

The Danish Home of Chicago

A Boutique Senior Community

2015 Annual Report



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Dear Friends and Family of The Danish Home of Chicago:

Alex Haley said, “*In every conceivable manner, the family is the link to our past, bridge to our future.*”

That is a concept that we firmly embrace at The Danish Home of Chicago. *Family*, in all its different connotations, is everything.

Most obviously, family means one’s ancestors and descendents. At The Danish Home, we honor those who came before us and anticipate those who will follow.

Within our doors, *family* represents the residents, staff, boards, donors and volunteers of The Danish Home, all of who share a devotion and commitment to each other.

Family, in a more extended view, means those with a shared background or tradition. The Danish and Scandinavian-American community at large, is family...with whom we share mutual respect and dedication.

At The Danish Home, we are committed to all delineations of *family*. We are dedicated to upholding and preserving the proud legacy of the Danish and Scandinavian-American heritage and future, and all that they represent.

As always, we thank you for your interest, friendship and support of The Danish Home.

Scott L. Swanson
President/CEO



Technology Brings the Family Closer Together

The wonders of modern technology allowed residents of The Danish Home to visit streets in Copenhagen, which they haven't walked for decades. With the help of our donors, Robin Decker, resident life director at The Danish Home purchased It's Never 2 Late (IN2L), a technology system that allows seniors, regardless of experience or ability, to use the computer and Internet easily and engagingly. "I like everything about this system. Everything," said Robin. Created specifically for seniors, It's Never 2 Late, which is mobile, utilizes touchscreen technology and can be projected on large screens for easy viewing.

One of her favorite features is IN2L's ability to make Google Earth accessible to the residents. "We've 'gone' to Denmark on Google Earth. We 'went' to a street in Copenhagen where one of the residents lived 40 years ago. They were amazed," Robin said.

She also loves to be able to use Skype to help residents stay in touch with their loved ones. "There's a resident whose daughters have moved to Arizona. We brought the system into her room so that she can Skype with them. There are a lot of residents with families that live in other states and even in Denmark. We can set up the system so that they can all Skype. Previously they may have been connected via letters or email. Now they can be face-to-face," Robin said.



Residents use Google Earth to locate The Danish Home of Chicago.

Family Ties

The theory of *six degrees of separation* contends that all 6.6 billion people on earth, are linked by chains of acquaintances.... and that each of us are within six introductions away from any other person on the planet.

The Scandinavian-American population is only a small fraction of that number. Nonetheless, it is very exciting for us to see the social connectivity, or in this case, the familial connectivity, within our organization, especially how it relates to our Women's Auxiliary.

The Women's Auxiliary is integral to our operations. It's wonderful to see how the core of The Danish Home is largely tied through this strong group.

From bottom, clockwise

Photo 1 - Women's Auxiliary

Photos 2, 5, 8 and 9 - Elna Lorentzen,

founder of the Women's Auxiliary (photo

2). Elna is the mother to Joan Hoexter (photo 9 left), Women's Auxiliary membership

chairperson; grandmother to Cheryl Anderson who is married to Jeff Anderson, chairman of the Board of Directors (photo 5);

sister to Stella, former resident (Photos 8 and 9), and aunt to Sandy, board member of the Women's Auxiliary (photo 8, left).

Photo 3 - Evelyn Stolfa, current resident, and Ellen Stolfa, vice president of the Women's Auxiliary.

Photos 4 and 7 - Paul Roge, son of former resident Astrid Roge and vice chairman of the Board of Directors, and Sharlene Roge, sister of current resident Vicki Birdsell and board member of the Women's Auxiliary, pictured with their family.

Photo 6 - Betsy Jensen (daughter of former resident Ester Nielsen), Women's Auxiliary member, daughter Dawn Jensen, member of the Board of Directors, and Erik Jensen (brother of former resident Edna McLain), a former member of the Board of Directors.

Photo 10 - Janice Sanchez, Jane Rider, former member of the Women's Auxiliary and Ruth Rider, current resident and former Women's Auxiliary member.





The Danish Home Foundation

The Danish Home Foundation, which is the fundraising arm of The Danish Home, was launched in 2011 in order to help preserve our 124-year old legacy of providing care for seniors. The Foundation carries out our founders' foresight, and works to ensure that their tradition of caring for the seniors in our community continues.

The Danish Home Foundation communicates our mission, and coordinates fundraising as well as identifies and solicits gifts, bequests and opportunities for estate planning. The Foundation's role is crucial to the community as it moves forward. Funds raised through the work of The Danish Home Foundation will be used to provide charitable care for those eligible residents who have exhausted their own financial resources and for capital improvements at The Danish Home.



Peter Orum, above right with his family, is a new member of the Danish Home Foundation.

The Danish Home Foundation

Annual contributions help The Danish Home to sustain its 124-year old mission of providing care for seniors, and ensures that we are positioned to remain strong for the future. More than ever, broad-based support is vital to the successful operation of all Foundation programs and activities.

ANNUAL GIVING AND PLEDGES

We ask that these be fulfilled by the close of our fiscal year on September 30th. Pledges may be made over several years.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This supports charitable care of our residents.

MATCHING GIFTS

This permits doubling or even tripling the dollar value of your annual gift. Please check to see if you or your spouse are affiliated with a matching gift company or organization.

SECURITIES

Gifts of appreciated securities are always welcome and may offer significant tax advantages to the donor.

BEQUESTS/PLANNED GIFTS

We welcome the opportunity to review different planned giving alternatives including bequests with you.

**Donations can be made
via our website at
DanishHomeOfChicago.org**

The Danish Association Selective Information Statement September 30, 2015

Statement of Financial Position:

Current assets	\$ 458,765
Investments - Foundation	7,284,018
Current liabilities	319,178
Reserve for Life Care costs	1,592,005

Statement of Activities:

Operating revenue from residents services	\$ 2,503,421
Operating expenses	<u>3,164,992</u>
* Operating - net loss	<661,571>
Revenues from Foundation activities (net)	<u>227,594</u>
Deficiency of Revenue over expenses	<u><u>\$ <433,977></u></u>

Census:

Independent living	22
Catered living	7
Healthcare	<u>13</u>
Total	<u><u>42</u></u>

* Note: Our operating fund's net loss is a measure of The Danish Home's historic charitable mission, and is covered by our Foundation's investment earnings, contributions and bequests.



2015 Essence Award

The Essence Award, which was first introduced in 2012, is bestowed annually on a person, organization or group of people integral to preserving the legacy of the Danish community...the essence of The Danish community, through their commitment, compassion, caring and giving.

The 2015 Essence Award was dedicated to three couples: Herta and the late Al Iversen, Shirley and Jerry Andersen and Arleen and Robert Nielsen, in recognition and appreciation for their generosity of time and support.

With well over 100 years of combined service to The Danish Home, the recipients of this year's award have served on either the board of directors or the women's auxiliary.

In addition, they have helped out at The Danish Home, wherever needed. "We still go and play games like Bingo and Bunco with the residents, and help out with the birthday parties," said Jerry Andersen.

Some of the couples have long family traditions at The Danish Home. "Jerry's mother entered The Danish Home in about 1990 when she was 85 years old," said Shirley Andersen.

"Bob's mother and uncles all volunteered at The Danish Home and his aunt was the founder of the Women's Auxiliary," said Arleen Nielsen. "Our ties go really far back. I'm just carrying on a tradition of my family being involved," Robert Nielsen said.

Herta and Al Iversen were drawn to helping The Danish Home largely because his mother was in a home for elderly people in Denmark. "He always felt bad that he wasn't there to help her, so was happy to become involved with The Danish Home of Chicago," Herta said. Al was still serving on the board of directors at the time of his death in July.

"The Danish Home is a wonderful place and the residents are all happy and well cared for," Jerry noted.



The Danish Home of Chicago's Annual Benefit

The Danish Home's Annual Benefit Brunch was held at the beautiful Arlington Park Racetrack. The event, which drew more than 150 friends of The Danish Home, included a fabulous brunch, exciting horse races and more.

More than \$42,792 was raised from the event. The Danish Home is yet again reminded that the health of the organization and our community is largely due to our generous benefactors and the tireless efforts of our volunteers.



Our Community Impact

We are committed to the Norwood Park Community in Chicago, which has been our home for more than 124 years. Our dedication to having a positive impact is reflected in ways that include the following:

Charitable Care

In Fiscal Year 2015, The Danish Home and The Danish Home Foundation paid in excess of \$515,000 in charitable care for residents who have outlived their financial resources.

In 2015, The Danish Home paid a Long Term Care Provider Assessment Fee of over \$20,300 to the State of Illinois. These funds are used to support the Illinois Medicaid Program, which provides healthcare coverage to low-income families lacking health insurance, children who are wards of the State, low-income senior citizens, individuals with disabilities and elderly individuals receiving care in skilled nursing facilities.

Community Care and Beautification

The Danish Home's elegant campus has graced our community for generations and strives to be a good neighbor to the community it serves. The grounds and facilities are meticulously maintained so that neighbors and visitors can enjoy our beautifully landscaped, park-like atmosphere. In addition, The Danish Home hosts two events each year that are open to community members: Summerfest and Fall Fest.

Volunteer Destination

Many groups and individuals are drawn to The Danish Home to work among our warm and welcoming residents. Volunteer opportunities include engaging our residents in various activities, coordinating Summerfest and Fall Fest, serving on the Women's Auxiliary and Board of Directors and more. The Danish Home facilitates almost 3,600 volunteer hours/year.

We are proud of our community and welcome Scandinavian and other not-for-profit organizations to have meetings and gatherings in our home.



Our Generous Donors

Honors

Neil Andersen
Ellen Andersen 90th Birthday
Per Bogehegn 80th Birthday
Irum Orum
Hedy-Ann Richards
Ruth & Phil Rider
Jean Weichbrodt

Memorials

Kari Andersen
Genevieve Bagger
Anthon Bang
Helene & Hjalmar Bertelsen
Louise Blumenthal
Marion Boettner
Howard Christensen
Tova Craig
Margaret Dobbs
Lottie Ellis
John Eriksen
Edith & Palle Friis
Dorothea & Jens Hansen
Ellen Haukedahl
Erik Haxager
Richard Hellyer
Sally Hoppe
Ahlmann Iversen
Jenny Jensen
Pauline Jensen
Edith Jorgensen
Karen Kramme
Kittie Lapointe-Peterson
Arthur Larsen
Jette Lilleback
Herman Madsen
Glenn Nielsen
Herta Nielsen
Marie Nielsen
Elaine Pichler
Astrid Roge
Muriel Schick
Metha Spear
Chris Steffensen
Robert Steffensen
Anna Thorup
Antonette Torske
Marjorie Tracy
Shirley (Miller) Turner
Doris & John Wegener
Margaret & Emil Westergaard
Marie & Carl Wogelius

Annual Benefit

Title Sponsorship \$8,000
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Randy Gaynes
Mr. & Mrs. James Gould
Mr. & Mrs. Erik Jensen
Dawn Jensen
Mrs. & Mrs. Warren Rasmussen
The Wojack Family

Matching Title Sponsorship \$8,000

Anonymous

Room Sponsorship \$6,000

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Joan Hoexter

Racing Sponsorship \$4,000

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Andersen
Chuhak & Tecson., P.C.
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Resident Sponsorship \$2,000

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Children's Sponsorship \$1,000

CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP
Clune & Associates
Omnicare
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Roge

Heads & Tails Sponsorship \$1,000

Ivy Marketing Group

Annual Benefit Donations

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James Bramsen
Mr. & Mrs. Leo Bruynseels
Mr. & Mrs. Michael DaSanBiagio
Mr. & Mrs. Kim Eriksen
Carl C. Hansen
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Edith Hellyer
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Mr. & Mrs. Larry Miller
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LEVEL OF GIVING

Over \$100,000

Jep J. Dau Trust - D
Howard L. Nielsen Trust - D

\$10,000 to \$99,999

Richard L. Knudsen Trust - D
Lochrie Trust - D
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Orum - DS
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Roge - DS

\$5,000 to \$9,999

Peter Hansen Trust - D
Peter K. Nielsen - D
Anonymous - S
Women's Auxiliary of The Danish Home - D

\$1,000 to \$4,999

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Andersen - DMS
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Anderson - S
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Beube - DMS
James Bramsen - D
Mr. & Mrs. Leo Bruynseels - DM
Chuhak & Tecson., P.C. - S
CliftonLarsenAllen, LLP - S
Clune & Associate - S
Dania Society of Chicago - S
Danish National Committee of Chicago - D

Danish Sisterhood Dagmar Lodge #4 - DM
Good Shepard Church ELCA - D
Joan Hoexter - S
Loretta Hoffelder - D
Mr. & Mrs. Alan Iversen - DM
Ivy Marketing Group - S
Dawn Jensen - MS
Mr. & Mrs. Erik Jensen - MS
Mr. & Mrs. Ole Jensen - M
Mr. & Mrs. Erik Kramme - M
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Nielsen - DM
Mr. & Mrs. Folmer Nyby - D
Omnicare - DS
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Petersen - DM
Kate Porter - D
Mr. & Mrs. Warren Rasmussen - DS
Suzanne Richards - D
Scott Roge - DM
Eivind Torske - M
Lissi Vange - D
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Vashinko - DM
The Wojack Family - DS
David Yacker - D

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Danish American Language Foundation-D
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Karen Frink - DM
Mr. & Mrs. Christine Haxager &
Randy Gaynes - MS
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Glintborg - DM
Edith Hellyer - DM
George Jensen - D
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Kjeldbjerg - DM
John Mickey - D
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Nefeldt - DM
Susan Olson - D
Paul Pedersen - DM
Jane & Phil Rider - DM
Rev. & Mrs. Kenneth Stangeland - D
David Turner - M

\$200 to \$499

Mr. & Mrs. Erik Andersen Højård
Planteskole/Nursery - D
Anonymous - M
Assurance Agency, LTD - D
Mr. & Mrs. Holger Baelum - DM
Inger Lise Boserup - DM
Chicago Area Retail Bakers Association -
Swedish Bakery, Inc. - M
James H. Christensen - H
Willy Christensen - DM
Dania Ladies Society - D
Danish Brotherhood Lodge #35 - D
Mr. & Mrs. Mike DaSanBiagio - DM
Ellen Lodge #21 - D
Emcor Service - D
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Felber - D
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gustafson-D
Mr. & Mrs. James Gould - S
Charles Hansen - D
Hansen Interiors - D
Mr. & Mrs. Stan Heidemann - D
Mr. & Mrs. James Hoexter - S
Insurance Program Managers Group - D
Herta Iversen - DM
Mr. & Mrs. Erving Jensen - D
Kathrine Jensen - M
Mr. & Mrs. Alvern Kraatz - D

Donation – D

Honor – H

Memorial – M

Sponsorship – S

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Miller – D
Lori Montana – D
Betty Nielsen – M
Irma Orum – DM
Christa Orum-Keller – D
Mr. & Mrs. Emil Osuch – D
Niels Pedersen – D
Poul's Landscaping & Nursery, Inc – D
Mr. & Mrs. Lars Rasmussen – DM
Jens & Inga Roge – D
Jack Rosenberg – H
Mr. & Mrs. George Sanchez – H
Lynn Sivertsen – D
Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Sorensen – DM
Shirley Spear – D
The Steffensen Family – DHM
Ellen Rowe-Stolfa – DM

\$100 to \$199

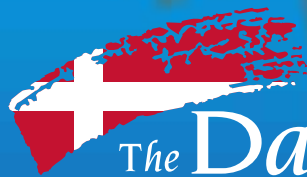
Cindy Abu-Gheida – M
Tom Bach – M
Mr. & Mrs. Erik Baelum – M
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Berg – D
Bjornson Ladies Auxiliary – DM
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Bladt – M
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The Boserup Family – M
Carol Christensen – D
Mr. & Mrs. John Clausen – D
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Consultant General of Denmark – Chicago – M
Danish American Athletic Club of 1922 – D
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Judy Sarno – D
Schmeisser's – D
Dolores Stark – M
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Swanson – D

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Katrine Vange-Keller – M
Villano Interior – D
Donald Wegener – M
Sally Witz – D
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Wodka – DM
Jennifer Zajac – D

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Anonymous – M
Anonymous – M
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Inga Bang – M
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Bang – D
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Lisbeth Christensen-D
Elsie Ciulla – M
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Cynthia Chow & Assoc. – D
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Danish Old Settlers Society – D
Danish Sisterhood of American,
Pres. Sindy Mikkelsen – D
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Birgitte Riefels Doucet – D
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Mr. & Mrs. Kim Eriksen – D
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The McEnery Family – M
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Patricia Micucci – D
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John Molgaard – D
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Krista Nielsen – M
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Jane Rider – M
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Christian Vistisen – D
Mr. & Mrs. Eddy Walthier – M
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Hilde Witalski – M
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