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Organizational Updates

Adam Ernst Named New CEO of German Centre

Adam Ernst was selected as our new CEO after a rigorous search by Legacy Lifecare executives and members of the Board of Trustees. Welcomed on February 9th, Adam comes to us with diverse executive-level experience in senior living. Most recently, he was Executive Director of the Leonard Florence Center, an ALS/MS specialty residence in Chelsea, MA, where he quickly became a respected and well-liked member of the team and received the prestigious Eli Pick Facility Leadership Award. Adam truly enjoys building relationships with the residents he serves. President of our Board of Trustees Genevieve MacLellan noted, "Adam's experience and intuitive understanding of the healthcare landscape will play a critical role in shaping the future of our organization."



Adam is a proud native of Minnesota and earned bachelor's degrees in sociology and health care administration from the University of Wisconsin in Madison and in Eau Claire. Please join us in welcoming Adam to German Centre.

Caricatures Make You Smile or Not!



Creative Hour at Edelweiss Village

Marie Bobillier, Activity Director for EV Memory Care, keeps our residents active and involved in the arts. This project was for residents to create custom cross-body bags.



Employee of the Month



Nancy Jura, Certified Nursing Assistant, was voted employee of the month for February. Nancy has a full-time career working in all of our German Centre neighborhoods. She is dedicated to the residents she cares for and is well-liked by everyone, residents and staff alike. Nancy's home life is also full-time, raising three children (two are twins), with her husband. Nancy is a great cook and loves to make her specialty foods (like chicken and rice) that her family loves. Nancy's peers and supervisors speak very highly of her dedication, excellent skills, and commitment to German Centre. Managers and RNs noted that they wish she could work on their unit every day.

Elvis Was in the Building

Everyone enjoyed partying with Elvis and his groupies, Juleissy, Norma and Nice, on Schrafft Pavilion.



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Deutsches Altenheim Foundation

**Welcome Grace McDonald
to the Office of Philanthropy**



We are delighted to welcome **Grace McDonald** as the new part-time Development Coordinator with the Office of Philanthropy at German Centre.

Grace brings more than 15 years of experience working in nonprofit and community-based organizations. Throughout her career, she has supported programs that strengthen families, care for vulnerable individuals, and build meaningful connections within communities. She is known for her warm, thoughtful approach and her strong commitment to mission-driven work.

In her role, Grace works closely with Claudia Mahan, Chief Development Officer, to help strengthen and grow philanthropic support across our campus. Her work supports the fundraising efforts that make so many of our programs, activities, and enhancements possible for residents and participants.

Grace has already enjoyed getting to know members of our community and looks forward to meeting many more residents and families in the months ahead.

Please join us in welcoming Grace to the German Centre family. We are grateful to have her on the team!

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

Mary McDonnell

This month we are highlighting Mary McDonnell, long-term resident of German Centre's Anna Bauer neighborhood. Mary moved to German Centre as a middle-aged woman and lived here over thirty-one years. She made friends quickly and was well-known on the campus. Mary had a great sense of humor, was very perceptive and intuitive, and gave solid advice to many of us. She had a kind heart and a sharp wit that entertained staff, residents, and visitors alike.

Several employees formed close relationships with Mary and maintained them for decades. Mary was a straight shooter who would always tell it like it is, often giggling, but sometimes being more serious. Some of her 'chosen' caretakers saw to her needs for decades. Mary had great support systems, including teams and individuals from cerebral palsy organizations, whose visits left her empowered.

Mary had an effervescent personality. She liked to buzz around German Centre in her motorized chair, sometimes getting 'speeding warnings' from nursing and therapy teams. She passed away peacefully on February 17th, leaving family, friends and staff devastated. Mary lived life on her own terms and departed life the same way.



In Loving Memory

Mary Amicangelo, Anna Bauer
Margaret Bonnevie, Anna Bauer
Frank Budukiewicz, Edelweiss Village
Maria Camarata, EV-Memory Care
Luisa Chaple, Edelweiss Village
Joan Galvin, EV & TCU
Mary McDonnell, Anna Bauer
Doreen McNamara, Anna Bauer

Robert Moore, TCU & Anna Bauer
Vincent Savio, TCU
Stanley Sayers, Schrafft & AB

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