The German Centre Insider

Connecting Staff, Residents, Families, and Friends

Welcome Back!

Welcome back families, friends, faculty, staff, and the Greater Boston community to Deutsches Altenheim! We are thrilled to announce the reinstatement of our monthly newsletter, 'The German Centre Insider.'

Designed to reach the entire Deutsches Altenheim family, 'The German Centre Insider' will provide organizational updates, information about our upcoming events, new initiatives, individual spotlights, and more. Readers can look forward to relevant, engaging, and inspiring content.

Upcoming Events

Memory Café

Join us for Memory Café, a safe and supportive social gathering designed for individuals with memory impairment conditions and their caregivers to connect with one another. Memory Café meets on the third Saturday of each month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. To RSVP, please contact Carol Kelly, Director of Life Enrichment, at ckelly@germancentre.org.

Sullivan Scholarship Ceremony & Employee Service Awards

Mark your calendar for **Friday**, **September 27**, and celebrate the achievements of our outstanding employees. For more information, see the Deutsches Altenheim Foundation section

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 Deutsches Altenheim.

Organizational Updates

Deutsches Altenheim is dedicated to delivering exceptional care, fostering engaging activities and opportunities for our residents, and expanding our network throughout the Greater Boston area while remaining steadfast in upholding our values and mission of providing excellent senior care.

We are pleased to announce the opening of our new Memory Support Assisted Living neighborhood at Edelweiss Village. This new neighborhood offers private apartments specially designed for individuals in need of memory care. Residents will thrive in a homelike setting within a secure and nurturing environment. Our highly trained memory care staff will develop individualized care plans tailored to each resident's needs and stage of memory loss, providing families with peace of mind knowing their loved ones are safe and content. If you would like to learn more about this new neighborhood, please reach out to Sheila Connell at 857-547-2000.



Senior Place, our Adult Day Health Center, offers a warm, and caring environment for those individuals who are not yet ready for residential care but need a place to call home during the day while family members and caretakers are occupied. We are always welcoming new participants! To inquire about enrolling in Adult Day Health at Senior Place, please reach out to our interim director, Anna Alvarado-Allen, at aallen@germancentre.org.

The **German Centre** has been dedicated to providing excellent care in our short-term and long-term rehabilitation facilities, as well as our long-term memory care facility. We strive to create a comforting and supportive environment, offering individuals a place to call home during their time with us.

Staff Member Highlight



This month, we are highlighting Justin Pineiro, Director of Maintenance at Deutsches Altenheim. Justin works tirelessly to ensure everything runs smoothly across the entire property. He goes above and beyond to make certain that residents, patients, visitors, and staff enjoy a safe and pleasant experience.

Justin is always ready to help at a moment's notice. You may see him walking the halls at Deutsches Altenheim, his charming personality and friendliness hard to miss!

Welcome to Deutsches Altenheim!

Anna Alvarado-Allen

Interim Director, Adult Day Health

Martha Ference

Dietician

Grant Fisher

Enrichment Specialist

Anastasia Gillis

RCA

Jennifer Linehan

Director of Social Services

Claudia Mahan

Chief Development Officer

Courtney Masucci

LPN

Grace Morgan

Development Coordinator &

Executive Assistant to the CEO

Juliet Paul

RN

Michelle Presume

CNA

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Resident & Family Highlight

Our patients and residents are at the heart of our mission and care at Deutsches Altenheim. Across our three entities, we serve over 230 seniors and their families of all backgrounds. Their stories inspire us to continue to offer excellent care and to grow into a stronger organization.

The Troilo Family

Tony Troilo and his wife, Lorraine, pictured above, have been married for over 50 years. They have two children and five wonderful grandchildren. Being Italian, having a close family is very important to them. Lorraine loved preparing elaborate meals, vacationing with her entire family in Maine, and caring for everyone around her. In 2018, she was diagnosed with dementia. Tony provided excellent care for her at home for as long as he could. When Lorraine needed more specialized support, Tony chose the German Centre as her new home. Lorraine has been a part of the Deutsches Altenheim family since January 2023, and Tony visits her every day. They enjoy spending time together in the various outdoor spaces at Deutsches Altenheim, listening to music, and simply being in each other's company.

Tony expresses his deep appreciation for the level of exceptional care the German Centre is providing for his wife through this incredibly difficult journey. He shares, "When I have my tough moments and leave her for the day, in between my tears, I know that she is in good hands."

If you and your family would like to be featured in the newsletter, please contact Grace Morgan at gmorgan@germancentre.org.

Deutsches Altenheim Foundation

The Deutsches Altenheim Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) organization, supports Deutsches Altenheim, Inc. by driving positive change. The Foundation inspires individuals, businesses, and charities to support the high-quality care Deutsches Altenheim provides to aging adults in Greater Boston.

Impact Through Giving

Recently, the Foundation met impressive fundraising goals through our **Matching Gift Challenge**. Earlier this year, a donor established a \$500,000 challenge fund to match gifts for Deutsches Altenheim's new Memory Support Assisted Living neighborhood at Edelweiss Village. With support from the Board of Trustees and other benefactors, we raised over \$188,000, matched by our donor, resulting in a \$376,000 impact to improve senior care at Edelweiss Village.

Recent & Upcoming Events

In May, we launched our Bi-Annual Speaker Series. The inaugural event highlighted our commitment to Alzheimer's care and featured leaders in Alzheimer's research and care, as well as a family sharing their experience with our services. The second event in this series is set for late October. Stay tuned for details on this insightful event featuring senior care experts.

On September 27, we will host the Sullivan Scholarship Award Ceremony and the annual Employee Service Awards. The Sullivan-Walsh Trained Nursing Scholarship Fund, established by the Sullivan family in honor of their mother, Barbara Sullivan, a former Edelweiss Village resident, supports individuals entering the clinical field. Each year, at least two scholarship awardees are named for their compassion, integrity, commitment, and humility. Recipients will be announced on our website following the ceremony.

Ways to Give

Online: dafboston.org/donateMobile: Scan the QR Code

• Phone: Call the Office of Philanthropy at 617-390-3217



Thank You for Your Support!

We Have a New Look!

We are excited to announce the rebranding of Deutsches Altenheim to the German Centre, reflecting our commitment to excellence in senior care. Our new identity encompasses three specialized divisions: Edelweiss Village (Assisted Living Residence), German Centre Home (Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility), and Senior Place (Adult Day Health). This rebranding signifies our dedication to providing a continuum of care that meets the diverse needs of our community. Our new logo can be seen here:

