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Organizational Updates

Staff Holiday Party

Our staff holiday party was a beautiful evening event held in our Holtzer Auditorium. We want to thank a few key members of our staff who planned and hosted the event: DON Angela Cadasse, Lauren Connolly, Diana Griffin, Juleissy Marcano, and Luerissa Phillips. Decorations were selected, created and displayed by party hosts. Food was delicious and plentiful. A few great giveaways were gifted as part of the party and appreciated by those lucky to have their ticket number called.



Girl Scouts Visit

Several members of our local Girl Scout troops paid a visit to our residents, sharing time, conversation, donuts and snacks. The scouts also sang Christmas carols for us.



Barn Babies Visit Senior Place

Thanks to a grant from the City of Boston, Senior Place was able to have a visit by Barn Babies. One puppy fell asleep amid all the love. A chicken entertained us all.



Ugly Sweater Day

The December Event schedule included Ugly Sweater Day on Friday 12/12/25. Several staff members wore their best holiday sweaters, but none were truly ugly.



Employee of the Month



Charles Valcin was voted employee of the month after receiving the most votes. Charles' role is a dietary aide and server. Staff and residents agree, Charles is well-liked by everyone. He is a good communicator and makes all the residents happy and has an infectious smile. Charles' supervisors and his peers have nothing but good things to say about him. He is a good employee, a hard worker, positive, always helpful and always available to be assigned to serve wherever he is needed. Charles primarily caters to residents in the Anna Bauer dining room but has served in every one of our dining areas when his help is needed. He has such a good nature, some of his coworkers say they love him.

Ethos Holiday Party

Our residents enjoyed celebrating the holidays at a party hosted by Ethos at the Irish Social Club.



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Deutsches Altenheim Foundation

Sullivan-Walsh Scholarship Luncheon Celebrates Dedicated Team Members



German Centre recently hosted its second annual **Sullivan-Walsh Scholarship Awards** in the form of an intimate luncheon, bringing together leadership, clinical staff, and members of the Sullivan family to celebrate two outstanding German Centre team members.

Two scholarships were awarded in recognition of exceptional service, professionalism, and a deep commitment to supporting residents and families. The awards included the **Barbara P. Sullivan Memorial Nursing Assistant Scholarship** and the **Mary Ellen Walsh Honorary Nursing Assistant Scholarship**.

The luncheon provided a meaningful opportunity to pause, reflect, and celebrate the individuals who bring compassion, professionalism, and dedication to their roles each day.

Through ongoing investment in staff development, the Sullivan-Walsh Scholarship Fund continues to strengthen both individual opportunity and the quality of care across the German Centre community. We are deeply grateful to the Sullivan family for establishing this fund in 2021.

For those interested in making a contribution to the Sullivan-Walsh Scholarship Fund and helping to empower the next generation of healthcare professionals, please contact the Office of Philanthropy at 617-390-3217.

Ways to Give

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



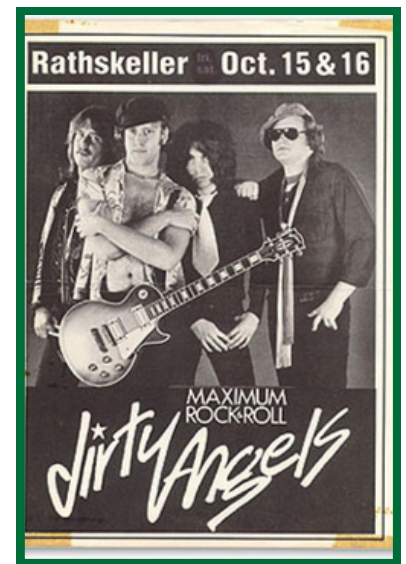
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Resident Spotlight

Featuring George Maher

We are highlighting German Centre resident George Maher this month. George has lived with us for a little over a year and has settled in comfortably. George has two lovely daughters, Kayla and Lauren, who live locally and visit him frequently.

Although George had a career as a technician for popular burglar and fire alarm company, his true passion is music, especially the guitar. George was part of a 70's rock band named Dirty Angels. He played guitar and his brother played the drums. For years the band played nightclubs in Connecticut, New York City and Boston and made two records. The band played the last five dates of Aerosmith's 1978 Bootleg tour. George and the band rubbed shoulders with several NYC new wave and punk bands, including the Ramones and the Talking Heads. George loves playing guitar and is currently teaching himself to play the Lap Steel Guitar. George keeps a full calendar, including bi-weekly visits to exercise at Journey Forward, whose specialty is with spinal cord injuries. George loves the social interaction with his daughters, German Centre staff and the folks at Journey Forward. See George (far right) in a poster advertising the band's gig at Boston's famous Ratskeller (aka The Rat). Who knew we have a rock star living with us!



In Loving Memory

James Bennet, Schrafft Pavilion
William Foley, Anna Bauer
Mary Hunt, Schrafft Pavilion
Johnnie Mae Maxwell, Senior Place

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