer Place
Lawrence McMenemy, Schrafft Pavilion
Irwin Rosenstein, Schrafft Pavilion
Daniel Scannell, Schrafft Pavilion
Antoinette Tambascia, Anna Baur Place

The German Centre family extends our deepest condolences to the families and friends of these wonderful residents. They will always hold a special place in our hearts.