

Connecting Staff, Residents, Families, and Friends

Organizational Updates

Annual Tree Lighting & Holiday Cheer

Our annual Tree Lighting event was a huge success, as it is every year. The whole campus celebrated along with over three hundred people who came despite the frigid temperatures. We hosted parties in three campus locations and each area was filled with people and had their own entertainers, food and beverages. See our lobby party below, filled with guests, residents, staff and participants of our Senior Place Adult Day Health program. Carolers from Saengerchor Boston strolled around the campus entertaining us.



Weihnachtsmann, or German Father Christmas, made his annual trip to us and is seen, at right, with Daffney Guey, Director of Life Enrichment, and manager of the tree lighting event. Father Christmas went to all three party areas to greet everyone and also assisted with lighting the two massive trees outdoors.



Edelweiss Village Attends Roxbury Latin Concert

Residents from Edelweiss Village thoroughly enjoyed seeing their young friends at The Roxbury Latin School and everyone enjoyed a terrific concert by the school's Guitar Ensemble and Jazz Combo.



Employee of the Month



Yveline Antoine was voted employee of the month based on the huge number of votes she received. Yveline has made a positive impact on our kitchen services since the day she started working with us in 2015. In 2022, she was promoted to dietary supervisor. She is a great co-worker. She is patient with staff and our residents and dedicated to meeting their nutritional needs. Yveline goes out of her way to ensure the participants of our adult day health program get customized orders for what they want (and need) every day for meals and snacks. She is organized, courteous, thoughtful, conscientious and always looks ahead for what can and should be done.

Sharing Time & Art

Roxbury Latin students helped Edelweiss Village residents make gingerbread houses.



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Deutsches Altenheim Foundation

Your Year-End Support Matters There's Still Time to Give

As we close out the year, we extend our warmest thanks to everyone who has already contributed to our year-end fundraising efforts—whether through our annual appeal, the Tree Lighting scratch-ticket giveaway, or Giving Tuesday. **Each gift, no matter the amount or the method, moves us closer to our year-end goal** and directly supports the compassionate care and meaningful programs that define German Centre.

If you have not yet made your year-end gift, **there is still time**. A donation made before December 31 helps ensure we can continue enhancing resident life, strengthening memory care, and investing in the people and resources that keep our community thriving.

As you consider your year-end contribution, **we encourage you to take advantage of tax-smart giving options that may offer meaningful benefits**. If you are 70½ or older, a charitable distribution directly from your IRA can satisfy required minimum distributions while potentially lowering taxable income. Donating appreciated stock or securities may allow you to bypass capital gains taxes and claim a deduction for the full market value. Moreover, if you hold a donor-advised fund, recommending a grant to German Centre before December 31 is a simple and impactful way to support our mission. These approaches not only help you achieve your philanthropic goals, they also help us meet vital needs across our campus.

We are grateful for every gift and every act of kindness. Thank you for helping us deliver exceptional care and foster an environment where seniors and their families feel supported, valued, and at home.

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

Featuring Gloria Shinnors

Gloria is a 'ray of sunshine' according to her family and everyone that meets her. Gloria moved into our assisted living memory care neighborhood in the fall of 2024, after a rigorous search by her granddaughters for the 'best memory care option' they could find in Massachusetts.

Gloria was born and raised in Tampa, Florida, where she met the love of her life, Jeffrey Shinnors. They moved to Massachusetts and married in Brookline. She is predeceased by her husband and her two daughters, but treasures her two granddaughters, who also cherish her. Addison and Taylor think of Gloria as a bonus mom, they refer to as 'Gaga' or 'Lady Gaga' and 'My Queen'. You can feel the love when they speak of her. Gloria took the girls to school, music lessons and traveled all over Massachusetts for cheerleading events. They rave about her homemade spanish rice. Gloria was always the caretaker of the family, and in their mid-twenties her two granddaughters became Gloria's caretakers.

Gloria loves to get her hair done as often as possible. She was an avid collector of flatware and china. Bingo is her current favorite activity, although she loves crafts too.



In Loving Memory

Edward Allen, Sally Matthews
James Demko, Schrafft Pavilion
Rodena Gibson, Schrafft Pavilion
Manuel Gomes, Senior Place & TCU
Dean Gross, TCU
Susan Haney, Sally Matthews
William Jenkins, Sally Matthews

Maryann Kulpan, TCU & EV
Henry McKeeney, TCU
Jean Moore, Schrafft Pavilion

The German Centre family extends deepest condolences to the families and friends of these wonderful people.