

*Connecting Staff, Residents, Families, and Friends***Organizational Updates****Step Right Up for a Day of Circus Fun!**

Our campus-wide circus was a day full of laughter, smiles, sweet treats, carnival snacks and great memories. Residents joined the party through a castle-like entryway and were in awe as they saw and smelled what awaited them. Residents were treated to fresh fried dough and all kinds of snacks, served by staff (R to L: Juleissy, Lauren, Carmen, Meliza and Emily, our new Senior Place music therapist). Alex, from our maintenance team, volunteered in the dunk tank event, where folks got a chance to toss a ball at a target and try to dunk him (Alex did get wet!). A fun circus clown entertained us all.

**July Employee of the Month**

Alex Jusino, our July employee of the month, was celebrated for his commitment to the dual roles he performs at German Centre. Alex supports the maintenance team and also handles Central Supply to stock goods for our nursing team. Very early in his GC career, Alex became an invaluable member of our team. He can be counted on to complete any task he is asked to handle and is always ready to help. Alex comes to work ready to contribute and always displays his great work ethic and a great attitude. Alex is dependable, versatile, reliable and committed to helping others. His teamwork helps keep our entire community running smoothly.

Schrafft Pavilion Rose Garden

Lauren, our Schrafft Pavilion music therapist, performed with residents in their beautiful Rose Garden.



*Connecting Staff, Residents, Families, and Friends***Deutsches Altenheim Foundation****Make-A-Will Month: A Chance to Give Back**

At German Centre, we believe in planning for the future—for ourselves, our loved ones, and the causes that matter most. That is why we are proud to join the nationwide recognition of August as Make-A-Will Month. It is a timely reminder that creating or updating your will is one of the most powerful ways to leave a lasting legacy.

For many, writing a will can feel daunting or easy to postpone. However, a well-crafted will ensures that your wishes are honored and that your values continue to make a difference. By including a charitable bequest to German Centre in your estate plans, you can help ensure that generations of older adults continue to receive the compassionate care they deserve.

Planned gifts—such as a gift in your will or trust—cost nothing today, but they can have an extraordinary impact tomorrow. They help us fund critical programs, support our exceptional staff, and expand innovative services like memory care, music therapy, and adult day health.

Every legacy gift, no matter the size, strengthens our mission and builds a brighter future for seniors and their families. If you have already included German Centre in your plans, please let us know so we can thank you and welcome you into the **1914 Heritage Society**, our legacy society.

This August, take the first step toward your legacy. Your foresight today can ensure compassionate care for tomorrow. By making or updating your will, you are not only securing peace of mind for yourself and your loved ones, you are also creating an opportunity to uplift the community that matters to you. A simple yet meaningful decision now can lead to a lasting impact that touches lives for years to come.

Ways to Give

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



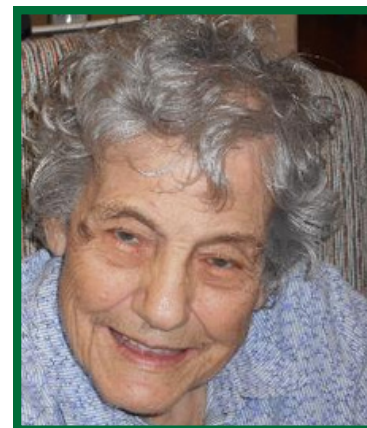
Thank You for Your Support!

Resident Spotlight**Sylvia Vito**

Sylvia Vito came to German Centre Home in October 2021, after a brief stay at Faulkner Hospital. She came for short-term rehabilitation, with a goal to stay for long-term care. Sylvia and her dedicated nephews were not satisfied with her prior long-term living arrangements in two local towns, so they sought out German Centre for Sylvia to live with us. Sylvia has stayed in almost all of our 'neighborhoods' and is currently living in the Sally Matthews/TCU neighborhood.

Sylvia blossomed after rehab and enjoys living here. She gently notes, 'it is not perfect.' Sylvia takes part in almost all of the activities, fun events and Resident Council meetings. Although her voice is quiet, Sylvia is a strong person with a great sense of humor. She can be seen doing word-search puzzles, most days, when she is not at a scheduled event.

At right, Sylvia is shown attending a Greek luncheon at German Centre. Staff used the blue and white colors of the Greek flag and lots of lemons to decorate the Anna Bauer dining room. Sylvia is sporting a funky Greek-themed mask with glasses and joking with a real lemon in her hand. Sylvia's laugh is delightful to see and hear.

**In Loving Memory**

Giovanni Bonomo, TCU
Alfonso DeBenedictis,
 TCU & Anna Bauer
Louis Lusardi,
 Senior Place & Anna Bauer

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