

Connecting Staff, Residents, Families, and Friends

Organizational Updates

Campus-Wide Luau

The Life Enrichment Team hosted a Luau themed party on a beautiful afternoon on July 27th outside the front of our 1914 Building. It was a campus-wide event that residents and staff attended from all our 'neighborhoods'. Our Dining Team did a fabulous job making the food. The decorations were fun and colorful, our residents loved them so much they took some as souvenirs.



German Centre Gives Globally

On a recent trip to her birthplace, our own Rosalyn Gabriel became a global giver on behalf of German Centre. Rosalyn is in her 41st year of employment here and is currently our Medical Records Specialist. Most everyone on our campus knows Rosalyn and that she is a kind soul and a spiritual person. In May-June 2025, Ros flew home to visit West Africa and the country of Sierra Leone. Ros distributed 500 bags, donated by German Centre, that she pre-shipped ahead of her arrival to her family still in Sierra Leone.

One of Rosalyn's primary goals was to hand out 300 bags to the patients and staff at the Government Children's Hospital, in a town named Bo. Rosalyn, with two of her family members and four hospital staff members, took three hours to distribute bags to grateful patients that were mostly children and young pregnant mothers. The recipients were so thrilled by the bags, it brought tears to everyone's eyes. Another goal was to give out 100 bags to the folks at her church and within the community of Sierra Leone. A final goal was to provide bags for incarcerated females at the women's prison.



Employee of the Month

September 2025 Employee of The Month is **Carlos**, a very special member of our great Housekeeping Team. Carlos' dedication continually impresses all of his coworkers, as well as members and families of the German Centre community.

Carlos is a quiet powerhouse and quickly responds to each and every request we make of him. He does his work, all day, discreetly and with an inspiring level of professionalism.

Carlos' has a work ethic we can all aspire to achieve. He keeps our campus beautifully clean. During our recent DPH Survey, Carlos was one of a few key team members making sure our facility was as clean as possible. He watched for any spec of debris that appeared and quickly removed it or cleaned it.

We thank Carlos for helping to make sure our DPH Survey team found no flaws in our cleanliness.

Welcome to German Centre!

Myriam Deronvil,
Wellness Nurse

Delores Miller,
PCA

Katherine Mooradd,
Occupational Therapist

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Deutsches Altenheim Foundation

Plan Ahead: How an IRA Gift Can Maximize Your Year-End Giving

As you plan for year-end giving, now is the perfect time to explore tax-smart ways to support German Centre. Did you know that if you are age 70½ or older, you can make a charitable gift directly from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to benefit our mission? This type of gift, known as an IRA charitable rollover or Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), is one of the most efficient ways to give.

Here is how it works: Instead of withdrawing funds from your IRA (which would normally increase your taxable income), you can transfer up to \$100,000 each year directly to a qualified charity like German Centre. The amount of your gift is excluded from your taxable income, helping to reduce your overall tax burden. For those required to take annual minimum distributions, your charitable rollover counts toward that requirement.

By making an IRA charitable rollover, you not only receive a significant tax advantage, you also help German Centre provide compassionate care, strengthen vital programs, and ensure a vibrant future for our community.

September is a natural time to begin planning. Many financial advisors and accountants encourage their clients to think about year-end strategies in the fall, so sharing your charitable intentions now can ensure your gift is both meaningful and timely.

To get started, simply contact your IRA administrator and request that your distribution be directed to German Centre. It is a powerful way to give back today while planning wisely for tomorrow.

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 Spotlight

Lobsters, Lollipops & Over 100 Years: Celebrating the Sweet Life of Theresa Desantis

Theresa is the eldest of many centenarians at German Centre. Theresa was born and married in New York, then relocated to Brookline, MA. Theresa moved to her beautiful apartment at Edelweiss Village on October 12, 2011. She loved her apartment and surrounded herself with things she cherished. Oh, and always had a kitchen full of food. Her two sons, Philip and Louis, know their mother well and for years would take her out for delicious lobster meals and any other food she craved. Theresa cherished those out-to-dinner invitations. Eventually, those special meals were hand-delivered so they could keep spoiling her.

Theresa grew up watching her grandmother cook all day and tend a garden. The family ate terrific meals that sparked Theresa's lifelong love of food and gardening. Theresa was a Brookline Garden club member for decades and loved the work they did. She especially liked beautifying Brookline Fire Station No. 6 on Hammond Street.

New York also sparked her love of fashion and shopping. She took a part-time job at Bloomingdale's just for the discount. Theresa also loved Nieman Marcus and Filene's. She spent hours going through bins at Filene's Basement, all while her youngest son Louis was having hot dogs and Cokes at the food counter. Filene's staff knew Theresa well and called her when the arrivals of suits came in. Everyone knows Theresa also loves bargains. Theresa continued to shop while at EV and enjoyed the community van. She didn't care where the van was going, she went on all the trips. Casino visits were perhaps her favorite, where she gambled a bit, but loved to roam around for hours checking out the food and shopping scene.

Theresa moved to Anna Bauer on February 5, 2020. Currently, Theresa loves Tootsie Pops more than anything and her family keeps her well stocked, especially so she can share. Theresa also loves the activities our Life Enrichment Team hosts. At over 103 years old, Theresa still enjoys herself at every event.

In Loving Memory

Judith Maloney, Sally Matthews

The German Centre family extends deepest condolences to the family and friends of this wonderful resident. She will always hold a special place in our hearts.

