Although German Centre officially opened its doors in 1914 as Deutsches Altenheim. the organization's roots extend back to the 1880s. Originally established as a retirement residence for elderly German Americans, the Centre's sprawling West Roxbury campus has evolved significantly over the decades. Today, it encompasses skilled nursing, assisted living, memory care, and adult day health services. For over a century, German Centre has continually adapted to meet the changing needs of seniors, growing into one of Greater Boston's most respected healthcare organizations while remaining rich in history and tradition.

Your planned gift ensures that German Centre will continue to provide exemplary care, innovative programming, and a vibrant community for seniors for years to come. By joining the 1914 Heritage Society, you are leaving a lasting legacy that reflects your values and dedication to enhancing the lives of older adults.

> To learn more about joining the 1914 Heritage Society, please contact:

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# The 1914 Heritage Society German Centre





Deutsches Altenheim Foundation —



With sincere appreciation, we invite you to join

Honoring and celebrating those who invest in the future of senior care by supporting the compassionate care and well-being of our residents through planned giving

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### Dear Friends,

At German Centre, we are committed to providing exceptional care and support to our seniors, honoring the legacy of compassion and community established by our founders over a century ago. The 1914 Heritage Society represents the continuation of that mission through the vision and generosity of individuals like you.

By making a planned gift, you ensure that future generations will benefit from the compassionate care, innovative programs, and vibrant community that define German Centre. Your foresight and commitment will help us meet the evolving needs of our seniors and provide a lasting impact on their lives.

Joining the 1914 Heritage Society is not just about giving; it is about becoming a part of a community that values dignity, respect, and care for all. I invite you to join us in this meaningful endeavor. Together, we can secure a bright future for all those we serve at German Centre.

With sincere gratitude,

John G. Carberry

John G. Carberry President, Deutsches Altenheim Foundation



## The 1914 Heritage Society

Established in 2025 and named in honor of the year German Centre opened its doors as Deutsches Altenheim, the 1914 Heritage Society acknowledges those whose planned gifts reflect a commitment to the care and dignity of older adults. This society honors our founders' vision and the continued dedication of our supporters who champion our mission through thoughtful, lasting contributions.

Members of the 1914 Heritage Society have chosen to support German Centre through planned gifts, creating a lasting legacy that upholds compassionate care and drives innovative services for future generations. You can join by:

- Naming Deutsches Altenheim Foundation as a beneficiary of your
  - $\circ$   $\,$  Will or trust
  - Retirement plan
  - Life insurance policy
- Establishing a charitable trust
- Making a gift of real estate or other special assets

A planned gift can provide meaningful benefits, including potential income and tax advantages, while enabling you to make a more substantial and enduring impact than you might have thought possible. We encourage you to consult with your financial or estate advisor to explore the giving option that best aligns with your goals and circumstances.



#### Members of the 1914 Heritage Society receive:

- A welcome gift as a token of our appreciation
- Invitations to exclusive events with trustees and leadership
- Recognition in donor listings and publications
- The opportunity to connect with others who share your commitment to supporting our seniors

"As president of the German Ladies Aid Society, I am proud of our enduring legacy in founding German Centre. By including German Centre in my estate plans, I continue to support the mission that began with our founders' vision over a century ago. I encourage others to join the 1914 Heritage Society to help ensure that this mission thrives for future generations."

**Roswitha Stehling** President, German Ladies Aid Society

"The care my father received at German Centre was exceptional, and I wanted to ensure that future generations would have access to the same level of compassion and support. Including German Centre in my will was an easy decision, knowing my legacy will help sustain such a valuable community resource."

Anonymous Heritage Society Member