



*Deutsches  Altenheim
Foundation*

Impact Report July 2023 - June 2025



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We invest your support in German Centre's life-enhancing care.

We are a separate 501(c)(3) supporting organization that operates exclusively to advance the mission of German Centre.

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On the cover: Edelweiss Village residents Dot and Tony Slowe share a joyful moment with caregivers Jackie (left) and Marjorie (right).

From the President

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Deutsches Altenheim Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the German Centre campus, I am pleased to present this two-year impact report (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025). Thanks to your generosity, we achieved meaningful progress for the seniors and families who call German Centre home.

Over this two-year period, more than 300 donors—individuals, families, foundations, and community partners—contributed over \$1.1 million to German Centre and the Foundation. That support strengthened every part of our care continuum, from Senior Place Adult Day Health to Edelweiss Village Assisted Living and to the German Centre Skilled Nursing Home. You helped revive programs such as Music Therapy, supported essential facility upgrades, and opened new opportunities for the long-term sustainability of the entire campus.

Many of you also participated as part of our community. Students from The Roxbury Latin School organized a walkathon that connected generations while raising funds to benefit our residents. Grateful families honored loved ones through tribute gifts. Local businesses and neighbors stepped forward as sponsors and partners, deepening the ties between German Centre and Greater Boston, especially the West Roxbury area.

At the heart of everything we accomplished together are the people who bring our mission to life each day. Our caregivers and staff bring skill, compassion, and steady presence, helping every resident and daily participant feel known, respected, and safe. We have celebrated their milestones, recognized extraordinary efforts, and reminded them how valued they are. Their dedication is why families trust German Centre and why our mission thrives.

Looking ahead, there is still more to do—expanding programs, enhancing spaces, and continuing to support and honor the team that delivers care with excellence and dignity. The generosity of friends like you has fueled our progress and will remain essential as we build on this momentum. In this time of significant change in healthcare support, your partnership matters more than ever. Please consider strengthening or beginning your support to the Foundation this fiscal year to help meet the needs of the seniors we serve.

Thank you for standing with us and helping to ensure German Centre continues to be a place of exceptional care and belonging for years to come.

With deep appreciation,



John G. Carberry
President, Board of Trustees
Deutsches Altenheim Foundation



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Impact Stories

Every gift, partnership, and act of generosity has a story behind it. At German Centre, these stories come to life through the experiences of our residents, families, staff, and community partners. Over the past two fiscal years, we have seen how philanthropy can restore programs, inspire young people to take action, transform the very spaces where seniors live and thrive, and even create lasting legacies that will benefit generations to come.

In the following pages, you will read about the return of Music Therapy made possible by grants from new and long-standing funders; the creativity and commitment of The Roxbury Latin School students, who stepped up for seniors in a big way; the extraordinary impact of a half-million-dollar matching gift challenge that helped expand memory care at Edelweiss Village; and the launch of the 1914 Heritage Society, our first-ever planned giving society, inspired by legacy gifts such as those of Evelyn John and John “Jack” Hesketh.

These stories remind us that when generosity meets purpose, the results are truly life changing.

The Transformative Power of Grants: Music, Comfort, and Care



Xaverian Brothers High School students and residents share a Valentine's Day sing-along in Schrafft Pavilion, accompanied on piano by resident Molly McGettigan.

Over the last two fiscal years, German Centre was fortunate to receive several generous grants that have directly improved the quality of life for the seniors we serve. Each award has not only provided much needed resources but also allowed us to strengthen programs and services that bring comfort, joy, and dignity to our community.

One of the most exciting developments has been the return of our Music Therapy Program. Paused in late 2023 due to lack of funding, the program was able to restart in December 2024 thanks to a series of dedicated grants. With support from the James and Sarah Dyer Charitable Fund (\$30,000), TMCity Foundation (\$25,000), and the Boston Evening Clinic Foundation (\$8,000),



Robert Pinckney, Senior Place participant.

When I play a familiar song, I see faces light up. Residents who often struggle to communicate start singing along or tapping their hands in rhythm. Those are powerful moments of connection.

we welcomed Lauren Kaufman, a board-certified part-time music therapist, to our team. Lauren's presence has been transformative.

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The impact was amplified with a \$117,222 grant from the Alzheimer's Association Center for Dementia Respite Innovation (CDRI), designated to establish a dedicated Music Therapy Program within our Senior Place Adult Day Health Center. This investment is laying the foundation for a sustainable, specialized therapeutic offering that enhances daily life for participants and supports families caring for loved ones with memory loss.

Other grants strengthened our capacity as well. A \$125,000 award from the Charles H. Farnsworth Trust helped fund the replacement of the chiller at Edelweiss Village Assisted Living, ensuring resident comfort year-round. "This grant means our residents won't have to worry about summer heat waves or winter chills. Their comfort and well-being are at the heart of everything we do, and this support makes that possible," shared Amanda Daury, Edelweiss Village's Executive Director.

Last, but certainly not least, Eastern Bank Foundation provided \$2,500 in general support for Senior Place, sustaining this vital service.

We are especially grateful that many of these grants came from first-time funders, including TMCity Foundation, Eastern Bank Foundation, and the Alzheimer's Association. Together, these investments are bringing music, comfort, and care to the people who need it most.



Brian Bassett, MFA (right), Life Enrichment Director at Senior Place, with participant Bea Lee (left).



Amanda Daury (left), Executive Director at Edelweiss Village, with resident Costa Kefalas (right).

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Stepping Up for Seniors: A Partnership with The Roxbury Latin School



Students from The Roxbury Latin School, joined by their Director of Community Service, Jim Ryan (left), and German Centre's Chief Development Officer, Claudia Mahan (right), during the Stepping Up for Seniors event, featured on CBS News Boston.

For more than a decade, German Centre has shared a special partnership with The Roxbury Latin School, our neighbor in West Roxbury. Since 2012, 9th grade students have visited Edelweiss Village monthly, building friendships with residents through art, music, and fireside conversations. This past year, that tradition of service expanded in an exciting way: the students launched their first-ever fundraising effort in support of our Music Therapy Program.

Throughout April, the 9th grade boys organized *Stepping Up for Seniors*, a month-long fundraiser culminating in a walkathon. They invited family, friends, and community members to support their efforts, with every dollar directed to Music Therapy, a program that resonated deeply with the students because of their own school's strong commitment to the arts.

"Music is something we all connect with," one student shared. "We saw how much joy it brings to the residents during our visits, and we wanted to make sure more people could experience that."

With a goal of raising \$5,000, the students exceeded expectations, ultimately raising an impressive \$14,230. Of that, \$9,030 came directly through the students' own

fundraising efforts, an additional \$700 was contributed by members of the German Centre community, and \$4,500 was unlocked through generous matching gifts.

"What these young men accomplished is extraordinary," said one Edelweiss Village resident. "They not only gave their time, but also inspired their community to give. It means the world to us."

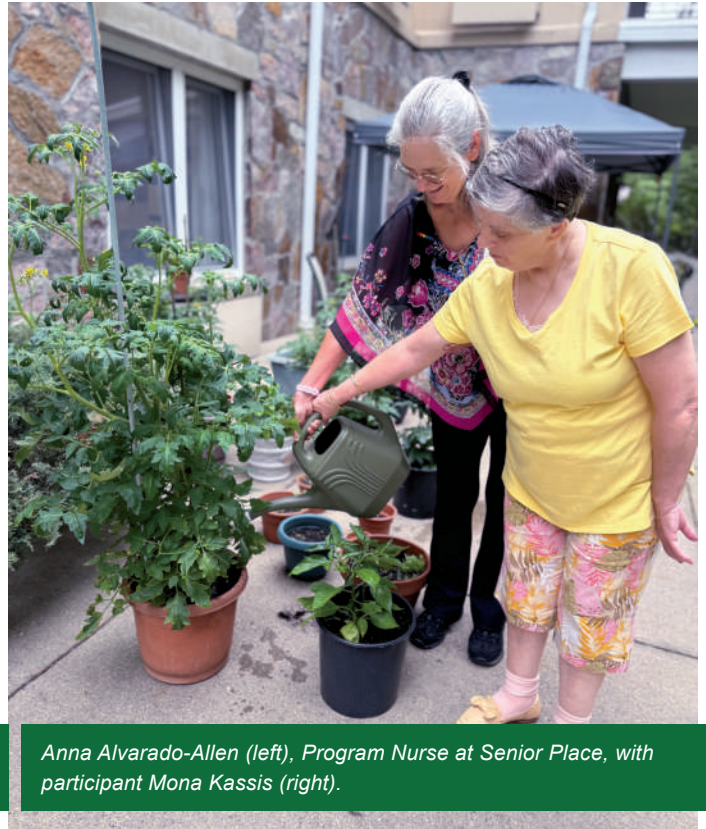
The success of *Stepping Up for Seniors* has sparked a lasting tradition. Beginning this year, Roxbury Latin's 9th graders will host the fundraiser annually as a signature third-party event for German Centre, ensuring that this special intergenerational partnership continues to grow year after year.

"The relationship between our students and the German Centre community is one of the most meaningful aspects of their 9th grade year," said Jim Ryan, Director of Community Services at The Roxbury Latin School. "This fundraiser showed them that they can have an even deeper impact, not just through time and presence, but by rallying others to support something they care about."

The Power of a Challenge: Expanding Memory Care at Edelweiss Village



Kellyanne Saunders (left), Certified Nursing Assistant at Edelweiss Village, with resident Maria Camarata (right).



Anna Alvarado-Allen (left), Program Nurse at Senior Place, with participant Mona Kassis (right).

This past year, German Centre experienced firsthand the incredible impact of generosity multiplied. An anonymous donor issued a remarkable matching gift challenge to support the expansion of memory care apartments within Edelweiss Village Assisted Living.

What made this challenge unique was its inclusivity. Every gift made during the designated timeframe was matched one-to-one. This meant that every act of generosity was instantly doubled, creating a powerful sense of momentum.

The response was extraordinary. Trustees, loyal donors, and community members contributed more than \$268,000 toward the project. With the anonymous donor's match, the challenge generated over \$536,000 in total funding.

"It was inspiring to see so many people rise to the challenge," shared John Carberry, President of Deutsches Altenheim Foundation. "Every gift, no matter the size, became part of something much larger. It showed us how much this community cares about providing the very best for seniors with memory loss."

Today, the newly dedicated memory care apartments are fully occupied, offering residents specialized support in a safe, welcoming, and thoughtfully designed environment. "My father is thriving here," said one resident's son. "The staff are responsive to his needs and the space is built for comfort and dignity. Knowing this was made possible by so many generous donors makes it even more meaningful."

The success of this challenge is a testament to the vision of our anonymous donor and the dedication of the entire German Centre community. By coming together, our supporters not only expanded our capacity for memory care but also ensured that residents and their families can face the challenges of Alzheimer's disease and dementia with greater support and compassion.



From One Legacy to Many: Evelyn, Jack, and the Birth of the 1914 Heritage Society.....

In 2025, German Centre established the 1914 Heritage Society, our first-ever planned giving society. Named in honor of the year our doors first opened as Deutsches Altenheim, this new initiative celebrates those who choose to include Deutsches Altenheim Foundation in their estate plans, ensuring that our tradition of compassionate care continues for generations to come.

“Launching the 1914 Heritage Society is a profound step forward,” says Claudia Mahan, Chief Development Officer. “It creates a legacy pathway for those who want to make a lasting difference in the lives of seniors and their families. Planned gifts not only strengthen our programs today, but also safeguard the future of care for those who will come after.”

The inspiration for this new society is beautifully reflected in the generosity of Evelyn Louise John and John “Jack” F. Hesketh, two individuals whose lives were deeply connected to German Centre.

Evelyn, born in Germany in 1934, built a remarkable 41-year career at Bank of America and was known for her intelligence, independence, and quiet generosity. Her ties to German Centre ran deep; Evelyn’s mother and uncle were both residents, and she herself spent time in our care. Evelyn passed away in 2023, and later that year German Centre received her bequest of \$100,000 in gratitude for the care her family experienced.

Jack’s journey began in 2018 when he moved into Edelweiss Village and later transitioned to long-term care, where he remained until his passing in 2020. Known for his gentle spirit and gratitude, Jack left a lasting legacy. In 2024, German Centre received his bequest of more than \$38,000, a testament to the bonds formed between residents, families, and our caregiving community. “Jack was a quiet man, but his appreciation spoke volumes,” shared a member of our care team.

It is gifts like Evelyn’s and Jack’s that inspired the creation of the 1914 Heritage Society. Their foresight and generosity show how planned giving transforms gratitude into enduring impact. Through bequests and other legacy gifts, we can



Gathering of German Centre residents in the dining room, circa 1950.

invest in the people, programs, and spaces that make German Centre a true home. With the establishment of the 1914 Heritage Society, we are laying the foundation for the next century of care. Each planned gift, whether through a will, retirement plan, or charitable trust, becomes part of a legacy that uplifts countless lives. By joining this society, donors ensure that the values of compassion and dignity will remain at the heart of German Centre for generations to come.

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Maguy Fequiere, Senior Certified Nurse Technician and valued team member of more than 20 years, serves dinner with her trademark smile in our Short-Term Rehab Neighborhood.

Looking Ahead Together

The past two years have shown what is possible when compassion and community come together. Every story in this report reflects the strength and dedication of those who make German Centre such a special place—residents, families, staff, volunteers, and generous supporters.

As we look to the future, our priorities remain clear:

- 🌿* **Enhancing programs that enrich the daily lives of our residents**
- 🌿* **Strengthening connections with families and the broader community**
- 🌿* **Continuing to invest in spaces and services that foster comfort, dignity, and joy**

Deutsches Altenheim Foundation will continue to play a vital role in sustaining this mission, ensuring that German Centre remains a place where care, culture, and community thrive.

The next chapter of care begins with you

Your involvement—through giving, volunteering, or simply sharing our story—helps ensure that every resident continues to experience the comfort, compassion, and community that define German Centre.

Join us today!



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We are deeply grateful to recognize the individuals and organizations whose generosity strengthened German Centre and Deutsches Altenheim Foundation between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2025. Your philanthropic investment helps provide life-enhancing care and comfort for the seniors and families who depend on us every day.

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Larry Carbonaro (left) and John Pelton (right), Senior Place participants.



George Wetherell (left), Edelweiss Village resident,
with Certified Nursing Assistant Veronique Jean (right).




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