

**Connecting Staff, Residents, Families, and Friends****Organizational Updates****Butterflies, Magic, Joyful Noise Music And More**

German Centre residents have been busy being social butterflies, visiting real butterflies, dancing up a storm, and seeing magic. We also wished a dear colleague a Happy Retirement.

One evening, we had the benefit of being entertained by Kalifornia Karl of Joyful Noise Music. Another evening, Karl performed a 70's act. Karl sings, dances, plays instruments and makes people laugh when he visits us.

**A Day at the Butterfly Place**

Several residents spent the day visiting the Butterfly Place in Westford, MA where they got to view and interact with butterflies in a natural environment (open-aired and under a dome).

**Retirement After Twenty-Five Years**

Joan Fitzgerald recently retired after being a fixture and friendly face at our German Centre front desk for twenty-five years. We wish her all the best for her next chapters.

**A Party with Ethos****Magic at the German Centre**

Josh Farley performed an interactive magic and comedy show in our 1914 Building Holtzer Auditorium. Josh is a renowned illusionist featured on NBC and on Penn & Tellers: Fool Us. Josh kept everyone engaged and filled the room with excitement and laughter.

**Employee of the Month**

**Courtney Masucci**, LPN (right), a wonderful TCU nurse, was voted July Employee of the Month. Courtney is always pleasant, friendly and helpful to everyone. Courtney provides excellent care to her patients and is always smiling.

**Christine Yaffe** (left), a Wellness RN at Edelweiss Village, was voted August Employee of the Month because of her extreme dedication to our EV residents and their families. Christine has a terrific work ethic and is an excellent RN.

**Welcome to German Centre!**

**Tochukwu (Tochi) Josemaria Alaekee**, Receptionist  
**Esther Dervil**, CNA  
**Lorzeus Fanette**, CNA  
**Ruth-Kemberlie Jean**, CNA  
**Rose Laure Joseph**, Edelweiss Village PCA  
**Sia Tracy Kamara**, CNA  
**Bernadette Guerdy Ledoux-Calixte**, CNA  
**Sonya Marie Lee**, Edelweiss Village PCA  
**Mathieu Luma**, Edelweiss Village PCA  
**Marceline Simil**, CNA

*Connecting Staff, Residents, Families, and Friends***Deutsches Altenheim Foundation****Make-A-Will Month: A Chance to Give Back**

At German Centre, we believe in planning for the future—for ourselves, our loved ones, and the causes that matter most. That is why we are proud to join the nationwide recognition of August as *Make-A-Will Month*. It is a timely reminder that creating or updating your will is one of the most powerful ways to leave a lasting legacy.

For many, writing a will can feel daunting or easy to postpone. However, a well-crafted will ensures that your wishes are honored and that your values continue to make a difference. By including a charitable bequest to German Centre in your estate plans, you can help ensure that generations of older adults continue to receive the compassionate care they deserve.

Planned gifts—such as a gift in your will or trust—cost nothing today, but they can have an extraordinary impact tomorrow. They help us fund critical programs, support our exceptional staff, and expand innovative services like memory care, music therapy, and adult day health.

Every legacy gift, no matter the size, strengthens our mission and builds a brighter future for seniors and their families. If you have already included German Centre in your plans, please let us know so we can thank you and welcome you into the **1914 Heritage Society**, our legacy society.

This August, take the first step toward your legacy. Your foresight today can ensure compassionate care for tomorrow. By making or updating your will, you are not only securing peace of mind for yourself and your loved ones, you are also creating an opportunity to uplift the community that matters to you. A simple yet meaningful decision now can lead to a lasting impact that touches lives for years to come.

**Ways to Give**

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



**Thank You for Your Support!**

**Resident Spotlight****The Puppeteer: Highlighting the Magical Life of Paul Davis**

Paul Davis was a talented man in so many ways. He loved art and performing. Paul was the Artistic Director of the Puppet Show Place in Boston. He was a Master Puppeteer dedicated to his craft who worked within the traditions of his craft to create a special kind of magic. Creating a performance was a year-long process for him and he did most of the steps from idea to opening night. He designed and crafted everything himself, including the personality of each puppet. He did have a helper for sewing the puppets' wardrobes.

Paul was a hand puppeteer who preferred one-handed puppeteering over being a marionettist (two-handed puppeteering). With a puppet on each hand, he could put on a show. Paul won five Citations of Excellence from UNIMA-USA, received the Puppeteers of America's President Award (2021), and the National Capital Puppetry Guild Lifetime Achievement Award. He is an Artist par Excellence of American Puppetry. The Ballard Institute and Museum has a display of many of his puppets.

Paul lived over the Puppet Show Place and had two workrooms as part of his residence where he planned productions, developed and built the storyline, the entire set, crafted all the puppets from design to 'coming to life'. Puppets were made and repaired in these unmagical workrooms. He molded puppet heads from clay, glazed and painted them and adorned them with finite details to highlight their character and role in the performance. He created scenery, scripts, sound effects and mechanisms for controlling each puppet. One of his performances was 'Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp'. Across a tiny stage he moved forty slaves, leading forty camels, who were leading forty elephants carrying basins full of jewels. Not to mention the effort bringing the nine-member cast to life.

Paul was a resident of German Centre's 'Sally Matthews' neighborhood who came to us mid-2019 and lived with us until his passing on August 4, 2025. We are all completely saddened by his passing. Paul had two dear friends who were dedicated to him and his life and care here at German Centre. Our deepest sympathy goes to his close friends and caretakers. While living at German Centre Home, Paul enjoyed reading and the daily activities hosted here.

**In Loving Memory**

**Robert (Bob) Brooks, Schrafft Pavilion**  
**Paul Davis, Sally Matthews**  
**Chauncey Moore, Sally Matthews**

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

