

## Connecting Staff, Residents, Families, and Friends

### Upcoming Events

#### National Activity Professionals Week

Join us as we celebrate our wonderful and dedicated activity professionals during the week of **January 19-25**.

Over at Senior Place, participants have been enjoying an array of engaging activities that brighten their days and foster community. From chair yoga and trivia to music, dancing, and local entertainment, the program offers something for everyone. Organized by our dedicated Senior Place staff, these activities continue to inspire joy, laughter, and connection amongst participants.

Take a look at the photos below to see some of our beloved participants in action, enjoying the vibrant offerings at Senior Place.



### Organizational Updates

Winter has arrived at German Centre, and while the weather outside may be chilly, the warmth of our community continues to shine brightly. During this cold season, we remain dedicated to providing exceptional care, enriching activities, and meaningful moments for our residents, patients, and participants.

This holiday season was filled with celebration and connection. One highlight was the festive Christmas Concert hosted by our Edelweiss Village residents. With the talented Grant Fisher- local music teacher and cherished staff member- leading the way, residents sang beloved holiday classics. Surrounded by fellow residents, family members, and staff, the concert was a heartwarming event that captured the spirit of the season.

As winter unfolds, we look forward to creating more memorable moments together, keeping the warmth of community alive at German Centre.



### Employee of the Month



This month, we are very excited to celebrate Carole Joseph, a dedicated CNA at Senior Place. For the past 25 years, Carole has been an integral part of German Centre, earning her place as one of our most cherished team members. Carole's kindness, gentle touch, and initiative to ensure each participation feels included make her truly stand out. Her ever-present smile lights up the Senior Place program, bringing warmth and positivity to everyone around her.

Families often express their heartfelt gratitude for the compassionate care she provides, praising her thoughtful approach. Carole's colleagues feel incredibly fortunate to have her as a part of their team. Please join us this month in celebrating Carole's exceptional contributions to our organization!

### Welcome to German Centre!

- Kenny DeSouza**  
*Housekeeping & Laundry Manager*
- Marly Jean Pierre Morel**  
*Dietary Aide*
- Reynold Joseph**  
*CNA*
- Lauren Kaufman**  
*Music Therapist*
- Julius Kawesa Lwomwa**  
*Assistant Director of Nursing*



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### Deutsches Altenheim Foundation

#### Impact Through Giving

#### Honoring the Legacy of John “Jack” F. Hesketh

German Centre recently received a generous gift of over \$38,000 from the Estate of John F. Hesketh, lovingly known as “Jack” by those who knew him. Born on March 27, 1924, Jack was a gentle and reserved soul who greatly valued the compassionate care he received during his time with us.

Jack’s journey with German Centre began in January 2018 when he moved into Edelweiss Village. In December 2019, as his healthcare needs became more complex, Jack transitioned into German Centre’s long-term care unit, where he remained until his passing on July 30, 2020.

Throughout his time with us, Jack built meaningful connections with our staff and community. While he was quiet and not one to talk much, his gratitude for the care he received spoke volumes. His generous bequest is a testament to the deep appreciation he felt for the support and comfort provided to him in his later years.

This remarkable gift from Jack’s estate will help German Centre continue its mission of delivering exceptional care and enriching the lives of seniors in our community. It serves as a profound reminder of the impact German Centre has on residents and their families.

To those inspired by Jack’s generosity and considering leaving a legacy of their own, we invite you to explore the opportunity of planned giving. Bequests and other planned gifts play a critical role in sustaining our programs and services for future generations.

For more information about how you can include German Centre in your financial and estate plans, please contact Claudia Mahan, Chief Development Officer, at 617-390-3217 or [cmahan@germancentre.org](mailto:cmahan@germancentre.org).

#### Ways to Give

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



**Thank You for Your Support!**

### Patient Highlight: Mr. Larry Carbonaro

This month, we are thrilled to feature one of our remarkable Senior Place participants and current rehab patient, Mr. Lawrence Carbonaro. Known simply as “Larry” to his family and friends, he has an incredible life story with rich experiences.

Raised in Brighton, Massachusetts, Larry has always placed family at the heart of his life. After graduating from Brighton High School in 1946, he joined the Air Force National Guard Reserves. When the Korean War broke out in 1950, Larry’s service was activated. Stationed in Germany, he worked tirelessly as part of a 24-hour air traffic control squad managing flights between Germany and Austria.

Upon returning home after the war, Larry wasted no time- he married his beloved wife, Eleanor, just 20 days after his arrival. Their union, which lasted 70 incredible years, became the cornerstone of his life. Together, they raised three children and cherished nine grandchildren, who remain Larry’s pride and joy.

Larry’s professional journey is equally as inspiring. He began as a hardware store employee in Brighton before using the GI Bill to attend East Coast Aero Technical School, where he earned his license as an aircraft mechanic. He joined Northeast Airline and later transitioned to building hydraulic power units for a waste management company in Waltham. His mechanical expertise and military experience led him to a fulfilling 18-year career as a mechanic with the MBTA before retiring.

After the passing of his beloved wife Eleanor, Larry’s family ensured he stayed connected and supported in his daily life. Having lived in West Roxbury for nearly two decades, Larry was familiar with German Centre and was delighted to join Senior Place Adult Day Health. Following a recent hospital stay, he chose German Centre’s Transitional Care Unit for his recovery, confident in the compassionate care he would receive.

When asked what he loves most about German Centre and Senior Place, Larry shared that the kindness of the people makes each day here so enjoyable. We are honored to care for individuals like Larry, whose stories remind us of the strength, resilience, and love that enrich our community.



### In Loving Memory

- Mary Burke**, Schrafft Pavilion
- Arlene Curtin**, Edelweiss Village & TCU, Sally Matthew’s Wing
- Elizabeth Hartnett**, Schrafft Pavilion
- Maria Ioannidis**, Schrafft Pavilion
- Mary Larkin**, Edelweiss Village
- Roberta Walsh**, Schrafft Pavilion

*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.*