

## Connecting Staff, Residents, Families, and Friends

### Organizational Updates

#### Celebrating Saint Patrick's Day

#### Staff and residents putting on their green

We had a colorful celebration for Saint Patrick's Day all across the campus. Students from Saint Theresa's school visited our German Centre residents and showed off some of their dance moves. They performed Irish step dancing and the Irish jig. Staff and residents put on their Irish green. We even had a visit from a leprechaun!



#### Spring Has Sprung — Enjoying a Tea Party

Residents wore fascinators and jewels and enjoyed a fine cup of tea.



#### Carousel Ballroom dancers entertained residents with their professional dancing.



### Employee of the Month



Guerda Theodat, voted employee of the month for March, has been a nurse here for over thirty years. She holds a special place in the hearts of many residents, families, and co-workers because of her compassion, kindness, and professionalism. Guerda is dedicated to her role in people's lives. She is a great nurse, but also a great wife, mother of two sons, dog mom, and is terrific to her entire family. Always pleasant and cheerful, Guerda pays attention to detail and is sensitive to her residents' needs. Her manager and co-workers appreciate her dedication to her job and her ability to handle stress very well. Several of them commented that "there is no one more deserving" than Guerda.

#### Xaverian Brothers eighth graders day of service

Residents enjoyed crafting and smiles with students.



**Connecting Staff, Residents, Families, and Friends****Deutsches Altenheim Foundation****Every Step Counts:****Join the “Stepping Up for Seniors” Walkathon**

On **Saturday, April 18, 2026**, German Centre will once again host the **“Stepping Up for Seniors” Walkathon**, a growing community event that brings together students, families, neighbors, and local businesses in support of the seniors we are privileged to serve. Organized in partnership with Roxbury Latin School’s 9th-grade students, the walkathon celebrates the power of community and the meaningful connections that form when generations come together for a shared purpose.

Although the walk is still several weeks away, preparations are already underway. **German Centre is inviting families, friends, and supporters now to begin forming walkathon teams, gathering pledges, and spreading the word in the weeks leading up to the event.** It is a wonderful opportunity for families to walk in honor of a loved one currently in our care or in memory of someone special, while helping raise funds that support the programs, services, and compassionate care that enrich the lives of our residents.

The Roxbury Latin 9th-grade students will launch their own fundraising efforts in April, bringing their enthusiasm and commitment to the cause. In the meantime, we hope the broader community will help build early momentum by stepping forward to participate.

**With an overall fundraising goal of \$100,000, every step—and every participant—matters.** Now is the perfect time to step up, form a team, invite friends and family to join you, and help make this year’s walkathon a powerful show of support for our seniors.

To learn more, contact us at 617-309-3217.

**Ways to Give**

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



**Thank You for Your Support!**

**Resident Spotlight****Frank Buonopane**

Frank Buonopane was a lifelong Jamaica Plain resident before he came to German Centre. His favorite place to eat was Ruggiero’s Market, and his favorite meal is veal parmigiana. Frank worked demolition for Tekton for around twenty-six years. He loved his job, especially working high up in buildings. He preferred using his jackhammer on the thirteenth story of a building, with the walls falling around him, to working on the ground. Frank likes to watch wrestling on TV and has great memories of attending live wrestling matches at Boston Garden.

Frank feels right at home and is very happy at German Centre. He says the treatment here is the best. He loves the staff and calls them all fantastic and nice. Before Frank came to German Centre his doctors told him he would never walk again. His response to that was ‘that is their opinion’. Frank is highly motivated and hard-working. Currently, he says he is taking baby steps, walking with his therapist using a walker. For exercise, he ‘walks’ the hallways propelling himself in his wheelchair. Frank credits the staff with raising his spirits and keeping him happy. He is especially thankful to CNA Kendy and rehab team member Christina, who are bright stars in his day.

**In Loving Memory**

**Marie Gitt, EV & Anna Bauer**  
**Sheila Joyal, Adult Day Health, TCU**  
**Charity Murphy, Anna Bauer**  
**James Wachob, EV & TCU**  
**John Walsh, Edelweiss Village**

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