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Organizational Updates

Celebrating National Nurses Week

We celebrated National Nurses Week May 6th-12th with a packed schedule of events to thank our great nursing teams at German Centre. They work tirelessly to ensure our residents, patients and families are well cared for. Each day special treats were planned by our Director of Nursing Angela. The first day's event was a huge spread of meals. Pictured below are: servers Sean O'Grady, Executive Director and Administrator, and Luerissa Phillips, Scheduler and Business Coordinator; and nurses enjoying time together and their meals.



Cinco de Mayo was celebrated campuswide with Gina O'Donoghue performing and residents smiling, singing and dancing.



Sip and Paint

Residents painted spring flowers following the lead of Ingrid, from the Resident Life Enrichment team.



April Employee of the Month



Kate Nyarko, voted employee of the month for April, was celebrated for her dedication and contributions as a long-standing overnight nurse that helps make up the backbone of the 11:00 pm to 7:00 am shift. Kate was complimented by the leadership team during one of her many double-shifts, for her great skills and awesome personality. She was overcome with joy. The employee of the month award has been named the Henry A. Winkler Award to honor Henry's long and dedicated legacy at German Centre as former President of the Board of Trustees, mentor, friend and resident.

Senior Prom King and Queen

Senior Place participants were voted King & Queen of the Senior Prom



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Deutsches Altenheim Foundation

Support German Centre: Our Spring Appeal Is Underway!

German Centre’s Spring Appeal is now underway, inviting members of our community to celebrate and support 112 years of caring for the older adults we are privileged to serve.

Since opening its doors in 1914, German Centre has remained committed to one simple but profound mission: ensuring that seniors can age with dignity and a true sense of belonging. Today, more than 200 older adults across our campus rely on German Centre not only for exceptional care, but also for enriching daily experiences, meaningful engagement, and a welcoming community they can call home.

That spirit of community and compassion continues to guide our work each day and was especially evident this spring during our second annual *Stepping Up for Seniors Walkathon*. Residents, families, staff, trustees, students, and supporters came together in celebration of the seniors we serve and the mission that has united our community for more than a century.

Support from the Spring Appeal helps sustain programs and services that make a meaningful difference in the lives of our residents and participants. Gifts help support compassionate memory care, enriching programs like Music Therapy, and the dedicated staff members who provide thoughtful, individualized care each day.

As we continue building on more than a century of service, we invite our community to consider making a meaningful gift in support of German Centre’s mission. Every contribution—large or small—helps ensure that older adults continue to receive the care, support, and sense of belonging they deserve for generations to come.

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

Louis “Louie” Lusardi

Louie Lusardi was recently celebrated as one of the five folks at German Centre who are over 100 years of age, he is 103 years old. Louie was honored by former Governor Charlie Baker, at the State House, when he reached 100 years of age. Louie has lived at German Centre since early 2023. His wife, Elena, lived here until her passing. They were married in a double ceremony along with Elena’s sister, at Saint Leonard Church in the North End. They bought a three-family home in Roslindale, where the two couples lived on the upper floors and Elena’s parents lived on the first floor.

Louie was a medic in the Army during the Battle of Okinawa. He was recognized for carrying a wounded soldier across the active battlefield. For all his bravery in the Army, he received a Purple Heart and five Bronze Star Medals. Louie was a great cook and did most of the family cooking. He was an amazing gardener and planted trees and every vegetable imaginable at his home. Louie’s favorite activity as he aged was scratching lottery tickets, and for the twenty years he lived at his daughter Ann’s house in her in-law apartment, he rode his scooter to the corner market daily for tickets.



Louie is shown above, at the 2025 Family Fun Day, getting his hand painted, instead of his face.

In Loving Memory

- Dorothy Appel, Anna Bauer**
- Ada Day, Edelweiss Village**
- Thomas Groh, TCU**
- Ruth MacLeod, EV & Anna Bauer**
- Kathryn Maloney, Schrafft Pavilion**
- Annie Morahan, TCU & Anna Bauer**
- William Turke, EV & TCU**

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